

Senate Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:19 PM**

- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Anjelica de Leon, Kabir Dhillon, Daniel Olguin, MyKale Clark, Mirna Maamou, Rebecca Jimenez, Andrea Lumabas, Kristina Tham, Bodhi young, Aashaka Kalavadi, Dessiree Cuevas, Ashley Depappa, Andrew Pajes, Kristopher Disharoon

Absent: Tyler Engquist, Jose Simon Carmona, Euridice Pamela-Sanchez, Zaira Perez

- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Move to approve by agenda by **D. Cuevas**, second by **M. Clark**, agenda **APPROVED**.

- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of January 28, 2021**
Move to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021 by **D. Cuevas**, second by **M. Maamou**, minutes **APPROVED**.

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

- VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:
 - A. ACTION ITEM - **CLASS Items Funding Request**
The Senate will take action on a funding request for CLASS items to be sent to CLASS students.
Motion to approve \$2,500.00 to go to CLASS items to be sent to CLASS students by **M. Clark**, second by **A. Depappa**.
M. Clark states that the care package will include notebooks, water bottles, and the rest of items will come from the ASI office. Some of the items from the office include pens, white boards, and sustainability items. **D. Cuevas** asks if M. Clark found a method on how people will sign up for the giveaways. **M. Clark** states that at the last meeting, she mentioned that the giveaways will be random and they will be sent to CLASS students.
11 Ayes, funding request **APPROVED**.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Commuter/Transfer Student Event Funding Request**

The Senate will discuss a funding request for a Commuter/Transfer Student event.

K. Tham states a presentation was created for this item. I am the Senator of Commuter Students. **A. Pajes** states that he is the Senator of Transfer Students. **K. Tham** states that for the event, they would like to show their constituent groups love and appreciation, since they make up a majority of the Cal State East Bay community. We want to send out a care package with swag items and useful items that students can use. **A. Pajes** states that in their care package, there is hand sanitizer, insulated lunch bags, and safety alarm keychains. **K. Tham** states that there are some extra supplies in the ASI office. We plan to use the extra items available to send to students. In total, we are asking the Senate committee for \$2,200.00. the method of sending the items to students is through a survey. The packages will be mailed to students. **A. Pajes** states that they agreed on the first one hundred students. **K. Tham** states that the first one hundred students that sign up will receive the packages. If there are more than one hundred supplies and items, those can be shipped as well. **M. Clark** states that the event is a great idea and the items chosen are nice. **A. de Leon** asks if K. Tham or A. Pajes can send a breakdown of the budget. I like the idea and it is great for commuter and transfer students. **K. Tham** asks if she should send an email to everyone or just to A. de Leon. **A. de Leon** states that if K. Tham can send it to everyone, it would be helpful, since it will be voted on at the next meeting. **K. Tham** states that they are asking for extra funding to make room for taxes.

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B. INFORMATION ITEM - **Pioneer Dining Program**

The Senate will be given information on Pioneer Dining at CSUEB from presenter Siddharth Valecha.

Siddharth Valecha states that he would like to introduce the team. Bradley Robertson is the Resident District Manager. **Bradley Robertson** states that he looks forward to Siddharth Valecha's presentation. **Siddharth Valecha** states that the Campus Executive, Robert Perez, on the call as well. I graduated from East Bay this past May and I am happy to be back. Today, we are going to discuss the dining program and how we have accommodated our dining program with the COVID-19 regulations to ensure people are safe and to have exponential guest services. With COVID-19, we had to change and regulate everything in the Pioneer Kitchen. We are operating based on a three tier Path to Open. Pioneer dining is operating in tier one, which is a fully to-go system. There is décor showing people to stay six



