

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 29th, 2023**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:06 PM**
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)  
**Present:** Nolan Calara, Kushal Sheshadri, Sai Charan Attili, Erick Loreda, Carlos Martinez Aguilera



**Motion** to approve \$150 from the Non-Food Budget from Director of Programming for Spring'24 ASI Volleyball, by **14 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

**59:44**

B. ACTION ITEM: [Resolution to Address Impacts of Spring Cuts on Students](#)

**N. Calara** states he recommend refraining from moving or adding more to this resolution as he would like to vote on it before spring semester happens. We can go in depth on having another resolution to support this next semester.

**G. Felix** states the “whereas” in the resolve make sense. She believes it states international students needs and it’s well worded. She believes if they want to go in details to international students, there should be a different resolution for them.

**Motion** to adopt the Resolution to Address Impacts of Spring Course Cuts on Students, by **14 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

**1:06:29**

C. ACTION ITEM: [Sustainable Crafts and Kick Back Event](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Sustainable Crafts and Kick Back Event.

**Motion** to approve \$164 from the Sustainability Budget for the Sustainable Crafts and Kick Back Event, by **H. Corum**, seconded by **G. Felix**.

**H. Corum** states the flyers for the

**C. Chin-Newman** states she was last year's Academic Senate chair. She shared the experience of co-sponsoring custodial staff appreciation events, which included gift bags, food, and music. While not planning to replicate the exact event this year, she suggested collaborating with ASI on appreciation initiatives, such as cards or a board for messages of gratitude. The idea of wires of appreciation was also mentioned. Potential concerns around music choices during the holidays were raised, and alternatives like a new year celebration were proposed. The discussion extended to appreciating various staff groups on campus, beyond custodial staff. Christina suggested a smaller meeting for planning or encouraged the board to share their ideas on timing and event formats.

**D. Lopez** asks would it be possible to put faculty and custodial staff in a raffle for a gift basket?

**C. Chin-Newman** asks to clarify do you mean a gift basket will go to one individual? That would be a good idea.

**D. Lopez** states he would like to take initiative if they're going to use the ASI Budget and they can make a plan for Christina.

**C. Chin-Newman** states ironically it has no budget, and they do not do a lot of planning. If there's food to send to the officers, they would buy it themselves. If you were to have a gift basket that would be less complicated than trying to fundraise. The question is the timing, it might be possible to do it before the end of fall.

**G. Felix** states she doesn't want the event to be rushed, emphasizing the importance of taking time to appreciate people. She's unsure about the speed of planning in the past and personally believe that celebrating the event in the new year would be better, symbolizing a positive start to the year and showing gratitude on campus.

**H. Corum** states she agrees with Guadalupe to move it to the spring semester.

**N. Calara** states he agree with Hailey, to push it back if they are using ASI Budget. It takes a while obtain an itinerary, turning it into a discussion item, then an action item.

**C. Chin-Newman** states it may take more time and thorough planning for an event, especially by involving ASI more actively. She reflects on a past instance when the ASI president was involved but couldn't engage many students and faculty due to timing. Christina sees an advantage in planning the event at the beginning of the semester to engage more people. She expresses appreciation for the planning process and suggest a collaborative effort where they can contribute. She emphasizes the importance of acknowledging the work of maintenance staff and prioritizing their appreciation to demonstrate respect for their often-overlooked contributions to campus aesthetics and functionality.

**1:16:18**

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Spring 2024 Tabling \(Concord\)](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing Spring 2024 Tabling (Concord).

**S. Basi** states her approach to tabling for Spring 2024, like what she did in Fall 2023. She proposes allocating a budget of \$200

**J. Lam** states Project Rebound, a program supporting formerly incarcerated students at CSU East Bay. The program started in July of the previous year and currently has 31 students. Juleen goes in to details about Project Rebound to the Board of Directors.

**G. Felix** asks is the space solely for incarcerated students or other student can visit the space?

**M. Calaway** states we welcome all students to share our space and collaborate on the program.

**J. Lam** states we share a hallway with the Veterinary Program, so come by and see us. We tend to staff it between 8 AM to 5 PM, unless we're running to different meetings. It is second floor Robinson Hall room 242 and 244.

**N. Calara** states the last time we spoke you said there was a problem in terms of funding from the Chancellor's Office. Can you go more in detail? Are there any updates?

**J. Lam** states Project Rebound relies on significant funding from the state, specifically \$11 million from the governor's budget, making it taxpayer funded. However, despite being legislatively mandated, the program has not received any money from the Chancellor's Office, responsible for distributing funds to the 19 campuses involved. While an initial memo outlined allocations to campuses, East Bay was not included in the list of recipients, creating uncertainty about their funding status. The university is actively addressing this

**S. Basi**





**E. Buchanan** provides an update on the commencement plans for May 2024 to the Board of Directors. She shared a brief historical background, highlighting the evolution of the format over the past five years, driven by a commitment to continuous improvement. The guiding principles for these changes include being student-centered, ensuring a positive guest experience, prioritizing safety, and creating a strong alumni-university connection.

**C. Martinez-Aguilera** asks is the calendar that is passed around the official dates?

**E. Buchanan** states yes, it will post on the website by next week.

**N. Calara** asks does it matter if there's more than one Board Member in one college?

**E. Buchanan** states each ceremony is carefully timed. Last year, they had two ASI Board Members graduating from the College of Business, so a four-minute time that's allocated to the student. The student both split it in half, and one spoke for two minutes and the other spoke for two minutes. They will work with and accommodate with the Board Members who would like to give remarks at commencement.

**E. Quineri** states he likes that the commencement is at the amphitheater, because the past few years we had multiple location and President Sandeen would have to go all over.

**E. Buchanan** states they are pleased with the change, which was suggested during a debrief meeting. After discussing it in our cabinet meeting, we agreed that having one venue instead of multiple locations makes sense for various reasons, including the logistical challenges faced by presidents and deans moving between venues. The feedback on this decision is appreciated.

**57:09**

#### VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

No special reports.

**1:22:06**

#### IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**C. Chin-Newman** congratulates the Board Members for passing the resolution. At the recent Senate meeting, President Nolan discussed the resolution during the meeting, but a vote couldn't be taken due to time constraints. Christina plans to send out the resolution, including an amended title, to the Academic Senate Members for a vote in the coming week, with the hope of securing their endorsement.

**G. Felix** states she brought the challenge coin, and the Board Members can see it after the meeting.

**K. Sheshadri** congratulates the Board Members on the successful conclusion of the last board meeting of the semester and briefly recaps the events held during the semester. He acknowledge

the upcoming finals week and exempt members from office hours, urging them to focus on studies. Kushal mentions the ASI board retreat scheduled for January 11 and 12, emphasizing its mandatory attendance. He encourages introduction of new committee members and encourage chairs to introduce themselves and share their plans for the next semester.

**D. Lopez** thanks the Board Members for an amazing semester.

**N. Calara** mentions an empty lamppost



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Daniel Kristofferson Dela Cruz Lopez (Jan 9, 2024 02:44 PST)







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