

**Associated Students
San Francisco State University**

Executive Committee

October 7th, 2020

12:00pm- Zoom call

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Minutes

- I. Call to order pm
- II. Roll Call

President Andrew Carrillo- Present

Chief of Staff Tyler Lewis- Present

VP of Finance Rashid Abdul Rahiman- Present

VP of Internal Affairs Zoram Thomas Ruiz-Mercado- Present

VP of External Affairs Joshua Ochoa- Present

VP of Facilities and Services Alondra Esquivel Garcia- Present

VP of Social Justice and Equity Chantel Bermudez- Unexcused

Executive Director Tonee Sherrill- Present

VP Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Beth Hellwig- Excused

Chief Justice Krystle P.- Present

- III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda for October 7th, 2020.

Approved by consensus.

- IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes for September 23rd, 2020.

Approved by consensus.

- V. Open Forum
No open forum.

- VI. Discussion Items

a. Mandatory Reporter Status

The Executive Committee will discuss mandatory reporter status.

Chief Justice started the discussion by reminding the Committee that this discussion was introduced at the last BOD meeting. **Chief Justice** stated that the Board currently has no mandatory reporters and neither are pro-staff. **Chief Justice** shared the consensus of the Board that staff members be mandatory reporters, but students are not. **Chief Justice's** goal is to update the bylaws to have no confusion moving forward.

President asked if the Board could make the unilateral decision on who can and can't be a mandatory reporter, or does CSU Policy dictate that. **Executive Director** responded that the CSU Policy is strict on reporting, except under protective clauses. Under this policy, auxiliary employees are exempt from this policy, which, **Executive Director** points out, leaves the issue of liability and reporting individually. **Executive Director** agreed with **Chief Justice** that the Board needs a clear structure and policy. **Executive Director** also stated he will be meeting with the lawyers next week.

VP External Affairs contextualized the conversation by reminding the Executives that in Rules Committee, the consensus was to have students be non-mandatory reporters and only pro-staff as mandatory reporters. **President** stated that there will be more clarification moving forward once Executive Director talks with the lawyers.

VP External Affairs wanted to ask whether or not this action would be a policy or put into the Associated Students bylaws. **Executive Director** responded that this action would be in both the bylaws and as a policy, to ensure that the student leaders are aware of their responsibility and roles as a student leader moving forward.

Chief Justice thanked **VP External Affairs** for the clarification and reiterated that pro-staff are much better equipped to be mandatory reporters. **President** felt like this item would go great on the next Executive agenda.

b. Attendance Policy Updates

The Committee will discuss the possibility of having regular updates on attendance policy, to keep board members accountable to meetings and commitments.

President opened that this item is by both the **President** and **VP External Affairs**. **VP External Affairs** said that he looked over the attendance policy and said that **Chief of Staff** is responsible for providing attendance updates to the Board to hold members accountable. **VP External Affairs** stressed the importance of Board members being present and available for meetings and correspondence.

President brought up that this item could also be brought up in Rules Committee. **President** stated that the attendance policy is a double-edged sword and can be very easily abused. **VP Facilities and Services** addressed that the attendance policy doesn't include a record of University Committee attendance. **VP Facilities and Services** felt like it was important to hold Board members accountable for attending their University committees and figuring out how to keep Board members accountable is also important.

VP External Affairs agreed that the attendance policy is a double edged sword and that the attendance policy can change, if need be. **VP External Affairs** welcomed conversation on accountability and responsibility with the Board attendance policy.

Executive Director shared his thoughts on the attendance policy. **Executive Director** is excited to see the process of attendance play out over the year and perhaps have more regular check ins regarding attendance, if there are issues. Second, **Executive Director** reminded the committee that we are in a time of crisis during COVID and that the committee has been very productive during their terms. **Executive Director** questioned whether or not it's effective to have one Board member sit on at least three committees. **Executive Director** is worried about the Board members stretching themselves thin.

Leadership Development Coordinator told the Board that there are currently 12 committees, which is a lot. **President** stated that there should be concerns about stretching themselves too thin and putting their eggs in too many baskets. **VP Facilities and Services** reminded the committee that the Board members are students first. **President** said that saying no is perfectly fine and reevaluating responsibilities is very important.

Chief of Staff agreed that there was pressure to join as many committees and do as much as possible. **Chief of Staff** said that members don't always need to be present at committee meetings and that email chains and text messages exist for a reason. **VP Facilities and Services** fully agreed that during the summer things were moving very fast, but now that classes have started and more committees have been formed, things need to slow down. **President** brought up that it's good to reflect on the productivity of summer, but to not hold ourselves to the same standard with classes and other factors going on. **President** reminded the Board that individuals have limits and

that many of the goals that many committees are talking about are long term projects that do not need weekly meetings.

Chief Justice agreed with feeling pressure about doing the most and that doing classes online has made productivity much more difficult. **Chief Justice** touched on the subject of texting and the possible professionalism issue with using Google Hangouts or emailing.

Leadership Development Coordinator echoed the sentiments of many of the Board members. **Leadership Development Coordinator** also pointed out that the committees do not need to meet every single week or bi-weekly if there is no need. **Leadership Development Coordinator** also mentioned that many things can get resolved in an email and don't necessarily need Zoom meetings. **Leadership Development Coordinator** also brought up that the attendance master list would be getting sent out to the chairs and committees to hold people accountable.

President left meeting at 12:43pm.