feet apart to maintain social distancing. There are hand sanitizing stations all throughout the kitchen. In partnership with the university and Housing, we are able to have the One Card Touchnet app. Students are able to scan their QR code and check in instead of using a Baycard. We also offer a debit card option as well. In terms of safety, we want to ensure that our associates and students are safe. There are mandatory face masks, temperature checks, hand washing stations, and gloves. We understand that some students may be in quarantine due to COVID-19. There is an option of receiving quarantine hot meals. The resident assistant will come into the Pioneer kitchen and will choose what is on the menu for the students. Currently, the Pioneer kitchen is a retail location that is open. There are multiple stations and my favorite is student choice, where students have the option to build their own meals. Last semester, we offered a build your own omelet station and it is being offered this semester. Student choice is offered during lunch time. There is a G8, rotted, Vegan and Vegetarian station. The G8 station has the food options that avoid the eight allergens. Some people are allergic to gluten. Feedback is important and we care about student feedback. Students shared that they would like to have more fried food options. There is comfort food Fridays and students are able to get chicken tenders, mac and cheese, onion rings, and more. Many people appreciated Teaching Kitchen because it is fun and people are able to learn from people that know how to cook. Although with COVID, we still want to continue the Teaching Kitchen. In the Pioneer kitchen, there are QR codes that can be scanned to download recipes. This year, we started to live stream cooking sessions. Last week, one of the chefs was cooking in the apartment style suites. The videos will be uploaded to our social media platforms and we will continue with it months forward. We want all of our students to eat healthy. On the previous slide, I mentioned the G8 station with fuel featured lunch items. In January, we had our immunity boost and this month, we will have items catered towards heart health. These items are featured on social media and we inform students. If someone has an allergy, they can speak to the chef to determine what foods do not contain the allergy. We went from two hundred and twenty associates to thirteen. It is important to acknowledge and appreciate the team for their hard work. These are unprecedented times and the team is working to ensure people are satisfied. The committee met Bradley Robertson and Robert Perez. Brian Maria is our supervisor and the associates are listed below on the slide. We feature our associates on our social media platforms every Wednesday and give them wildcards. This semester, we will start a point system and if an associate receives a certain number of wildcards, they will receive a gift card. This will change associates to do better with a friendly competition. Last semester, we had many virtual events for students. We want to make sure that despite COVID, students have fun. My favorite event was the Virtual Pumpkin carving and Amazon Alexa was the grand prize. Students were able to sign up through a Survey Monkey link. Students carved the pumpkin the comfort of their own apartment, submitted a



photo of their pumpkin, and the pumpkin was voted on by a panel. We had a social distancing ice cream social and we received positive feedback. This semester, we did a dessert social. Typically, we will partner with RHA to have a late-night breakfast, but due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to. The dessert social replaced late-night breakfast. There were baked goodies and hot chocolate. We had Abroad breakfast for dinner and there were breakfast items from around the world. Today, we had our Mardi Gras this Tuesday. I love culture and my favorite event from last semester was Hispanic Heritage month. It featured all of the culinary staff presenting their cultural cuisine. Last semester, Z. Perez reached out to purchase snack boxes to distribute to students. She mailed them to the students. We collaborated with HOPE during Homelessness Awareness week and we collected eighteen meal swipes for students in need for food. There were seventy snack boxes sent by campus connectors. This past week, RHA purchased one hundred snack boxes and were able to accommodate gluten and nut free allergies. If anyone would like snack boxes, the link is in the Instagram biography. In the main entrance of the Pioneer kitchen, there is a micro market. We have many snacks and snack boxes. Purchases of snacks can be made in person or on Instagram. Currently we have a promotion on Pepsi products and students can purchase two Pepsi items for two dollars and fifty cents. Students can order meals through text message using their flex dollars. We will continue to have social media campaigns, social cultural events, and add retail innovations to the micro market. Recently, we introduced a gluten free Oreo and more information will be provided on Instagram. Thank you for allowing me to present. **M. Clark** states that it would be great to post the menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, since it changes every day. It would be nice to know what to expect before coming in. **Siddharth Valecha** states that students could check the menu on the Dine on Campus website. A student can select the date and it will provide the menu. I will take this as feedback and create templates that I can post on my Instagram story.

