

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 17th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:05 PM**

II. [ROLL CALL](#)

Present: Nolan Calara, Kushal Sheshadri, Erick Loreda, Carlos Martinez Aguilera, London Deguzman, Guadalupe Felix, Saira Garcia, Hailey Corum, Sharn Basi, Tanya Gupta, Elijah Quineri, Charan Reddy Doolam, Ashley Depappa, My-Lan Huynh, Steve Spencer, Stephanie Ann Lustina, Christina Chin-Newman, Danny Lopez

Absent: Sai Charan Attili, Teresa Perez-Reyes, Martin Castillo, James Carroll

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda of January 17th, 2024, by **E. Loreda**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of December 13th, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes of December 13th, 2023, by **E. Loreda**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED**.

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.

2:56

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: **Spring 2024 Tabling (Concord)**

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Spring 2024 Tabling (Concord).

Motion to approve \$400.00 from the Concord Hospitality Food Budget for Concord Tabling, by **S. Basi**, seconded by **C. Martinez**, motion **CARRIED**.

S. Basi states that she would be hosting two tabling events during the semester at the Concord Campus. The dates are tentative as she is working with Student Health Services who table on the Concord Campus. She states there were success last semester and would



like to table on the same days which are likely to be Tuesdays. She adds that she would post them on the tabling spreadsheets, for those who wanted to sign up.

N. Calara states that this is a good start off event for the year for the Concord Campus and expresses his excitement. Also, adds that S. Basi will be graduating this year and there could be a new person for Director of Concord.

Motion to approve \$400.00 from the Concord Hospitality Food Budget Tabling, by **13 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

6:06

B. ACTION ITEM: Welcome Back Picnic (Concord)

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Welcome Back Picnic (Concord).

Motion to approve \$500.00 from the Concord Hospitality Food Budget for the Welcome Back Picnic, by **S. Basi**, seconded by **E. Loredo**, motion **CARRIED**.

S. Basi states that last semester she reached out for food trucks to come for this event but couldn't get it sorted due to slow responses and everyone being on break. Instead, they are going to be ordering sandwiches and pasta from Parma Deli, with the cost being split between S. Basi and H.O.P.E Pantry. Additionally, Student Health and Counselling will have a table, and Nursing will organize games and activities for the students, and there will be a speaker box for music. She adds that there is going to be three Cohorts on campus which is around 140 to 150.

C. Martinez asks **S. Basi** for a flyer for the event.

S. Basi states she doesn't have a flyer but would work on it this week and will start posting it next Tuesday.

H. Corum expresses her willingness to attend this event.

Motion to approve \$500.00 from the Concord Hospitality Food Budget for the Welcome Back event, by **13 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTIAN**, motion **CARRIED**.

8:59

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: Create-A-Creature (Concord)

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the Create-A-Creature (Concord).

S. Basi states that they are duplicating what ASI Presents is doing on the Hayward Campus on February 6th and 7th, but the event is going to be a one-day event on February 6th. Presents donated items for the students on the Concord Campus for the event. Hence, she ordered extra to make up for the students who are going to be on campus on Tuesdays. James and



Doris set aside about \$600.00 from the Hospitality Non-Food Budget for this event at the beginning of the year and S. Basi will be using only \$390.00 from the budget. S. Basi asks Lauren and her team if they could edit the dates on the flyer for the Concord Campus.

N. Calara says to email Lauren as she does not attend these meetings, but he is sure that she'll include the Concord dates.

11:02

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Food Waste Reduction Efforts

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the Food Waste Reduction Efforts.

H. Corum discuss about working on decreasing food waste on campus specifically in the dining common. She reached out to the campus sustainability manager, Jennifer Sanchez, who asked energy and utilities manager who directed them to contact Cal Recycle for information. However, Cal Recycle couldn't provide insights and suggested contacting Pioneer Kitchen. Jennifer is going to be talking with Pioneer Dining for updates. H. Corum mentions two students are working on an Atlas Zero Waste Program on campus, and H. Corum aims to support and promote this initiative rather than starting new programs. She wants to write a resolution to give leftover food of the dining commons to students or staff in need, and if not, to shelters. However, the problem when things are taken to homeless shelter it cannot be precooked food and needs to be can, frozen or non-perishable. The other alternative is to take it to a farm, but the priority is going to be for students or staff in need.

Calara states that **H. Corum, G. Felix, E. Loredo** oversee writing three resolutions for this semester and mentions Board Member should participate and pick any three of these. Those interested in Food Reduction Efforts, could write their name under **H. Corum**, or **G. Felix** Project Rebound Project, or **E. Loredo** Financial Aid resolution. He also encourages mentees to join Board Members in writing their resolutions.

14:37

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Take Back Your Time

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing the Take Back Your Time.

L. Deguzman informs that the event will be on March 5th and mentions that he already talked to Kate, who is the Director at the CORE and does the reservations. He talked to her about reserving the Learning Commons. This event will be from 11 am to 1 pm to encourage students to study and remain productive. He would like to invite speakers like SCAA, PAW and PAC, so more students could learn about the resources that they offer. He specifically invited PAW because he wants them to talk about mental health and how to preserve it during stressful time. **L. Deguzman** asks for a budget of \$100.00 for granola bars and pineapple juice for the event.



16:23

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

No special Reports.

16:33

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

N. Calara states that he made a statement about ASI response to CFA strikes. He would like to seek input from the board, advisors, mentees before mass communicating the information to students.

D. Lopez states starting with the next Board of Directors, there is an expectation for all Board Members to attend in person and be punctual. Valid excuse will be considered, but consistent attendance is emphasized to focus on business incentives for more efficient operations. Failure to comply may result in consequences from Personnel.

