

CABINET MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #16
January 25, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Citlalli Ortiz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Mya Jones, Cultural Affairs
David Weinberg, Disability Affairs
Caleb Aparicio, LGBTQ+ Affairs
Pilar Cáceres, Pregnant and Parenting Students
Sarath Cornelio, Women and Gender Equity Affairs
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI Chief Diversity Officer
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI President

Voting Members Absent

Toni Flores, AB540 and Undocumented Students

Non-Voting Members Present

Chrissy Myers, ASI Government Affairs Graduate Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jasper, CSULB student: voiced concerned regarding limited/non-existent Queer/Transgender campus resources; LGBT Center is understaffed and underfunded; voiced concern that having Elbee as a trans-friendly mascot without having existing trans-resources is dangerous.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Weinberg (MOVED) Aparicio (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Agenda #16, January 25, 2021, as amended

- Ortiz: Item #10-A: Strike - Commissioner of the Month

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-1
Approve-Oppose-Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, December 7, 2020

Cornelio (MOVED) Jones (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, December 7, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-1
Approve-Oppose-Abstain

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Requested board members have their cameras on during meeting
- Board objective and focus is on social justice and holding university accountable to meeting students' needs
- Board member meeting engagement/updates is expected
- Social Justice Entrepreneurship feedback requested
- Want to review Keeping Up with the Commissioners' objective; may need to change programming to reflect event objective to be more useful to students
- Will review Policy Agenda updates on Campus Climate issues regarding Equity and Inclusion on Racial

Justice; many of the fall deadlines were not met

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ASI PRESIDENT

- Nevin is currently finalizing a corporate update on Equity and Inclusion on Racial Justice; will share within week
- Cabinet is the space to air grievances; come prepared with potential solutions
- This is an Academic setting; keep all engagement/interactions respectful
- Week of Welcome this week, is a major opportunity to connect with respective communities/clubs/organizations
- Interviewing for (1) Associate Justice position
- Announcements for CHES forthcoming
- Cultural Welcomes scheduled for first week of February
- ASI Elections coming up; spread word to apply to run
- CHES is coming up; opportunity for advocacy at Legislative level
- Executives and Chief Government Relations Officer Maya are developing an Interclub Council
- Board chairs will be sending out ASI spring semester contracts to their respective boards
- CSSA recap to be sent out this week
- Spring Grant application deadline March 19th
- Executives are working on the annual ASI Executive Director Evaluation
- USU office reorganization in progress
- Auxiliary Shared Services Project in progress

8. ADVOCACY/POLICY REPORTS

A. Information Item: AB540 and Undocumented Students

Events/Programming

- Meeting with Associate Justice Keegan to discuss the Know Your Rights' Campaign
- Setting up a meeting with FUEL to update plans for the semester

Advocacy/POLICY

- Meeting with Dream Success Center today to discuss advocacy goals and see where I could partner with DSC.

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- Fun fact: I am taking American Sign Language this semester and I am super excited about it.

B. Cultural Affairs

Events/Programming

- Students of color conference planning
- MLK Celebration day
- Respect diversity week planning
- Women's Collective Retreat planning

Advocacy/Policy

- Schedule a meeting with Shayan Hashemi to discuss organizing the know your rights session on policing

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- “We must be concerned not merely about who murdered them but, but about the system, the way of life, the philosophy which produced the murders” – MLK

C. Information Item: Disability Affairs

Events / Programming

- Respect Diversity Week Planning
 - In conjunction with BMAC and CAPS
- Spring Event - Student Assistive Device Giveaway Event
 - Setting Date and Agenda

Advocacy/Policy

- No progress
- Setting dates for Spring Meetings

Other Business/Concerns

- None

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- 158 Days since President Conoley's Equity and Action Report was released.
- What is the most noteworthy action to you so far?

D. Information Item: LGBTIQ+ Affairs

Events/Programming

- LGBTQIA+ Cultural Welcome: Feb. 10th from 4pm – 6pm
- Keeping up With Your Commissioner
- Queer Diversity Week: Feb. 22nd (Tentative)
- Will likely be pushing this back due to bumps hit in planning

Advocacy/Policy

- Resolution focus shifted to the recruitment process of LGBTQIA+/Gender diverse faculty and staff
- Working with Senator Felix- Cervantes

Other Business/ Concerns

- Continued feeling of disconnect between students & faculty/staff/admin
- LGBTQIA+ students would like to know more about what the process was behind giving Elbee a non-binary identity. Students who also identify as autistic have also expressed discomfort Elbee being identified as non-verbal with little to no information given to the general population

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- I asked my fiancée to do my eye make-up a couple of times over break! Now I need to learn how to do it myself.

