

**CABINET MINUTES**

**Meeting #10**

March 5, 2018

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Yasmin Elasmr called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Yasmin Elasmr, ASI Chief Diversity Officer

Joseph Nino, President

Sean Aquino, Commissioner, LGBTIQ+ Affairs

Stevie Merino, Commissioner, Women & Gender Equity Affairs

Lamiya Hoque, Commissioner, Environmental Justice (Dp @ 11:00am)

Gaby Hernandez, Commissioner, AB540 & Undocumented Students (Dp @ 10:48am)

Voting Members Absent

Chloe Kim, Commissioner, Wellness Affairs

Christiana Koch, Commissioner, Disability Affairs

Bomi Lim, Commissioner, International Student Affairs

VACANT, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs

Kyari Cail, Commissioner, Cultural Affairs

Non-Voting Members Present

Non-Voting Members Absent

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(M) Aquino (S) Hoque to approve Cabinet Agenda, Meeting #10, March 5, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

Elasmr reported that they will be sending a form out for board members to fill out for every event that they have planned so that they can include this in the binders for next year's board and to help make the transition easier.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Election season has started and voting will take place next week, 3/12-3/14.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes Meeting #8, February 12, 2018

**(M) Nino (S) Aquino to approve Cabinet Minutes #8, February 12, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

B. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes Meeting #9, February 26, 2018

**(M) Nino (S) Aquino to approve Cabinet Minutes Meeting #9, February 26, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Discussion Item: Conscious Collection Art Gallery

Elasmr has to submit the work order for the official date of the event. Asked for feedback on the call for artists flyer and asked if they would like to keep that format or if they would like to change it.

Hernandez said that they did not really like the flyer as it reminds them of a children's art show. Submitted a template for consideration.

Elasmar added that since they are not going to use that same template, it might take ASI Comm a while to get the marketing materials done and out in time for the event. Also suggested using the flier from last year's event.

The board agreed to use the flier from last year's event with some changes to font size.

Split the tasks up into 5 different categories:

1. Find guest speakers/performers

Hernandez is interested in contracting a singer that was present at UndocuTales, but the only caveat is that they charge to perform.

Elasmar explained that they are not opposed to having someone perform that charges, but they do ask that they bring a couple of options to the board for consideration so they can all decide together.

2. Food (list of/labels)
3. Putting up art (labels for artists, installations)
4. Publicity (contracting ASI Comm and reminding people to spread the word) – Hoque
5. Day of and other (MC for evening, head of set up/decorating on day of and set agenda for evening) – Merino

#### B. Discussion Item: Fall 2017 Review – Campus Wide Issues

Hernandez –

1. Getting help from other departments/areas has been challenging
2. Having people in administration understand the restrictions that they are under
3. Financial difficulties

Hoque –

1. Came across many students who didn't know who to contact student government
  - a. Need to be more transparent
  - b. People get confused with the different branches
2. Need environmental advocacy from student government
3. For the next term, have the EJC collaborate with different organizations on campus
  - a. Set up meetings early prior to the semester to introduce EJC to the environmental groups

Nino suggested that the President should introduce the commissioners to their respective contacts and organizations.

Elasmar added that they should update their contact list and emphasize that these organizations/people should contact their commissioner with any issue and make them aware that they are a resource for them. Suggested that they put in each commissioners contact information on the Cabinet website so they can be contacted directly.

Merino –

1. The amount of hours that they are required to put in is a lot more than expected, and there is a lot of work that students are not aware of when they take on these roles. Believes that is important to let students know when they are applying/interviewing how much of a time commitment it is.

Elasmar agrees and thinks that it is hard to keep track of everyone's hours because they are not compensated at an hourly rate, but definitely feels that they should change the hours of commitment in the job descriptions.

Also suggested putting in a personal letter for each of next year's commissioner positions so that they can let the incoming board know what kinds of things to expect.

Aquino –

1. Student visibility – They feel that this is especially important for their community so that they know that they have someone who is advocating on their behalf. Believes that they should come up with a way to publicize the different commissioner positions through some sort of campaign or event.