A. de Leon states that there is uncertainty about coming to campus in the fall. Has the Pioneer kitchen thought about how they will keep students safe if there is an extra surplus of students. **Bradley Robertson** states that the Pioneer kitchen wanted to make sure that things are safe for students, faculty, and staff that come in. In the Pioneer kitchen, everyone is spaced out and the new entrance is on the patio section. Students enter through the patio and follow the exterior wall of the Pioneer kitchen. There are four markers that keep everyone six feet apart. For the fall, there will most likely be a to-go program. If students will be allowed to eat in the Pioneer kitchen, there will be social distancing. There will be hand sanitizers and hand washing stations. Everyone's safety is number one. **A. Depappa** states that she goes to the Pioneer kitchen, since she lives on campus. Before I eat, I check the website, but it would be beneficial to post a calendar for the upcoming month at the end of each month. In each apartment, there are bulletin boards and people can post the calendars to it. So far, the Pioneer kitchen has created great



programs and changes. Thank you for all the hard work. **Robert Perez** states that the menu is being posted on Dine on Campus. The menu is set for two weeks in advance. To put something out on a monthly basis might be difficult because it is constantly moving. Marketing may have some input and would want to create a program or social. Corporate has been removing items and adding items for limited time offers. Having a menu set far in advance would not work. I can communicate with Siddharth Valecha and Bradley Robertson to see what can be done.

M. Clark states that there could be an app made to order food and pick it up. We are unaware of how many students will be on campus or would want to come. It will make it easy to grab a meal. **Bradley Robertson** states that it is a great idea. The other campuses have used that method before. Right now, there are currently two-hundred and seventy residents on campus and with the RAs, it will be around three-hundred. In the fall, the pulmonary numbers have us at about a thousand to one-thousand three hundred residents. There is a platform base that can be opened up. We want to test it out and have ordering times. One of the biggest concerns is that if there are a thousand residents and six hundred come at the same item, we want to make sure that transactions will be taken care of and food will be prepared. Once we are in the mid-tier level, students will be able to reserve spaces at the Pioneer kitchen. There is room for only twenty-five percent occupancy, which is room for one three-hundred and fifty students.

M. Clark, that is a great idea and I appreciate you mentioning it. **A. Depappa** states that housing is interested in opening University Village next year and I will be one of the RAs there next year. I would love to talk to the Pioneer kitchen to discuss what can be done. One of the concerns was finding a way for food to be taken to the University Village. It can be a hassle for those that do not have cars. **Bradley Robertson** states that they have noticed the challenge that students at University Village have. We are working on a delivery system and it is in the assessment phase. I have been in communication with the Housing Director. Once we receive confirmation, I would like to have a conversation. We can come in as a food service provider and service that community. I see some of the students that come from University Village and it is a long walk. I would like to continue the conversation and brainstorm for that area of the community. **A. Depappa** states that the Pioneer kitchen lessons can be done there since there is a communal kitchen. I will be willing to work with the Pioneer kitchen for more ideas.

Bradley Robertson states that there could be a self-checkout micro market in the University Village. There are great ideas to come. **Siddharth Valecha** states that everyone should follow the Pioneer kitchen on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, which has amazing information and pictures. If anyone did not receive the newsletter, it can be sent to you. Feel free to reach out to us and Thank you again for letting us present. We are very grateful. **K. Dhillon** states that he is glad that the staff members of the Pioneer kitchen are open to any feedback and suggestions.

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C. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Findings and Comments on the Organization Instagram Post**

The Senate will discuss findings and comments regarding the organization Instagram post.

B. Young states that this item is in regards to the first Organization Invasion Instagram post. There were negative messages, but all has changed since the most recent post, which received nothing but love. I was able to get in contact with some people and those that I was not able to contact, I came to realize that they were either not students or chose not to respond. There were many reasonable arguments to why the post was wrong. Some believed that the post was a sponsorship for TKE and Alpha Phi and that it did not properly represent Greek life. I tried to explain to people that there were posts planned for the future for other organizations. With explaining that, people understood. There was the thought that ASI was exclusively a TKE and Alpha Phi organization, which is not true. I explained to people that ASI is a diverse group. Some believed that the post should have been posted on the Fraternity and Sorority Council instead of ASI's Instagram since Greek life does not represent the student body. Greek life does not represent the whole campus, but it has an active part and deserved a post out of the most recent ones. There were some people that were not willing to understand the point we were trying to make and some insulted my intelligence. I wanted receive some thoughts from the committee of what was said. Those that did say negative things were in contact with me or did not respond. The second post did not receive backlash and the first post was archived.

