



Executive Committee

February 8th, 2023

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

T-152

Zoom Call: <https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/91666786157?pwd=YIFGZHYzbGoySThwT25aU3dVay9VQT09>

Meeting ID: 916 6678 6157

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Minute

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

Karina Zamora, President (Chair) – Present

Iese Esera, Chief of Staff – Present

Mea Montanez, VP of Finance – Present

Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity – Present

Ersa Rao, VP of Facilities & Operations – Excused

Mohit Malik, VP of Academic Affairs – Unexcused

Priyam Mavani, Chief Justice – Present

Tonee Sherill, Executive Director – Present

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to add discussion item c. Discussion on Committee structures

Moved by Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity.

Seconded by Iese Esera, Chief of Staff.

Motion to approve the amended agenda for February 8th, 2023

Yes: 4 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

Motion to approve the agenda for February 8th, 2023

Yes: 4 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

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IV. Approval of Minutes (09/28/22 and 10/12/22)

Motion to approve the minutes for 09/28/22 and 10/12/22

Moved by Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity.

Seconded by Mea Montanez, VP of Finance.

Yes: 4 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is Approved.

V. Open Forum

VI. Discussion Item

a. Discussion on Candidate Interviews for Student Org Representative (Karina Zamora - President)

The Committee will discuss the candidate interviews for the position of Student Org Representative.

Iese Esera, Chief of Staff, discussed the first candidate, **Ruqaiyah Angeles**, who is an excellent advocate and intends to improve relations between AS and the university. However, he expressed dissatisfaction with her response on how to reach out to student organizations on campus. He did like her idea of setting up workshops for student organizations and bringing them to the center when in conflict. The second candidate, **Hyun Jin Kim**, was praised for their philosophical nature about being involved and their provision of resources to improve student body communication with AS through Gator Experience. **Karina Zamora, President** expressed being impressed by the advocacy of the first candidate and commented on the passion and focus they demonstrated advocating for the Muslim Prayer space. She spoke about the second candidate being matched with the responsibilities of the position due to her major in Economics and Race & Resistance studies. She commended the second candidate's empathetic nature and networking skills, adding that she had seen her collaboration skills and providing a sense of togetherness. **Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity** discussed the second candidate, whose answers were more inclined towards bettering AS, unlike the first candidate. **Priyam Mavani, Chief Justice**, mentioned that the second candidate was enthusiastic when responding.

b. Discussion on Candidate Interviews for Education Representative (Karina Zamora - President)

The Committee will discuss the candidate interviews for the position of Education Representative.

Karina Zamora, President, expressed discomfort with moving forward with the singular candidate. She emphasized that she wants to ensure that candidates are a good fit for the Board.

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Iese Esera, Chief of Staff, commented that he was impressed with the candidate's communication skills but suggested that the position be reopened to receive more input from the student body as only one application was received for the position.

c. Discussion on Committee structures (Tonee Sherill - Executive Director)

The Committee will discuss all committee structures.

Tonee Sherill, Executive Director brought up the issue of the board being unable to gather for many committee meetings which leads to frustration due to the lack of quorum. He asked if staff is asking too much of their time as leaders and students and suggested the possibility of merging some committees. He offered to add this topic to the Rules Committee agenda or to come up with recommendations with **Christine Amador, Leadership Development Coordinator** based on the previous board's activities. **Iese Esera, Chief of Staff**, agreed with **Tonee**, expressing his frustration with attendance issues from the last semester. He added that members were available for one committee while other committees were fighting for members to have quorum. **Karina Zamora, President** suggested merging the Internal Affairs Committee and Facilities & Operations Committee. **Mea Montanez, VP of Finance** expressed concern about scheduling the Finance Committee meeting, as many members were unavailable. She requested support from **Tonee** and **Christine** to develop incentives to encourage members to attend meetings, citing an example from CSU Los Angeles, where members receive \$25 per meeting. **Iese** clarified that the meeting chairs are responsible for taking accountability to enforce the procedures outlined in the Bylaws for investigating lack of quorum during meetings. **Christine** stated that last semester, the Finance, Internal Affairs and Social Justice & Equity Committee ran into issues meeting quorum. She added that due to recent resignations from VPs of Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs and External Affairs, respective committee members are expected to step up as chairs of these committees until further notice. She stated that the organization is having difficulty filling committees, even with all members meeting the minimum requirements. The Internal Affairs committee was used as an example as they have struggled to have quorum for three years. The VP of Internal Affairs is technically the co-president of the organization and their committee is supposed to help with programs which are the largest portion of the organization's outreach and services, she claimed. She highlighted that even if there are no vacancies, all board members are only meeting the minimum requirements for membership. **Mea** suggested creating an Excel spreadsheet of everyone's availability to identify alternative members who could be contacted to attend the meeting if needed. **Christine** stated that proxy voting is not allowed, as it would contradict the established membership, which establishes the quorum for the committee. The members on the roll call list are the only ones allowed to establish a quorum, and substitutes would be considered proxy voting, which is not allowed according to the bylaws, she added.

