

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:29 PM**

- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Jessica Iheaso, Arazeli Barragan, Noor Kaur, Jilian Manlapaz,
Absent: Aa'isha Riaz, Anjelica de Leon

- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda for February 11, 2021**
Move to approve agenda for February 11th, 2021 by **J. Manlapaz**, second by **N. Kaur**.
J. Iheaso states that she would like to propose an amendment to add an action item four. We will need to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Move to amend the agenda to include the approval of the minutes from April 30th, by **J. Manlapaz**.

- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2020**

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the Board on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**
No public comment.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS
 - A. INFORMATION ITEM - **Committee Code Review**
The Chair will go through committee codes with the committee
J. Iheaso states that she would like to review the committee responsibilities. I have created a document that includes the Legislative Affairs committee codes. The main focus is on legislation and policies that affect high education on campus or in the CSU system. There are upcoming items that applies to this. I want everyone to be updated on policies that affect the campus, CSU system, or areas that we live in. We will be organizing students to lobby student officials at the local, state, and federal levels of government. We have a CHESS conference and we will be speaking directly with legislators from our area. We will be speaking to three



senators and five assembly members. It is exciting because we can advocate directly to the sources that will be making changes. CSSA is the voice of the CSU system. There are students from all twenty-three campuses that come together that go through policies and take stances for CSU as a whole. With meetings, if you are unable to attend, please inform me. Quorum is needed in order to begin meetings. We did meet quorum today and since there are four members in total, we would need at least two people for the meeting to occur. If there are questions about anything, please feel free to ask. **J. Manlapaz** asks where policies can be found.

J. Iheaso states that most of the policies come from the state legislators. For my position, I attend CSSA meetings where they discuss what is occurring with the current legislators. The meetings are helpful because they highlight bills that are being presented. Currently, bills are being passed and the affect that they have on the CSU system can be seen. The policies can be searched, but I am not certain of the website to use. I can provide the information to the committee next week. The committee codes are not shared with everyone, but I can share it. I copied a portion of the committee codes that included this committee.

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B. INFORMATION ITEM- Roberts Rules

The Chair will go through Roberts Rules and the parliamentary procedures that will be followed during committee meetings

J. Iheaso states that she would like to review the basics of Robert’s Rules to understand how the meetings will be ran. We want to ensure that we maintain order and things run smoothly. Quorum is the simple majority or fifty percent of all members, which is required to hold meetings. The agenda can be amended before or after it is adopted. Since I am the chair, I am unable to make motions, but I can entertain motions. A motion is a proposal by a member which recommends an action the body should take. There must be a second in order to continue the discussion. If a second is not made, the motion dies and a second motion will need to be made. When making a motion, “I move to/that” must be said. Most of the motions will be to approve or adopt something. If there is something that needs to be postponed, someone would move to postpone, meaning the item will be taken off of the agenda and discussed during the next meeting. An item can be tabled and it will be discussed later during that meeting. Point of order or point of information can be stated anytime during the meetings. Point of order is when clarity



needs to be provided and point of information is when someone what to ask a question. Making motions will be done often. With amending, a motion can be modified in some way. If someone is looking at the policy, they can move to amend it and vote on it for approval. It is a little confusing, but it will become easier. Point of privilege is used to allow someone to speak. I can share these documents with everyone.

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C. INFORMATION ITEM - **Cal State Student Association (CSSA)**

The Chair will discuss what CSSA is and the role the committee will have in its involvement within CSSA

J. Iheaso states that CSSA is the Cal State Student Association. I attend meetings every month and there is a meeting this weekend. “The Cal State Student Association is a student-led organization that strives to improve the lives of California State University students by advocating for student needs and engaging students in systemwide, state, and federal higher education policy making”. I receive a lot of the information from the CSSA website. The Board of Trustees are above CSSA and they are involved in everything CSU wide. The Legislature works with the bills and policies. I am currently a Governing member of CSSA and there is one representative from every campus. Elected officers take the lead in certain areas of CSSA. We will be having a meeting in partnership with CSSA. This year, CSSA is advocating for a Financial Aid reform and it will be exciting to do that.

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D. INFORMATION ITEM - **CHESS**

The Chair will discuss the upcoming California Higher Education Student Summit

J. Iheaso states that CHESS is the California Higher Education Student Summit that the committee will be attending. It is around the first or second week of March. We will be meeting with five assembly members and three senators. The main goal this year is Financial aid reform and advocating for more money for the CSUs to provide more financial aid rewards for students. We want to promote and strive for this reform this year. I want us to bring in other student as well so that there is availability to meet with the Legislators. There are eight Legislators to meet with and there are only five of us. Our job is to provide the perspective of students. We want to



do our best to advocate for students. On the CSSA website, there is a link that will take you to CHES. During a normal year, we would go to Sacramento and stay at a hotel for the conference. We had the opportunity to speak to Legislators in-person. However, with things being virtual, we will attend the meetings through Zoom. This year, it will be easier to meet with the Legislators. This year, the CHES conference is on March 7th, 2021 and I will be scheduling the meetings with the Legislators. There will be more information in future meetings.

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VII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Director of Legislative Affairs Updates

J. Iheaso states that she will be explaining what she will be doing in the position. We recently had CSU Advocacy week. I met with all of the Legislators alongside President Sandeen, her Chief-of-Staff, Government Relations Officer, and the President of ASI, Euridice Pamela-Sanchez. We were advocating for more funding for the CSU system. The funding will apply towards fixing building infrastructure, providing money to the AB 540 and undocumented students and for financial aid assistance. I was face-to-face with the Legislators and people that attended the meeting with me. Euridice Pamela-Sanchez and I were able to provide the perspective of students, which the Legislators do not hear the perspective of students often. Right now, students are struggling, especially with COVID. There a couple bills that will be discussed at CSSA this weekend. One of them is a ban on scholarship displacement and I can provide more information about the bill as well. The second bill focuses on providing more opportunities for students to apply or be eligible for Cal Fresh. The bill being is proposed to build higher education programs to increase employability and eligibility to receive Cal Fresh. The other bill is on menstrual equity and it requires that all CSUs have at least half of all of the bathrooms filled with menstrual products. It is important and is needed on our campus. There is another bill on name and gender changes and it allows student's school documents to reflect those changes. Another bill will make election day a holiday, which is great and will allow people to vote on that day. These are bills that can be discussed in the future.

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VIII. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

No roundtable remarks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at **12:59 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Director of Legislative Affairs & Chair

Name: Jessica Iheaso

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