Nino agrees and added that Cabinet is definitely one of the most neglected boards and feels that the current board is the most effective Cabinet that ASI has had. There are such limited budgets for each commissioner, but definitely thinks they should have some sort of event to let students know that they are there for them if they need anything.

C. Discussion Item: Long Beach March for Our Lives, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Nino informed the board that Long Beach Wilson High School reached out to them to collaborate on the March for Our Lives event. They wanted to start at the high school and then end the event somewhere on the CSULB campus. However, they have not heard back from them, so they are not sure what their role will be in this event.

Added that there is a 15-minute walkout scheduled on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

## 10. REPORTS

A. Cultural Affairs – Kyari Cail

Work completed since last report:

- Assisted in planning of Black History Month in collaboration with OMA
- Co-facilitating the Black Graduation Celebration Planning Committee
- Finalize logistics for panel forum – Real Talk: Are We One Beach?
  - Date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Time: 12:00-1:30pm
  - Location: Beach Auditorium
  - Flier coming soon!
- Reconnecting with cultural organizations
- Attended President's Commission for Inclusive Excellence meeting on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>
- 1:1s with Chief Diversity Officer Elasmarr

Goals for the next two weeks:

- Continue community building with cultural organizations
- Finalize panelists and start promo for "Real Talk" panel/forum on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Support Black/African cultural organizations with the planning of Black Grad
- Assist in planning of Conscious Collections event with fellow Cabinet members in April by recruiting artists
- Schedule meetings with more cultural orgs

Student Concerns:

- Trusting ASI

B. Environmental Justice – Lamiya Hoque

Present projects:

- Video production for CSULB's Environmental Communities
  - Created a basecamp

- Figuring out the details
- Will begin filming soon
- Planning for Conscious Collections
  - Finding art for my community
- Setting up a scholarship for the environmental community
- Planning for Earth Week

Events attended:

- 2018 Resilience Charrette
  - Friday, March 2, 9-5pm
  - Brought together key campus, city, and community stakeholders for a day of collaborative, engaging planning activities aimed at identifying and prioritizing steps to reduce risk and enhance climate resilience across Long Beach

Goals for the coming week:

- Begin video production with ASI Comm
- Meet with PR for PR Committee
- Meet with Earth Week Committee
- Continue to assist with Conscious Collections
- Find art for my community for Conscious Collections
- Have the scholarship ready and sent to Beach Pride for Earth Week

C. LGBTIQ+ Affairs – Sean Aquino

Work completed since last report:

- Hosted the self-care event with Commissioner Stevie Merino – 2/14
  - Great, intimate turnout
  - Overall successful event
- Met with Rachel Fader – 2/21
  - Reflected on the first coalition meeting
  - Assigned secretary position to her
- Lavender Graduation planning is underway
  - Possibility of me emceeding the program

Goals for next two weeks:

- Meeting with Juan Gonzalez (Hillside)
  - Tackle some issues he has identified in housing/residential climate, if any
  - Brainstorm program ideas for the possibility of a collaboration
- Continue to review scholarships
- Maintain communication with Javier Gonzalez for Queer Prom
  - Contact me if you would like to be on the planning committee
- Move forward with:
  - The LGBTIQ+ Coalition (meetings, progress so far, etc.)
  - Lavender Graduation

Student Concerns:

- Resource center visibility and accessibility
- Lack of community presence at CSULB
  - Contact outside resource centers (e.g. The Center at Long Beach, We Exist – Tarzana Treatment Centers, etc.)
- Balancing community participation and personal safety
  - Riskiness of being outed by participating in public events

D. Wellness Affairs – Chloe Kim

- Absent; nothing to report

E. ASI Chief Gov't Relations Officer, Genesis Jara – Tuition Increase Presentation (TC 10:15AM)

Carancho presented on Lobby Corps' efforts regarding the Tuition Increase and the upcoming Town Hall Event:

Last Year's Tuition Increase

- CSU System receives funding from 2 places
  - State funding
  - Student fees and tuition
- Last year there was a 5% increase for full time undergraduates (\$270)
- Tuition increase last year was the first in six years. The vote was 13-9
- The increases generated \$77.5 million in "crucial" net revenue
- It was said to have passed to fund the Graduation Initiative of 2025
- No report has been sent out regarding how the money was exactly allocated

Why another tuition increase?