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She also mentioned that board members should not sit on too many committees, as it is not fair, and each member currently has an obligation to sit on a maximum of two committees. Although some members go above and beyond by sitting on three or four committees, it should not be expected of them, as it would not be feasible for everyone to do so. **Tonee** stated that the speaker expressed dissatisfaction with their previous ideas and sought permission to give it some more thought. He mentioned that **Christine** had ideas in the past and that it would be beneficial to go back and review them to match the current situation. He also suggested that there should be a requirement for attending at least one day each week, divided by dates, to ensure consistent attendance. This would be helpful in having a more consistent attendance rate, although the number of people attending may vary each week. He stated that focusing on this would lead to better attendance overall. **Christine** suggested that they need to reach out to the college representatives to find a suitable time for the committee meetings. Academic Affairs has exacerbated the existing problem with the number of committees by mandating college representatives to Academic Affairs. Instead of sitting on two committees, they now sit on only one. She discussed the need to establish a set of bylaws for the next election. She mentioned that the timeline is short, and they have two options; approve the current bylaws without making changes or commit to making changes and pass the bylaws by the week of March 1st, 2023. This would cut a week and a half off the filing period, but the candidates would still have a long filing period to figure things out.

VII. Action Items

a. Select a Student Org Rep candidate for recommendation to the board (Karina Zamora)

The Committee will take action after reviewing candidate qualifications and interviews, the execs will move to nominate a candidate for recommendation to the board.

Motion to recommend Hyun Jin Kim as Student Org Representative.

Moved by Iese Esera, Chief of Staff.

Seconded by Arojit Das, VP of Social Justice & Equity.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Motion to table action item b. Select an Education Rep candidate for recommendation to the board, so that we can open the application up and gather more applicants.

Moved by Iese Esera, Chief of Staff.

Seconded by Mea Montanez, VP of Finance.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

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VIII. Announcements

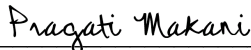
Tonee Sherill, Executive Director stated that every year, the board receives a certain amount of funding from a grant that needs to be approved through HPW votes. The MOU for this year has been completed, which allows funding to go towards collaboration for Gator Groceries. He said that they are currently in discussion about utilizing this funding to support an expansion space. They have determined that the cost of operating their spaces is close to \$14 per square foot, which has helped them understand the cost of taking on a new space. He is also working on stronger collaboration and security for basic needs. Some of the funding from on campus will go towards the construction of a new space to make it more accessible for basic needs. He introduced Sonia, Project Connect President who has filled the position after three successful searches. He asked **Horace Montgomery** and **Shanice Robinson** to update Internal Affairs on survivor support, and the board members are encouraged to be a part of the process.

Christine Amador, LDC stated that the vacancies have been posted on social media, and applications have already been received for some of the positions. She asked members to encourage anyone interested in the positions to apply and to provide them with her email address for any queries. She also mentioned the possibility of keeping certain positions vacant for the rest of the semester if they remain unfilled given the timeline they are looking at. For instance, if another search for an education representative fails, it may not be worth expending more energy on the search since the position may not be meant to be filled this year. She suggested that the committee focus its energy elsewhere in such cases.


IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Pragati Makani

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Approved by: Karina Zamora, President

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