

**Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:17 PM
  
- II. ROLL CALL  
**Present:** Anjelica de Leon, Jillian Manlapaz, Noor Kaur, Malia Heeren, Maria Hernandez, Kimberly Baker-Flowers, Erik Pinlac  
  
**Late:** Apurva Singh  
  
**Absent:** Marlo Spooner
  
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to approve the agenda by **J. Manlapaz**, second by **M. Heeren**, agenda **APPROVED**.
  
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes from February 23, 2021**  
**Motion** to approve the minutes by **M. Hernandez**, second by **J. Manlapaz**, minutes **APPROVED**.
  
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**  
No public comment.
  
- VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:  
No unfinished items.
  
- VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
  - A. DISCUSSION ITEM - **Student Resource Centers**  
The Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee will discuss the resource centers that will be implemented on campus in Fall 2021.  
**A. de Leon** states that she received the information from a couple of members on a committee. I heard a lot of concerns about students about the student resource centers. A couple of concerns was making sure that student voices are going to be heard in terms of the implementation of the student center. The needs that the student center will offer will meet



the student needs that we have. Another issue that I heard is the lack of student advocacy to reach this point. There have been decades of students pushing for these resources and they have not received that recognition. Many students were hoping that there is some awareness that students advocated for this as well and not only the administration. I want to open it to everyone to determine if anything needs to be taken higher up. I meet with the President several Fridays out of the month and I want to take up some ideas to her to ensure that students are being heard. **M. Hernandez** asks if anyone knows what the resource centers are and who are they targeting. **A. de Leon** states that there will be different resource centers that are targeting specific students. One of them will be towards Undocumented and DACA students. Another will be for Black students on campus. The centers will cater to the students and ensure that their needs are met. Their experiences are different from some students on campus. I do not know the specifics of what it will look like, however, some students have an idea of what they need or what they want to see. I wanted to bring this up to this committee to see if there are any ideas to what should be included in these resource centers.

**J. Manlapaz** states that there is an International students resource center, but there is not enough information advertised about what they offer. My sister is an international student and asks how they can know more about the resource centers. With the resource centers that are being built now, there is more publicity about it because people are sharing it. It would help to implement more publicity about the international student center. **M. Hernandez** states that it is a wonderful idea that the resource centers are opening up. I am in favor of it, but is important that students have a say on who will be running the centers. If it was left for administration to run, student voices may not be heard as well. **J. Manlapaz** asks in terms of student leadership in the resource centers, is it being implemented right now? Who is deciding on that? **A. de Leon** states that from her understanding, the President is planning an advisory board. I do know that students' voices will be on the board as well as staff and faculty. They want to make sure that the implementation of the student resource centers is being met and that the student voices are being heard. I do not know specific details, but we all received the same email about the resource centers. In terms of meeting with the President, there has not been much said which I understand. My perspective is making sure that student voices are considered. There have been times where student representation is not fully there. I want to make sure that any issues or ideas are being brought up.

**J. Manlapaz** states that her sister noticed that at East Bay, there was no opportunity to share the hardships of being an international student. It would be great to implement that into the new resource centers. **A. de Leon** states that it is a great point. **M. Hernandez** states that it would be nice to have the counseling services connected to the resource centers when people are experiencing hardship. When it comes to undocumented students, there can be resources to help with filing for certain applications. **A. de Leon** states that it is a great point and these centers are being built for those purposes. **N. Kaur** states that there should be resources for



undocumented females. I am not an international student, but I have friends who are. With them being international and sometimes undocumented, people take advantage of them. One of my friends is an international student and since COVID hit, she lost her housing. She became involved with a guy who was taking advantage of her. I know other girls that have similar stories. Some females are physically, mentally, and sexually abused. It would be great to have some type of resources for that specifically. **A. de Leon** states that another concern that students shared was that there are some communities on campus that are not being represented within the resource centers. I do know that there are students that raised concern that is no resource center for the Asian and API communities. East Bay has a large community of students from the API community. There has been talk about faculty and staff thinking about something like this. There are other student populations that will not be represented as much. Undocumented and DACA students have specific needs and need someone to guide them through, which I understand. **J. Manlapaz** asks in terms of building an API resource center, is it the budget that is an issue? **A. de Leon** states that J. Manlapaz asked a great question. These resource centers have been asked for many years. There has not been enough mobilization towards an Asian resource center. Now that it is coming to light, that is where the thought is coming to play. I do not have enough information in terms of budget. I can get more information when I meet with the President.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. VP University Affairs

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARK

No round table remarks.



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Minutes reviewed by:

**VP of University Affairs & Chair**

Name: Anjelica de Leon

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Anjelica de Leon (May 5, 2021 14:01 PDT)

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