

CABINET MINUTES
Meeting #7

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yasmin Elasmr called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Gaby Hernandez, Commissioner, AB540 & Undocumented Students
Yasmin Elasmr, ASI Chief Diversity Officer
Kyari Cail, Commissioner, Cultural Affairs
Stevie Merino, Commissioner, Women & Gender Equity Affairs
Joseph Nino, President
Lamiya Hoque, Commissioner, Environmental Justice

Voting Members Absent

Bomi Lim, Commissioner, International Student Affairs
VACANT, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs
Christiana Koch, Commissioner, Disability Affairs
Sean Aquino, Commissioner, LGBTIQ+ Affairs
Chloe Kim, Commissioner, Wellness Affairs

Non-Voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director Govt. Affairs & Initiative

Non-Voting Members Absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Merino (S) Cail to approve Cabinet Agenda, Meeting #7, February 5, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Elasmr has been planning the Night Walk that is going to be held on February 22nd at 5:00pm. They are going to walk the campus and make sure that it is safe for everybody and then report their findings to both PPFM and our own facilities services.

Has also been working on the Ally training with Beach Hillel and Muslim Student Association (MSA). Friday, Feb 9th at 12pm, they are going to be meeting in the ASI Student Government Office. If any board member is interested in learning about Ally Training or getting more information, they are welcome to join them at this meeting.

Working on the possibility of bringing a Students of Color Conference to CSULB, as well as bringing it to the CSU level.

Developing the training for the Social Justice and Equity Committee. If there are any professors or people on campus that members feel would be helpful in developing this training, please let Elasmr know.

Know Your Rights Campaign - In the process of putting together responses from last semester's meeting and will forward it to Judiciary so they can look it over before it is posted on the website.

Has been working on binders for the incoming board so that it will hopefully make their transition into these roles easier. Elasmr asked for members to think about the materials and information that they wish they had when they first started and to share this information with them.

Still considering teach-ins and was not sure if the board was still interested in doing this. President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) is doing a centralized, teach-in event or series, so maybe they could consider working on it with them.

Merino believes that if they worked with PCSW, it would be very different and would not be aligned with Cabinet's vision and thinks it would be faculty and staff thought process oriented.

Cail believes they should transfer this over to SJEC and then assist them with it.

San Miguel pointed out that SJEC is kind of in flux at the moment, and they have a few positions that are still open. The committee is very limited as it is, so maybe they could include this as a recommendation for next year's Cabinet to work on.

Elasmar stated that they could possibly have other senators pitch in and help with this project as well, and this would help lighten the workload.

Elasmar informed the board that they do not sit on Beach Pride Events anymore because the meetings conflict with their class schedule and encouraged anyone on the board that is interested in sitting in on these meetings to let them know. The meetings are held every Monday at 3:30pm.

Contacted by someone from the Athletics Dept. and they will be filming an It's On Us video this Friday and asked for representatives from the President's Cabinet. Will pass along the information to members of the board.

Elasmar if you know someone who wants to advocate for veterans, they are still in need of a Commissioner for Veteran Affairs.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nino informed the board that they elected a new Commissioner for International Students, Bomi Lim.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes Meeting #6, January 29, 2018

(M) Merino (S) Hoque to approve Cabinet Minutes Meeting #6, January 29, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Conscious Collection Art Gallery

Elasmar is still in the process of getting the materials approved to open applications for submissions for this event. Asked the board what some of the things they would like to see at this event that were not there at the last event, or what they saw that they did not like.

Hernandez believes that they should performers or spoken word relating to the communities for the event.

Elasmar will find out if the Slam Team is still active and if they are interested in attending this event.

Cail asked if the selection process would be based on recommendations from the board or if there would be a screening process. Elasmar stated that it is up to the board how they want to approach the hiring process.

Cail asked how soon they would need to start reaching out to performers or artists. Elasmar stated that if they wanted to pay performers, they'd to know at least a month in advance so they can work on those contracts and have payment ready on the day of.

Elasmar added that last time there was an open mic, but did not think it was successful because not enough people participated. Did they want to have this again at this event?

Hoque does not think this would be necessary, especially if they are already having speakers or performers.

Hernandez believes that if they had open mic after the guest speaker, it might motivate others to go up and speak.

Merino believes that they would have to put some limitations on an open mic, as these can easily go south. Thinks it is best to just avoid this entirely.

Elasmar suggested only having one keynote/opening speaker, and asked if they had any recommendations on guest speakers that would be able to speak to all of the communities.

Hoque expressed concern about having a political figure; suggested having someone from campus that speaks to all communities and understands what they go through.

San Miguel stated that in order to avoid having a political speaker, they could just have a guest speaker that can help focus on the art pieces and the importance of art as a form of expression for these communities, such as someone from the Long Beach Arts Council or the Director of the Art Museum on campus.

Cail thinks the event should be focused on the art, so a keynote speaker would kind of divert attention from the main purpose of this event.

