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**Associated Students
San Francisco State University**

**Executive Committee
29th September 2021
Time - 2:00 PM**

Zoom call

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Minutes

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs), Seconded by Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs)

Yes: 6 No: None Abstain: none

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Exec. meeting scheduled on 09/15/21

Moved by Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs), Seconded by Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs)

Yes: 6 No: None Abstain: 1

V. Open Forum

Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs) encouraged Board members and students-at-large members to participate in Activist Week, as it would be highly appreciated and would showcase support for this committee's advocacy work.

VI. Closed Session

None.

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VII. Discussion Items

a. **Exec Roundtable Discussion - Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President)**

The Committee will be able to discuss updates, ask questions, and check in with how we're doing.

Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs), posed the question about the nature of the relationship that exists between the advisor, and student staff members to the committee members, as they pointed out that they wanted a clear sense of expectation from their coordination. They also added they are involved in committee training more than ever and it's becoming hard on them, as they highlighted that previously the BOD used to have more space that allowed for training. They also asked who this training role would fall.

Tonee Sherrill (Executive Director), replied by saying that the intention was to have wrap-around support for Exec. members so that the weight of all the things that Exec members wanted to achieve did not only fall on himself and **Christine Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator)**. Hence a division of labor type of provision was put into place where support could be provided by multiple members of AS. He also added that if there is any need for support that could use his direction, he would be more than happy to provide further assistance.

Christie Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator), added that last year, feedback that was given concluded that too many pieces of training took place and overwhelmed members, and so the training model was changed to accommodate this feedback. She also added that if there were any particular parts of training that members were having issues with or if they wanted access to a particular training that they choose to go through, then they could reach out to her regarding those and she should be more than happy to provide further assistance.

Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs), added that there is a big difference between the training that Exec. members want and the trainings that they need. She also pointed out the fact that last year there were a lot of returning members, and hence the trainings weren't as necessary. She also pointed out that there are pieces of training that the BOD members need right now to carry out their respective duties properly.

Fatimah Ogunmowo (VP of Internal Affairs), pointed out that she is working to form various intentional connections with AS programs and she also agreed with what Ja'Corey had to say about trainings.

Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs), also asked the various ways the role of Chief of Staff was expanded and how that expansion plays a role in training Board members.

Christine Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator) pointed out that it is her duty to make sure Board member's training needs are met. She also added that whenever outreaching to Board members has been carried out, the response rate is very low, and that has created

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additional barriers in assessing and meeting the needs of the members. Regardless, she is happy to comply with the will of Board members and increase the number and frequency of trainings.

Chantel Bermudez (Chief of Staff), said that she has been carrying out exactly the job duties that her job description states. She also pointed out that if people have different expectations regarding the role of Chief of Staff they could change the policy and update it accordingly. In closing, she reiterated that personally targeting someone in public meetings is not a healthy practice that should be carried out.

Tatiana Orellena (VP of Facilities & Operations), updated that she met with **Lauren Hohls (Senior Director of Branding Strategy)** yesterday and had an amazing discussion about the historical archive mural which was brought by the former VP of Facilities and Services. She also pointed out that she would be meeting with **Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President)** to talk about the beautification of the Cesar Chavez Student Center. She also added that students will now be able to eat inside the building starting October 4th. Tatiana said that she would love to see more trainings being offered to Board members.

Nia Hall (VP of Finance), updated that she would be bringing final revisions to the Student Org Handbook to the Board next meeting. She mentioned that the allocation of funds for student orgs was being increased. She also pointed out that the Finance Committee met with **Gabriela Ballesteros (Student Life Program Coordinator & Greek Advisor)** and **Monolito Twyman (Senior Coordinator for Student Life)** from Student Activities and Events to discuss the process of student organization and club registration.

Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs), updated that she met with **Dr. Lori Beth Way (Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education and Academic Planning)** and spoke about complementary studies. She added that out of the thousands that graduated last year, there were only 36 students that were denied the ability to graduate on time. She said that complementary studies should be added to the academic advisor's syllabus when they are meeting with students. These will include the 3 extra classes that a student would have to take following their major classes.

Chantel Bermudez (Chief of Staff), added that she would be working closely with **Christine Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator)** to figure out the training needs of various Board members.

Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs) asked why the other chairs are not included in the Executive Committee meetings, for example, chairs of Ad Hoc Committees. **Christine Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator)** replied by saying that Executive Committee voting membership is established in the AS Bylaws to include chairs of all standing committees. As such, AdHoc committees are not included in the membership as they are not standing committees and our two current AdHocs were only established last year. Christine added that the chairs of the AdHocs are more than welcome to sit in on these meetings and that Execs could yield time for them to join and benefit from the discussions had in the committee.

Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President) said that he was very worried when the news about the UPD *This meeting is being facilitated through an online zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N25-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.*

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investigation broke about the mass shooting threat that SF State received and also pointed out that taking care of oneself and our community is what we did and that stands at the core of what we were supposed to do. He also added that the BOD as a whole needs to work on figuring out more ways to support the undocumented student population that exists at SF State, as spaces throughout the University are not always equitable, especially when trying to get medical support as most students don't have insurance.

Motion to amend the agenda to add Discussion Item B: Nomination of the Education Representative.

Moved by Fatimah Ogunmowo (VP of Internal Affairs) and Seconded by Tatiana Orellena (VP of Facilities & Operations)

Yes: 7 No: None Abstain: None

b. Nomination of the Education Representative Discussion - Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President)

Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President) said that Elizabeth Vacca and Shanice Robinson were the two of the three candidates that applied for the position and were interviewed for AS Education Representative, and both stand out on how fit they are to execute the responsibilities of the role. **Ja'Corey Bowens (VP of External Affairs)** pointed out that Shanice Robinson would be an excellent candidate moving forward with regards to the position of Education Representative as they seem to demonstrate the skill set that is required for this position well based on their resume and interview.

Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs) said that she was also impressed by the work experiences that the two candidates possessed. She pointed out that Shanice Robinson would be the candidate that should be selected for the position as the Education Representative, as she presented her willingness to work with the graduate students to make sure that they felt welcomed and have a sense of belonging at the University.

Nia Hall (VP of Finance) mentioned that she attended Shanice Robinson's interview and watched Elizabeth Vacca's interview, and she also agreed with what everybody else had to say about Shanice Robinson, and stated how remarkable Shanice's vision of engaging the graduate student population was and hence they would be for a perfect fit for the position.

Chantel Bermudez (Chief of Staff), also pointed out that she would be leaning more towards the selection of Elizabeth Vacca for the nomination to Education Representative as they seem to present skills of mobilizing student populations which is very important, especially when one is considering to be a part of the University Committees.

James Aguilar (Chief Justice) said that Shanice Robinson presented a very strong sense of history, and the way she understood how AS came into existence and how it operates, was very phenomenal to know and good experience. He also added that the BOD needs that energy. He also advocated for Elizabeth Vacca by saying that she presented a very strong skill set for resource mobilization.

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Fatimah Ogunmowo (VP of Internal Affairs), also pointed out that both candidates were amazing when it comes to their ability to execute the responsibilities of the role, but she also added that she would be leaning more towards the selection of Shanice Robinson, as she presented ideas that show how she wanted to encourage student involvement on campus.

VIII. Action Items

a. Nomination of Education Representative - Joshua Rudy Ochoa (President)

The Committee will discuss and vote to forward the nomination of the Education Representative candidate to the BOD.

Motion to nominate Shanice Robinson for the position of Education Representative for the approval of BOD.

Moved by Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs), Seconded by Fatimah Ogunmowo (VP of Internal Affairs)

Yes: 8 No: None Abstain: None

Motion is approved.

IX. Announcements

Nia Hall (VP of Finance) said that anyone interested in working in higher education and Student Affairs work should reach out to her for further assistance and guidance since she is very involved.

Jennifer Valencia (VP of Academic Affairs) said that if anyone has not filled the forum that asks members which University Committees they are sitting on, she encouraged everyone to fill out the forum at their earliest convenience.

Christine Amador (Leadership Development Coordinator) said that the communications department is working on finalizing the cultural events calendar, and it is encouraged that the BOD members look over that so that they can be improved and updated as the department gets appropriate feedback.

Mayra Saldana (AED of Communications), added that we are in LatinX Heritage month and AS will be posting some informational material about this month on the AS social media channels. Anybody interested in knowing more about the history and significance is encouraged to check out the stories being posted on AS's Instagram handle.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Samarth Annigeri (Head VP Assistant)

Approved by:



Chantel Bermudez (Chief Of Staff)

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