C. Martinez-Aguilera raises concern about the statement, suggesting that it appears to encourage students to participate in picket lines. He expresses that this might not be suitable, as it could impact students attending on-campus classes, causing delay in reaching classes or campus.

L. Deguzman emphasizes the importance of financial aid workshops going live this week and want to raise awareness about the workshops. He adds that it is important for students to complete their FAFSA and DACA on time. The workshops are available on csueastbay.edu, and recordings are available for those unable to attend this week.

H. Corum responds to **C. Martinez-Aguilera** regarding concerns about picket lines. She states that students can walk around the picket lines and drive to alternative parking spaces on campus. The timeline of students being affected by staff not being treated equally is important than students needing to walk to the other side of the campus.

C. Martinez-Aguilera states the plan was to have two picket lines on each side of the campus, potentially affecting students who have classes during that time.

H. Corum asks the purpose of a strike.

C. Martinez-Aguilera states that efforts are being made to reach agreement for better resources for the faculty.

H. Corum states that for faculty to get better resources, students need to be involved.

C. Martinez-Aguilera agrees with the importance of student involvement but expresses a differing opinion, suggesting that a picket line might not be helpful in their view.

N. Calara expresses support for a picket line, stating that the point of a strike is to cause a disturbance and picket lines is a way for faculty to be heard. He wants to write a statement on students supporting the faculty without blaming CFA or CSU administration. The goal is to



encourage both parties to return to the negotiation table to get a fair contract, rather than focusing on joining picket lines.

C. Chin-Newman expresses gratitude for the drafted letter of support. Jeff Newcomb, CFA Chapter President, was invited to today's meeting and apologizes for not coming. She understands if ASI decides to revise the statement based on feedback. She emphasizes that individual faculty and students will make decisions regarding picket lines, highlighting varying situations. **C. Chin-Newman** clarifies that campus access won't be restricted during the strike, acknowledging potential traffic restrictions. She is working on the Senate Newsletter and it's going to include the links to the FAQ 's. There are two FAQ 's you could include, there's the CFA FAQ and the official university, FAQ from the management. She clarifies the misleading messages about CFA's funding request leading layoffs and clarifies the stance against student fee hikes and appreciates efforts to address misinformation.

S. Spencer suggests simple word changes to the statement to address concerns and create a more inclusive message. He proposes adding a statement at the end encouraging students to join while respecting and honoring everyone's individual stance. **S. Spencer** acknowledges the challenging times and expresses uncertainty about his feeling but commend the Board Member for their work. He emphasizes the diverse opinions and suggests that stating respect for individual stances would be beneficial in the statement.

C. Chin-Newman states it would be helpful for students to understand that the union represent not only the professors that teach in the classroom, but also coaches, librarian faculty, counseling faculty that work in mental health services. She highlights the unpredictability of strikes, citing a pervious instance where plans were canceled last minute due to a settlement. **C. Chin-Newman** emphasizes the potential impact on counseling appointments and suggest clarifying this to students. She mentions the possibility of a third-party intervention, possibly from California State Legislators, could resolve the situation. **C. Chin-Newman** encourages alternative ways to show supports, such as contacting elected representatives, and emphasizes the uncertainty of the strike's duration, which could extend beyond a week.

N. Calara states from the recommendations from the Board Members is to include the FAQ 's from the CSU and CFA in the links below. He will modify the sentence about recommending joining picket lines to include a statement that students also have the freedom to not participate but could expect heavy traffic or limited services, especially in the library or the Student Health Center due to librarians and counselors participating in the strike.

S. Spencer states he received a letter from a student from their teacher encouraging them to drop a kinesiology class due to uncertainties related to the strikes. They told all student athletes to not change their schedules or drop classes. He seeks guidance on how to address this issue.



H. Corum states that she was in a kinesiology class right before the meeting and they informed her that some professors are deactivating their Canvas.

C. Chin-Newman states as a faculty leader, that's the first she heard of that. She is in touch with the CFA leadership and state it's a bit unclear how professors are handling online classes during the strike. **C. Chin-Newman** emphasizes the importance of not dropping classes in such circumstances.

G. Felix states that she has many online classes this semester and her professors had informed them that Canvas will be deactivated during the strike, preventing access to course materials. However, one of her professors is providing this week's work to download, allowing students to complete assignments offline.

N. Calara states he will send an email to the Board Members within an hour or two and intends to post the statement later in the day incorporating details about upcoming events. He acknowledges **C. Martinez-Aguilera** suggestion, and plan to rephrase the sentence where students can participate but choose not to participate, considering potential traffic and lack of services. With the help of Jeffrey Newcomb, CFA president, this statement was done yesterday. With the limited time available, he welcomes any additional input before releasing the statement on a mass communication level.

A. Depappa expresses excitement about being part of the team, having been part of ASI in the past, but acknowledges that it's different. If the team needs to educate her and are open to learning and supporting the team. **A. Depappa** emphasizes her willingness to help find resources for the Board Members they may not know. She wishes the Board Members to a great start of the semester and hoping that classes are going well despite the challenges.

N. Calara states that **A. Depappa** is the board advisor, so any inquiries regarding the Board, to keep her on the loop of that. For example, if Board Members are going to be absent for a board meeting, to not only copy James but also copy **A. Depappa** along with the VP 's. He hopes the Board Member utilize **A. Depappa** experience and expertise because of her previous board experience. Board members are encouraged to say hi and introduce themselves if they see her in the offices, as she is approachable and friendly.

35:59



X. ADJOURNMENT at **12:41 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of the Board

Danny Lopez



Daniel Kristofferson Lopez (Feb 12, 2024 13:26 PST)

Minutes approved on:

01/31/2024

Date:

