



Executive Committee

October 12th, 2022

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

T-152

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Minute

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.

II. Roll Call

Karina Zamora, President (Chair) – Present
Iese Esera, Chief of Staff – Present
Harsh Patel, VP of Internal Affairs – Present
Jeel Kankotiya, VP of External Affairs – Present
Mea Montanez, VP of Finance – Present
Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity – Present
Ersa Rao, VP of Facilities & Operations – Present
Mohit Malik, VP of Academic Affairs – Present
Priyam Mavani, Chief Justice – Present
Jamila Moore, VP SAEM – Excused
Tonee Sherill, Executive Director – Present

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for October 12th, 2022
Moved by VP of Academic Affairs, Seconded by VP of Finance

Motion to table discussion item a. and add another discussion item a. Marketing BOD outreach proposal to the agenda instead
Moved by Chief of Staff, Seconded by VP of Academic Affairs
Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None
Motion is Approved.

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Motion to approve the amended agenda for October 12th, 2022

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes (09/14/22 and 09/28/22)

Motion to approve the minutes for 09/14/22 and 09/28/22

Moved by Chief of Staff, Seconded by VP of Finance

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

V. Open Forum

Motion to amend the agenda and add discussion item b. Parking Tax

Moved by VP of External Affairs, Seconded by Chief of Staff

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

Christine Amador, Leadership Development Coordinator reminded the committee about the “Food for Thought with President Mahoney” as well as the outreach event in collaboration with Marketing Team, “Pumpkin Pizza with the BOD” which is scheduled on October 26th (1-3pm). Since the event's planning cost up to \$2000, she made it clear that the full BOD must be present.

Motion to amend the agenda and add discussion item c. Adding International Student Representative position to the AS BOD

Moved by VP of External Affairs, Seconded by VP of Academic Affairs

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

VI. Discussion Item

a. Marketing BOD outreach proposal (Karina Zamora - President)

The Committee will hear from the Marketing team regarding the BOD outreach proposal.

Shirley Wong, gave a description of the activities in which the BOD would take part once every month. Her goal of these activities is to develop relationships with the other students outside of the room. She proposed the November event before the Fall break, which is called “Gratitude and Hot Cocoa Bar with AS BOD.” She requested that the BOD choose a date between November 7th and November 11th from 1pm to 3pm as there is a lot of student traffic during those times.

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The "Finals Brew with AS BOD" event is held in December and gives students the chance to grab a beverage with the BOD as they prepare for their final exams. The event concludes with a survey. Depending on the BOD, she said that the drink may be either tea or coffee. She requested that the BOD use caution while selecting the time as it takes 6–8 weeks to produce something.

b. Parking Tax (Jeel Kankotiya - VP of External Affairs)

The Committee will discuss how to reduce the parking tax charged by the government, and also to decrease the parking fees charged to students.

Jeel Kankotiya, VP of External Affairs said that in order to get the government to reduce the tax fee, the BOD will have to compromise by reducing the parking fee that is being charged to the students as the government can use that as a counter argument. He stated our campus being the only one in the radius to charge 25% parking tax to the students as it is located in San Francisco.

Horace Montgomery commented in the chat about passing this discussion onto the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Christine Amador, LDC reminded that the BOD can only argue for the change; it cannot really carry it out. She subsequently requested the declaration of support to promote the reform. She clarified that AS is a privately financed organization that is supported by the fees it charges students. She mentioned that the rise in parking rates was brought on by the department's financial difficulties in the past because they are funded only by the money they collect. She added that earlier attempts to cut taxes in the city rather than the parking fee were made. She explained that the University Government and Community Relations office are also working together on this issue with AS. She also mentioned passing two unamended resolutions to the mayor's office related to the parking issue. She recommended reaching out one more time with the help of our **former President Joshua Ochoa** and other additional connections at City Hall using the same resolution packet as it was updated last year. **Karina Zamora, President**, mentioned having several discussions with Jason Porth and Zaey from Government and Community Relations in the past over parking. She will come back to them to extend an invitation to the following External Affairs meeting. President sent a whole packet of resolutions to the mayor but she never heard back. She mentioned **Supervisor Melgar** having a new legislative aid, who is very known to the President, additionally found to be good friends with **Zaey** as well. **Tonee Sherill, Executive Director** advised the committee to be sure of what they are asking. He reflected on the very first resolution sent out asking the government to remove the tax, whereas the second one was very confronting.

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Christine suggested speaking with the parking department about how much they would be affected if the BOD opted to cut the parking cost by a particular percentage. She believes that if the BOD receives backing from the whole student body, AS administration, and City Hall ties, it is feasible to succeed.

Motion to amend the agenda and add discussion item d. Possible Ad Hoc Committee for iNoodle Space

Moved by VP of Finance, Seconded by Chief Justice

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

c. Adding International Student Representative position to the AS BOD (Jeel Kankotiya - VP of External Affairs)

The Committee will discuss adding a new member position to the BOD as many international students lack an academic navigator, and they do have an OIP who can assist with legal documentation.

Jeel Kankotiya, VP of External Affairs stated the problems international students are facing while transferring their credits from a different university. He mentioned that he learned about the position when it was announced during the convocation. **Christine Amador, LDC** corrected that the position name was Transfer Student Representative and not International Student Representative. She stated that in order to add the position to the bylaws, legislation must have at least 2/3rd of the majority vote. In any case, the position is added, the changes will take effect for the next BOD and it would cost up to \$10,000 for the additional position for changing stipend. **Jeel** responded that, aside from monetary concerns, he believes this job is essential because the campus has more than 50% Graduate international students and over 1800 students enrolled in the undergraduate program each year. He also claimed that before arriving at San Francisco State University, many overseas students discover that they have no one to contact about accommodation, academics, or anybody who could be asked to look up information on behalf of them as OIP (Office of International Programs) solely offers legal materials for assistance to international students. Lastly, he highlighted the racial prejudice experienced by international students. **Christine** remarked that a lack of support for international students on campus is an issue on the University side, as she is unsure how a student representative who would be part of the BOD will advocate on this issue without a constituency. She asked "Who the International Students Representative would be advocating to? to President Mahoney or to OIP?" She is attempting to imagine what this member's job description would be as it is a University issue to have a coordinator for international students to offer this service. According to **Karina Zamora, the President**, the Social Justice & Equity Committee should address the problem of racial discrimination.