Elasmar asked if they were still interested in having someone do art on the spot.

Hernandez will check with the artist that they have spoken to and will find out if it would be something that is within their budget.

Elasmar added that they also have the option of using funds from their community fund to help fund this event and this worked out well in the past.

Cail stated that they would not mind chipping in if the price point were reasonable.

Hoque said that they really liked the set up of the event last semester and the lighting for each of the art pieces.

Elasmar asked what everyone thought about the seating arrangements and availability from last semester and if there were any suggestions for improvement/change.

Merino thinks it is important for accessibility to have seating areas, so it should be kept the same as last semester.

Elasmar explained that they had a playlist at the last event, and they can use the same one for this event. Also asked if there were any thoughts on food? Last semester they had finger foods, vegetable and cheese plates, shrimp cocktails, mousse cups, and cupcakes.

Hoque thinks they should have the same cupcakes that they had last time.

Elasmar asked if they wanted to do themed cupcakes like last semester or if they should just invest in a couple of really good flavors or some fancier desserts. Cail believes they should keep the menu pretty similar; it sounds like it was a success.

Elasmar asked if anyone is available to meet weekly for further planning or if they would rather keep discussions in these meetings.

Consensus was to keep discussions at this meeting.

Cail asked when should they start submitting artists for consideration for this event.

Elasmar can open applications this week, but they cannot advertise for it until ASI Comm approves it and gets the appropriate materials.

Hernandez asked if they are keeping the same name for this event.

Elasmar explained that the pro would be that people recognize the name of this event, but they are not opposed to changing it. If there are any suggestions, please share them with Elasmar and they will bring them before the board for consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Fall 2017 Review

Elasmar asked for input on what can be improved from last semester or what kept board members from being more successful.

Merino expressed that there needs to be improvements in communication and follow-ups.

Nino explained that the purpose of this is to find out what else they could have done for each of the communities they are meant to represent. What roadblocks are they hitting and how they can improve their efforts to provide these students with what they need.

Cail felt that whenever certain events or issues came up, they were not considered as the representative for these issues. So other boards need to know that they are here and they are the advocates for these specific groups and issues.

Elasmar added that they did remind senators to go through the proper channels, but if they still feel that this is an issue they can definitely address it again.

Nino believes that they are going to experience those things when they go through so much reorganization, but they could do a better job with training and educating everyone about all of the branches and their roles and responsibilities.

Elasmar agrees and believes that smaller boards are sometimes neglected and forgotten about when issues arise.

Nino stated that maybe they could make a recommendation for next year's Senate to read over the specific duties and responsibilities of each commissioner so that members of Senate are aware of everyone's roles.

Elasmar added that a lot of the positions that were filled were not filled until August, which is after the summer retreat, so there was a missed opportunity for that education.

Hernandez stated that they faced pushback when it came to financing events or projects and were constantly asked why ASI was not funding them.

Cail agreed and said they faced the same kinds of questions and issues.

Nino concurred and understands that it is frustrating because maybe people are not aware that our budget is online and they do not understand that funds are allocated for specific areas. They also don't understand that the money is put back into students and for student services.

Elasmar stated that Senate is going to review the budget as the spring semester moves forward, so if there are any recommendations on how they can improve or change how the budget is spent, they can bring those recommendations to President Nino.

Nino added that if there is something they want to have as a recurring event, they could also include this in the budget.

San Miguel explained that a struggle they have found in Student Government is whether or not programming should be included in student government, ultimately with the reorganization they pulled out the programming board from government. Beach Pride Events is ASI's programming entity, which student government can and should collaborate with.

Elasmar if you have any event ideas that you would like to take to Beach Pride Events to let them know so they can start working on that.

Merino stated that they are currently facing an issue with someone from Beach Pride Events and how they are overstepping their role and having events that are irrelevant and not representative of the community they are meant for.

Elasmar understands and pointed out that they are the transition year that is moving into working with them and trying to find the most effective way to work together. Also pointed out that as the representatives for their respective communities, it is their responsibility to call them out and speak on behalf of their community and say whether or not they believe this event will be successful or representative of that.

Merino asked if they have any people on their programming boards that are meant to specifically be representative of these communities. Elasmar stated that it was not their job and they don't feel that Beach Pride should represent certain communities.

San Miguel added that Beach Pride Events puts on a programs boot camp right before the semester starts for their new staff. They go over programming 101 and contracts and things like that, and they have been trying to get Cabinet in to this event so that they can build those relationships early on.

Hoque thinks that this would be really beneficial and this could help avoid some of the miscommunications or a general lack of information. Also believes that they need to be included in the planning of more events and not simply asked to promote the events on their behalf.

Cail believes that Senate should report to Cabinet so that they are aware of the happenings on their board and can help with any events they might be planning as early as possible. Hernandez and Elasmar agreed.