VP External Affairs brought up the idea of advertising committees to both students and possibly have a scale of how active the committees are for students who plan to sit on it. **Chief Justice** was very grateful that **VP External Affairs** brought up that point and reiterated his sentiments. **Chief Justice** stated that knowing the workload ahead of time for the committees would be very helpful. **Chief Justice** asked if a member of University committees weren't showing up, what is the policy and procedure for holding that person accountable and reporting such behavior.

Leadership Development Coordinator stated that ideally, the team would request attendance records from the chair and they would be held accountable through those. **Chief Justice** followed up and asked how a member would email to navigate absences. **Leadership Development Coordinator** responded that correspondence would be done in accordance with their bylaws.

President returned to meeting at 12:48pm.

c. **SQE #NoHarmDisarm Demands**

The Board will discuss the #NoHarmDisarm Campaign and the Demands from SQE.

VP Internal Affairs left meeting at 12:48pm.

VP External Affairs said that there are already discussions happening around this item in multiple committees and that he would like to see this as an addition to the stance on the UPD Resolution. **VP External Affairs** wondered if this item would be to reiterate and clarify the Board's stance on this discussion.

Chief Justice asked **VP External Affairs** to clarify what this item would be. **President** tried to clarify that the document is pretty all encompassing and that many committees are working to approve and stay on track with this item. **Executive Director** also asked what exactly this item is asking for and what the desire of adding this item was. **Executive Director** stated that there is concern over whether or not this item would be necessary because of the support that this item is getting in other committees. **Executive Director** specified that there may be some discussion moving forward on this item and what its purpose is. **Executive Director** also mentioned that this group is asking for feedback from Associated Students and it would be a good opportunity to show the student what Associated Students is doing with student fees.

VP Internal Affairs returned to the meeting at 1:00pm.

Chief Justice also brought up that the UPD Ad Hoc was looking for people to join and to increase engagement, could members of SQE join the Ad Hoc in order to further the conversation. **Chief Justice** also brought up that many students want their student fees back. **President** asked if the team should move over to Google Hangouts for the rest of the meeting and **Leadership**

Development Coordinator stated that the link was not published beforehand. **Leadership Development Coordinator** clarified that the SQE representative was just asking for the Associated Students stamp of support on their list of demands.

d. Letter of Opposition on AS-3450-20/FA

The Board will discuss the Letter of Opposition suspending student evaluations of teaching implemented in Spring 2020 to the 2020- 2021 Academic Year.

VP Facilities and Services provided background on this resolution, which eliminates student to teacher evaluations for professors during this year. **VP Facilities and Services** understood that the situation is difficult for both students and professors and SF State has opted out of providing students with evaluations. **VP Facilities and Services** stated that this item would not be going to the Board as an action item, but would go directly to the University to get them to reconsider their decision. **VP Facilities and Services** also brought up that professors did not want to be flexible with students or offer flexible grading policies.

Chief Justice emphasized the importance of the document and also stated that the survey that was sent out collecting student feedback on grading was deemed to be invalid by members of staff and faculty because the faculty does not agree with the opinion. **Chief Justice** felt like feedback is imperative during this remote modality and student voices matter. **Chief Justice** stated that online learning is not equitable and the disparities are growing larger without student feedback.

Chief of Staff asked if the feedback that was sent in last May was considered at all. **VP Facilities and Services** responded that there are going to be no evaluations at the end of this semester or next semester. **Chief Justice** responded that the responses for the survey given last May was not recognized, however, the amended grading policy was passed. This policy included credit/no credit options for some classes for students. **President** asked the difference between biased and unbiased surveys. **VP Facilities and Services** responded that an unbiased survey would include multiple people making the survey, but that faculty just decided on their own what the policy would be.

VP External Affairs asked if **VP Facilities and Services** drafted the letter herself and **VP Facilities and Services** responded that she wrote the letter based on other campuses' letter. **President** stated that the SF State campus largely remains the most lenient. **VP External Affairs** stressed the importance of keeping the faculty members in check through surveys, since there are few other ways to keep accountability up during a remote modality.

VII. Action Items

a. Organization Sign-On: Support Transit Recovery in San Francisco

The Executive Committee will take action regarding SF Transit Riders Transit Recovery Plan Letter.

**Motion to sign on to SF Transit Rider Letter by VP Facilities and Services.
Seconded by VP of External Affairs.**

VP Facilities and Services recapped the recovery plan and reiterated the importance of this plan to provide safe and reliable transit for students. **VP External Affairs** also brought up that Lobby Corps would be using this Letter as a plan of action.

**Motion to approve the Organization Sign on for Transit Recovery in San Francisco.
Motion approved by consensus.**

VII. Announcements

VP External Affairs updated the committee about the Ballot Bowl and that SF State is in fourth place out of the CSU's. **VP External Affairs** planned to send an email later this week with more updates.

VP Facilities and Services stated that the Sustainability Assembly would be starting up again. **VP Facilities and Services** also stated that the Facilities and Services committee would be discussing next steps for renovating the Cesar Chavez student center.

Executive Director has seen the preliminary draft for the Audit Committee and urged **Chief of Staff** to call the Audit Committee to meeting.

President offered a personal update stating that his mental health is not the best and that he is seeking professional help. **President** wanted to offer full transparency to the Executive team and will keep them updated. **President** stated that this is a team and that everyone is in it together.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:29 pm

Approved by: Tyler Lewis



Respectfully submitted by: Caitlyn Madara