- "It's important to keep costs as low as possible for our students, while also understanding the reality that a quality education does take resources." White said in his state of the university speech during a Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. But "the simple truth is that someone always pays – it's who pays that has changed over time." –Chancellor White
  - So, the STUDENTS are now paying for it
- There is a \$171 million dollar gap between what's needed to operate the entire CSU system and what the governor actually proposed to the system
- This is why the BOT introduced another tuition increase as an information item at their January meeting
- The proposed tuition increase are:
  - \$228 increase for undergraduates
  - \$264 increase for credentials
  - \$432 increase for graduate students
- Because of the gap, they will make potential cuts to:
  - Graduation initiative
  - Student Enrollment Growth
  - Infrastructure

Actual Numbers

- Board of Trustees requested \$282 million
- Governor proposed \$92 million
- There is a budget gap of \$171 million

CSU BOT plan to cut programs due to the budget gap:

\$171 million gap  
- \$75 million from graduation initiative  
\$96 million gap  
- \$20 million from student enrollment growth  
\$76 million gap  
- \$15 million from infrastructure  
= \$61 million gap will still be left

Covers the following:

- Compensation
- Graduation Initiative 2025
- Enrollment rates
- Infrastructure and facilities

\*Expecting \$102 million augmentation

## The state continues to underinvest in higher education

### The Arguments

- “60% of Cal State students whose tuition is fully covered by grants and waivers will not be affected.”
  - What about non-tuition costs that come with pursuing a college degree?
  - What about the other 40%?
- “The state continues to underinvest in students and we have nowhere else to get the money from.”
  - So this financial burden should be put on the backs of students?
- \$122 million worth of raises were given out this year to administration across the system, why?
  - Chancellor White stated that he is unapologetic about doing so and believes he needs to pay them fairly to keep the CSU competitive
  - CSU presidents make an average of \$300,000/year
- Chancellor White at the January CSSA Plenary Meeting stated that he would not take a pay cut
- He also stated that tuition increases do not affect student drop out rates

### Possible Solutions

- Keep lobbying the state legislators to ask for more funding for the CSU system
- Use money from Governor Brown’s rainy day fund that currently has 9 billion dollars in it
- Immediately – Oppose this tuition increase

### How to get involved

- Call your state legislators
- Write letters to your state legislators
- Share your unique student story in the 22 West column
- Join us at our #FundtheCSU: Stop the Tuition Increase Event on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Speaker’s Platform

Elasmar explained that Cabinet’s role in the tuition efforts would be to reach out to student organizations and schedule a time for a Lobby Corps representative to speak at their meetings. The goal is to inform students of the potential tuition increase, let them know how to get involved, and let them know about the town hall event.

Merino expressed concern with having Lobby Corps members present to cultural organizations seems redundant and patronizing because these organizations have been against the tuition increase from the beginning and have been working on their own efforts to fight it.

Elasmar agreed and thinks they can change this presentation to tailor it to cultural organizations and make it more of a collaborative effort, rather than an informational one.

Hernandez added that they should also include that they are looking for students to share their personal stories for the 22 West piece.

Nino added that the presentation makes it seem that the presentation makes it seem that the Chancellor and President Conoley are in favor of the tuition increase because it is a determinant of their raises/salary, but they feel that that narrative isn’t really inclusive of everything that is really going on within the state and the CSU system.

## **11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Elasmar named and congratulated Stevie Merino as Commissioner of the Month for February and Sean Aquino as Commissioner of the Month for March.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**APPROVED BY:**

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Yasmin Elasmr, Cabinet Chair

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