Nino thinks that they could create liaisons between the boards or they could have the Vice President be the liaison between the boards. They could definitely look into this and come up with a solution to this problem.

Nino would like the boards to identify main issues that they feel are within the relationship between the university and their communities in order to best serve their students.

8. REPORTS

A. AB540 & Undocumented Students – Gaby Hernandez

Work completed since last report:

- DACA/Undocumented Support Group
 - Coordinated with ASI Communication regarding flyers
 - Distributed flyers to DSC Advisory Board
 - Met with the DSC regarding support groups
 - Created agenda for support groups
 - Met with FUEL and CAPS to coordinate support groups
 - Reserved rooms
 - Coordinated with DSC to provide refreshments

- Promoted the event at WOW
- ASI Undocumented Student Scholarship
 - Promoted scholarship
 - Met with FUEL to discuss scholarship
 - Met with DSC to discuss scholarship
- UndocuAlly Training Video
 - Coordinated with DSC Advisory board to implement ally training
 - Working on a program evaluation for the UndocuAlly training
- DSC Life before DACA Panel
 - Working with DSC to put this together
 - Provided names of potential panelists
 - Helped formulate question and flyer
- UndocuSTEM Conference (4/21) and UndocuArt Day (3/14)
 - Helping FUEL plan these events
 - Helping design flyer and budget
- Immigration Informational Session
 - Collaborating with FUEL to put this together
 - Potential date 3/13
 - Will incorporate a Know Your Rights workshop
- Undocumented Tales Screening (2/28)
 - Prepared agenda
 - Prepared budget
 - Worked with Sean to present at the Cultural Resource Board
 - Met with OMA and DSC to obtain funds for event
 - Contacted the artists
 - Reserved rooms and set up
 - Worked with ASI Comm to design flyer and FB event page
 - Working with different partners to promote event
 - Promoted event at WOW
- ASI Art Show
 - Provided ideas for flyers

Goals for the coming weeks:

- Conduct first support group on 2/7
- Be present for panel on 2/21
- Keep working on Undocumented Tales Screening
- Work on Conscious Collection art show
- Work with Government Relations Officer Jara regarding DACA phone banking

B. Disability Affairs – Christiana Koch

Past work:

- SDAL board meeting
- Met with Ruderman Inclusion Ambassadors (Beach Hillel)
- Tabled at Week of Welcome
- Reserved spaces for my events
- Emailed Alex from CAPS to discuss a disability and mental health group
- Updated Trello
- Helped select the new associate DSS director (Dec.)

Future work:

- Meet with Dave to discuss DSS's 5 year celebration
- Meet with Ilene to discuss autism and campus climate
- Finalize SDAL bylaws

- Confirm itinerary for Disability Day of Mourning (remember victims of filicide)
- Confirm ASL interpreters for ASI events, the first of which is Undocumented Tales (Commissioner Hernandez)
- Set up a meeting with Chief Diversity Officer Elasmr and Lindsay
- Live Your Life Day planning committee (starting February 15th)
- Prepare for the Art Show in April (more info to come from the Chief Diversity Officer)

C. International Student Affairs

- No report.

D. Women & Gender Equity Affairs – Stevie Merino

Work completed since last report:

- Lactation products now for purchase in university library
- Highly Value Degree Initiative, utilizing ASI voices

Contacted/met with:

- Family Friendly Campus Webinar
- Senator Melissa Mejia, Justin Contreras, Ryan Phong for “Women’s Conference/Women in the Workplace”
- Student Parent meeting with Pam Rayburn, Macey Lehman, Jeff Klaus
- Student Parenting Meeting with Senator Stephanie Argent
- “Multicultural/Intersectionality Fair” with Commissioner Cail
- Commissioner Aquino for collaborative Queer Self Love Valentine’s Event
- Javier Gonzalez, Program Assistant, “Women’s Month”
- Sexual Harassment Workshop, Cerritos College (Assembly member Cristina Garcia) March 17th

Upcoming:

- Self Care for the Queer Soul, February 14th 5:30-7:30
- Lactation Room visits
- Student parent planning meeting February 9th
- LGBTQI+ Coalition Meeting February 9th
- Latina Connection Conference February 16th
- Student Parent Visibility “Bring your Child to School Day” meeting February/March

Goals for the next two weeks:

- Plan International Women’s Day event
- Collaborate with WGEC on their upcoming events

Student Concerns:

- Inclusive/diverse campus

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Nino informed the board that there is an event titled Archery for All-Abilities Project that will be held on Monday, February 12th. Will forward this information if anyone is interested.

Elasmr stated that there is Safezone Ally Training this Friday, Feb. 9th form 8:45am to 12 pm. The deadline to RSVP is Wednesday. Regarding tuition increase efforts, Government Relations Officer Jara has requested that they contact their student organizations and inform them of this issue.

12. ADJOURNMENT

WITHOUT OBJECTION Chair Elasmr adjourned the meeting at 11:09am.