



Executive Committee

April 17th, 2024

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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

Meeting ID: 916 6678 6157

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Minutes

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

**Ersa, President (Chair) – Present
Iese Esera, Chief of Staff – Present
Shrey Patel, VP of Finance – Present
Yamini Jindal, VP of Internal Affairs – Present
Thyra Beckley, VP of External Affairs – Tardy (1:09)
Fayeeza Shaikh, VP of Academic Affairs – Present
Rajdeep Walia, Chief Justice – Present (1:04)
Dr. Jamillah Moore, VP SAEM – Tardy (1:09)
Alejandro Rios, Executive Director – Present**

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for 04/17/2024.

Moved by Iese Esera, Chief of Staff.

Seconded by Shrey Patel, VP of Finance.

Motion to amend the agenda by making Discussion item a. Introduction with Eloquent Algorithms, Discussion item b. Appointment of Liberal & Creative Arts Representative, and Discussion item c. Committee Attendance Check.

Moved by Fayeeza Shaikh, VP of Academic Affairs.

Seconded by Shrey Patel, VP of Finance.

Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0.

Motion passes.

Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0.

Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from 03/13/2024.
Moved by Yamini Jindal, VP of Internal Affairs.
Seconded by Rajdeep Walia, Chief Justice.
No discussion

Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0.
Motion passes.

V. Open Forum
VI. Discussion Item

a. Introduction with Eloquent Algorithms

The committee will hear from Eloquent Algorithms about a potential workshop for SFSU students.

Raymond Zhang announced his plan to host a graduate school application workshop in collaboration with AS, followed by a Q&A session. He introduced himself as a speech and debate coach with over a decade of experience and a background in machine learning research at Stanford University, and corporate research at companies like 3M, Chewy, and Resmed. **Raymond** holds a Master's in Education Data Science and a Bachelor's in Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He is the founder of Eloquent Algorithms LLC, an education consultancy aiming to enhance student and organizational potential through admissions consulting and course design. **Raymond** shared that his company successfully aided all 20 students they worked with last year in gaining admission to their target programs. He detailed the proposed workshop's structure, covering topics such as the statement of purpose, elevator pitch, application strategy, and school search, emphasizing the importance of networking in increasing admission rates. During the Q&A, **Iese Esera, Chief of Staff**, inquired about the workshop's location, and **Raymond** confirmed it would be held at SF State for one hour, focusing on a high-level overview and a hands-on segment on elevator pitches. **Alejandro Rios, Executive Director**, suggested **Raymond** might also consider collaborating with the Development and Leadership office at SF State. He questioned why **Raymond** chose AS over the career center, to which **Raymond** explained his connection through a networking event with **Ersa. Rajdeep Walia, Chief Justice**, proposed contacting the Dean of the graduate school as another potential partnership. **Shrey Patel, VP of Finance**, and **Yamini Jindal, VP of Internal Affairs**, expressed support for these options. **Ersa, President**, offered to provide contacts to further assist his initiative.

b. Appointment of Liberal & Creative Arts Representative (Ersa - President)

The Committee will recommend the appointment of an LCA Rep for the 23/24 BOD term.

President, Ersa, revealed that the anticipated candidate was deemed unqualified for the position due to affiliation with the wrong college. **Christine Amador, Assistant Executive Director of Governance**, clarified the situation, indicating **John Rivera** as the sole qualified applicant. She suggested that while an interview was optional, it was within the committee's discretion. Concerns were raised about the candidate's concurrent application for the AS Board of Directors.

Fayeeza Shaikh, VP of Academic Affairs, recommended considering the potential benefits despite upcoming elections. **Christine** advised against factoring candidacy into the decision, emphasizing the need for an LCA representative. **Yamini Jindal, VP of Internal Affairs**, inquired about John's lack of interview, attributed to scheduling conflicts. **Rajdeep Walia, Chief Justice**, proposed hiring for the next term rather than the remainder of the current term due to its brevity. **Ersa** concurred, citing the limited time remaining in the term.

Motion to not appoint a Liberal and Creative Arts Representative this term and table Discussion item b. and Action item a.

Moved by Iese Esera, Chief of Staff.

Seconded by Rajdeep Walia, Chief Justice.

Shrey Patel, VP of Finance supported the motion, confirming the next Board of Directors (BOD) meeting for May 1st. This timeline meant that if approved, the candidate's term would span only 15 days. **Iese Esera, Chief of Staff**, clarified that the candidate's unavailability on upcoming Wednesdays justified excluding the action from today's agenda. **Thyra Beckley, VP of External Affairs**, inquired about the appointment of an LCA representative by the next Executive Committee. **Christine Amador, Assistant Executive Director of Governance**, responded that elections would be conducted instead. **Iese** noted that the next Board would follow a similar process of receiving applications, conducting interviews, and deliberating appointments.

Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0.

Motion passes.

c. Committee Attendance Check

The committee will discuss members' attendance records.

Iese Esera, Chief of Staff presented an updated attendance audit, noting improved attendance and communication among Board members. He urged meetings to start promptly upon quorum, addressing concerns about late starts and emphasized the importance of chairs being punctual. **Christine Amador, Assistant Executive Director of Governance**, stressed the need for transparency and adherence to meeting times, discussing attendance policies and consequences for non-compliance, including counseling and potential removal. The committee reviewed the attendance audit, highlighting trends and discussing individual committee absences. **Fayeeza Shaikh, VP of Academic Affairs**, explained some absences due to special circumstances. **Shrey Patel, VP of Finance**, provided context on absences and tardiness. **Iese** proposed a training session to facilitate the transition to a new Board, requesting transition documents from members. **Ersa, President**, suggested inviting election candidates to meetings, supported by **Christine** who expedited elections for smoother transitions.

VII. Action Items

VIII. Announcements

Iese announced a BOD meeting on May 8th, replacing an Executive Committee meeting.

IX. Adjournment

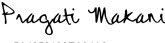
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Approved by: Brandon Foley, President/Chair

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Respectfully submitted submitted by: Pragati Makani, Head VP Assistant

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