E. Information Item: Pregnant and Parenting Students

Events/Programming

- Women's collective Retreat "I see you". (Organizing outline)
- Latinx/Chicanx cultural welcome (creating outline)

Advocacy/Policy

- "Pregnant Parking Space" (hold until spring semester)
- WGEC Got a Grant, Start doing a proposal for an extension of a Friendly Family Space
- Start working with new interns in WGEC on workshops for spring (meeting on Friday)

Other Business/Concerns

- Following updates in the website

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- "Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE. The Word Itself Says I Am Possible." - Audrey Hepburn

F. Women and Gender Equity Affairs

Events/Programming

- Women and Gender Equity Center “ I See You” event;
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness event with Not Alone at the Beach and Heart at the Beach; Friday February 26th
- Latinas Connection Conference, working on leading a workshop; Friday March 19th
- Keeping Up with the Commissioner event; Wednesday March 10th

Advocacy/Policy

- Title 9 training for cabinet from Not Alone at the Beach

Other Business/Concerns

- None

Quote or Fun Fact

- I really enjoy Broadway musicals, my top 3 favorites are Wicked, Chicago, and Le Miserables

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Campus Climate Issues

LGBTIQ+ Affairs

- Student Health Center
 - Issues: lack of hormone therapy; under-staffed
 - Action: connect with campus resource centers; require SafeZone trainings for staff; increase LGBT Center student assistant hours
- Elbee mascot
 - Issue: lack of identity education
 - Action: provide respective community links to university webpage
- Week of Welcome
 - Issue: difficult to find information
 - Action: ASI Communications is working on centralizing information and making it secure from Zoom bombing

Ortiz: next meeting’s discussion focus will be on issues affecting constituents, and the changes that need to be made. Each board member is expected to identify at least one issue their community is facing, plus a possible solution.

B. Discussion Item: Spring Event, Programming and Advocacy Planning

2nd Annual Students of Color Conference - Still We Rise; Reclaiming Our Power

Schedule

- 9am-9:15am - Welcome & Introductions
 - 5 min- for people to come in
 - 5 min- to settle in and change name
 - 5 min- to introduce conference/purpose
- 9:15-10am - Keynote speaker / Opening
 - Angela Davis
 - Topic
- 10am-11am - Workshop #1 Dr. Jessica Clemons
 - Maintaining mental health in communities of color
- 11am- 11:15am - Break
- 11:15am- 12:15pm - Workshop #2 Dr. Pendakur or Dr. Anthea Butler

- Tools to succeed while navigating higher education as an underrepresented student and being able to advocate for yourself in predominantly White spaces.
- 12:15pm-12:30pm - Debrief
- 12:30pm-1pm - Keynote speaker #2 / Closing
 - Linda Sarsour
 - Topic

Feedback

- Add an activity in between a workshop or an activity within a workshop.
i.e. breathing activity within the mental health workshop
- Theme/Tagline: Still We Rise; Reclaiming Our Power
- Goals
 - By participating in the CSULB Students of Color Conference, participants will:
 - ✓ Earn a certificate of completion which demonstrates their participation in workshops that provide tools to succeed and practical skills of effective leadership.
 - ✓ Learn from leaders of color who have been active voices in the fight for change especially after the year we've experienced. Participants will learn how to convert outrage into power through a mental health workshop.
 - ✓ Be empowered to become agents of change in their communities by obtaining tools to navigate higher education as underrepresented students through a workshop led by professionals who have navigated the same or similar spaces.
 - ✓ Be able to engage in an opportunity to feel motivated, energized, and empowered to achieve their highest potential by listening to and engaging with speakers who are outstanding leaders.
- Keynote speaker Ideas
 - Angela Davis
 - Linda Sarsour
 - Dr. Melina Abdullah
- Workshop Speakers
 - Jessica Clemons MD, (Mental Health workshop)
 - Dr. Anthea Butler (Navigating Higher Education)
 - Dr. Sumun L. Pendakur (Tools to Succeed)
- Workshop
 - Maintaining Mental health in Communities of Color
 - ✓ Led by Dr. Jessica Clemons
 - 2. Tools to Succeed While Navigating Higher Education as an Underrepresented Student.
 - ✓ Led by Dr. Pendakur or Dr. Butler
- Incentives
 - Certificate of completion. (Who can certify this?) CSULB Leadership Academy
 - Do 4 raffles in total throughout the conference, one almost every hour to keep the audience engaged and present throughout the whole thing.
- Other ideas for workshops:
 - Tools to Succeed While You're Becoming an Agent of Change. How to Balance Being a Student Activist.
 - Civil Engagement for Students of Color

Keeping Up with the Commissioners

- Purpose: listen to students directly and gather feedback and needs
- Dates: March 10th and 16th

- Topic: Know Your Rights
 - Undocumented Students (Flores)
 - Interactions with Police (Jones)
 - LGBTIQ+ (Aparicio)
 - Unemployment (2-Associate Justices)
- Updates
 - ASI Communications is working on marketing
 - Need to identify multi-platform advertising, for accessibility and to maximize outreach

Social Justice Entrepreneurship (SJE) Program

- Program has requested ASI financial support
- Purpose: develops and nurtures a cooperative, democratic, and regenerative entrepreneurial mindset. It is open to students and community members as they innovate products, services, and/or technologies that satisfy the triple bottom line of people/planet/profit. The program consists of four sessions each for one hour on Zoom held every other week in March and April.
- Sessions
 - Defining SJE
 - Disrupting SJE
 - Engaging SJE
 - Creating SJE

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Commissioner of the Month

*This item was stricken.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Ortiz: will email meeting recap in order to come prepared to next week's meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Citlalli Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.