D. Cuevas states that she has been in ASI for a while. The first post would have been deleted right away. I understand both views and within ASI, everyone comes from different organizations. The way the post and caption could have been formatted better. I reached out to people right away and to be honest, I did not like the post. I did not like the second one either. The picture should have been posted on the respected platform of Fraternity and Greek life. At the end of the day, we represent fourteen-thousand students who are apart of different organizations. I reached out to the people that reacted in a negative way. I told them I agreed with them and the post should have been handled better. If we are going to spotlight different organizations, it should not be pictures of members in ASI. We have to ensure that pictures that are posted are not pixelated. The last two pictures were pixelated, old and were from Slate. People began to think that the post was related to the elections. We need to be smarter and well organized about ASI posts. **B. Young** states that it could have been handled better, especially in the section where TKE and Alpha Phi were asked to give a shout out to their family line. People mentioned that the post should have been inclusive to everyone. I agree that it should have been formatted and done differently. **M. Clark** states that she did not like the first post or this week's post. Everything D, Cuevas echoed is exactly how I feel about it. The post seemed Slate related. When representing Greek life, Slate or personal pictures should not be posted.



There are many pictures from different organization Instagram pages with every organization that can be used. I do not like the post and I do not believe another one should be posted.

B. Young states that he appreciated M. Clark's comment. **D. Olguin** states that in his opinion, it was a great post. Being in another fraternity, I had some people in my fraternity texted me about it. Some were bothered by it, but I explained to them that is important to post outside of ASI. My fraternity has molded me into the person I am today. I did agree with D. Cuevas and **M. Clark**, but I saw the bigger picture and the intentions with it. People were upset that the two biggest organizations were posted first. I told others that the post did not have bad intentions and ASI only wanted to showcase diversity. I personally think that the post should continue and do not become discouraged. **A. de Leon** states that ASI is in a position where fourteen thousand students are represented. I understand the thoughts behind the post and its intentions. I know that E. Pamela-Sanchez was the one that posted it and B. Young wanted to help. B. Young, I recognize you and thank you for wanting to listen to those that were reacting negatively. Thank you for opening up this discussion to everyone here because everyone's comments are important. Moving forward, we are away that things need to be framed in a particular way on a larger platform. At the end of the day, I want to thank B. Young for opening up the discussion. It is important to reach out to students and receive feedback on the post. **B. Young** states that he not sure if future posts can be editing, but it is important that they are formatted well. I will use the feedback from today to better represent the students and the entire student body.

A. Lumabas states that she is not in Greek life, but from her perspective, the post was nice. I understand both side and both opinions are valid. B. Young did a great job. **A. Depappa** states that sometimes things will be sent out and may not be received well by students. We should not let these things be a discouragement, but a learning experience. I appreciate B. Young reaching out to the student that did have negative feelings. It is important to talk to the people that have positive comments. I encourage highlighting people that are not in ASI. The academic organizations are the groups that can be posted. **R. Jimenez** states that she will be having a student leader and student spotlight next week. The first group will be PAC, since I have some connections with that. Different people will be showcased on the ASI page. I read the positive and negative comments and both are understandable. At the end of the day, we would like to see more faces on our platform. Students would like to recognized more and I agree with everyone. **B. Young** states that he would like to see everyone represented. I want to ensure this is something that does not occur again.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
No special reports.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Cuevas states that a majority of people on the committee are new. In order to make sure the meetings end on time, I recommend reviewing Robert's rules. Once someone learns how to make a motion, it becomes fun to do. It would be great to hear some of the new members make a motion. If anyone would like a cheat sheet code of Robert's rules, contact me. It would be nice to hear some of the new Senators make a motion during our meetings.

A. de Leon states that the meeting was great. Hey Be Nice is happening on Thursday. If anyone is available during university hour, there will be a motivational speaker, Don Shaw. He will be talking about mental health and the power of choice. If you are available, it would be amazing if you could support me. I will be presenting with her and I am excited. Today is day two of Hey Be Nice and I have a post ready. It would be great if everyone can interact with it. Again, great meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:15 PM**

Minutes Reviewed By:
VP of University Affairs & Chair
Name: Anjelica De Leon

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Anjelica de Leon (Feb 26, 2021 07:59 PST)

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