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She also suggested getting in touch with OIP and finding out if they are seeking to recruit someone with a track record of delivering resources to foreign students. She said that discussing this matter with the BOD would influence students to see them as counselors. Students will start asking questions for which the BOD won't have an answer, she continued. If this position were to be added to the BOD, she said, it would allow students on the opposing side to request the addition of more representatives, such as Undocumented Students Representative or Hispanic Students Representative which would result in cost increase. **Iese Esera, Chief of Staff** proposed that the Academic Affairs Committee handle concerns about academic resources, and that Social Justice & Equity handle concerns about racial discrimination in regards declaring oneself to be an international student. According to him, there are more transfer students than international students so in any event, any advocacy efforts should begin immediately rather than waiting until the incoming BOD has been elected. **Tonee Sherill, Executive Director** spoke about a similar advocacy experience he had with President Mahoney in the past. He had witnessed prior advocacy efforts to visit Vice President Moore to ensure that the advocacy was there. He added that each time something like this occurs, the board becomes larger, diluting the progression. He suggested that the committee choose the appropriate course of action to ensure that there is an international voice at the table at all times. **Christine** responded that over the past five years, AS had added three director positions, one VP position, and eliminated class representatives (freshmen, sophomores, and seniors), additionally changed the University Affairs to Social Justice and Equity, and added a Chief of Staff position as well. As this is vital, she thanked Jeel for bringing it up because the BOD members and some of her administrative staff are from other countries. She suggested that the VP of Social Justice & Equality's job description be amended to include this advocacy role. **Karina** suggested scheduling a meeting with the Office of Diversity and Equity Inclusion as well as meeting with OIP to determine the source of the problem, seeing as international students do not feel supported by this office, whose sole purpose is to support them. The main question she pointed is whether they are understaffed or whether their staff is unaware of the experience with international students or should the office employ a qualified professional to comprehend and meet these demands as a remedy?

d. Possible Ad Hoc Committee for iNoodle space (Mea Montanez - VP of Finance)

The Committee will discuss the possible Ad Hoc Committee to assign to the iNoodle Space for Gator Groceries.

Mea Montanez, VP of Finance asked the members of Internal Affairs as well as Facilities & Operations for the updates in regards to this item.

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Iese Esera, Chief of Staff said that as a Chair of BOD, he finds it difficult to support the Ad Hoc Committee with a chair, as it was a big struggle already while assigning committee chairs. The committees already have a few members, and forming a new committee would not be supportive with combating schedules of the designated members. **Karina Zamora, President** recommended adding someone from the F&O Committee as point person for iNoodle space. **Christine Amador, LDC** replied that **Ersa Rao, VP of Facilities & Operations** sits on the UCorp's board with **Iese Esera, Chief of Staff** and **Mohit Malik, VP of Academic Affairs**, so whatever to the iNoodle space is determined by the UCorp. **Iese** stated that the UCorp members are prepared to explain their thinking on this matter to the BOD. He advised the committee to postpone taking any action until after they have discussed this with the BOD. **Tonee Sherill, Executive Director** acknowledged the BOD being busy with their academics. He added that he and **Horace Montgomery** had a conversation about iNoodle space and that he can designate an exploratory team of professionals to help figure out the course of directions. He asked the committee to let him handle this with **Alejandro** and **Horace** as they have a scenario in their mind on how to move forward with it. **Horace** has some ideas about what he wants to do with the space and take into account both the interests of students and AS, he said, but the next step will be to figure out the finances and do some exploration around space. It will come down to the BOD anyway in the conclusion. Horace discussed the concept at both the Facilities & Operations and Internal Affairs meetings. He said that someone had decided to end a 8-year lease on the space and requested us to take ownership of it going forward. He will support Gator Groceries moving forward because it has always been in the best interest of our school. **Horace Montgomery** told the BOD that he had secured this and that any BOD members interested in participating might do so. After yesterday's discussion with the EAD, he recognized that the AdHoc committee won't be required to address this problem any more. With his direction now clear, he said he will seek the BOD for what he needs. **Mea Montanez, VP of Finance**, addressed why she wanted to bring this up, citing Steven Lee's continuous updates on who is working on what. After attending weekly meetings with Veronica Castillo to update her on the committee's and BOD's financial viability, she decided to add it as a discussion item.

- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Announcements

Tonee Sherill, Executive Director asked that the board of directors submit their ideas using Google Forms sent via email each week by Christine's staff and distribute the items in accordance with the committees that ought to be debating them.

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Christine Amador, LDC said that she had received the BOD's office hours and is currently organizing them into a single file so that the Marketing Team may proceed and post it on Instagram. To raise awareness of them among the campus's students, she requested that the board make introduction videos in a group of 5.

Harsh Patel, VP of Internal Affairs announced that he will be joining an advocacy workshop for Survivals Report on Nov. 7th.

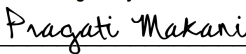
Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity announced that Steven Lee has been working on the Support Statement and will be ready to present in the next BOD meeting.

Priyam Mavani, Chief Justice asked the BOD for any feedback in regards to editing the Elections Code furthermore.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Pragati Makani

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Approved by: Karina Zamora, President

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