

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:01 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Krisstina Caro, Anjelica De Leon, Kabir Dhillon, Zaira Perez, Tyler Luevano, Jasmine Domino, Ashmita Ahluwalia, Andrew Pajes, Arazeli Barragan, Justin Withers, Tayla Beasley, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac, Mark Almeida, Steve Spencer, Marguerite Hinriches, Sarah Neilson, Andrew Yunker

**Late:** Mirna Maamou

**Absent:** Neilah Peru

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** to approve the agenda of February 23, 2022, by **A. De Leon**, second by **A. Ahluwalia**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2022**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022, by **A. Barragan**, second by **J. Domino**, motion **CARRIED**.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

**M. Pimentel** formally introduces himself. He is the new Undocumented Student Resource Center Coordinator. He will be supporting undocumented and other students. He graduated from Cal State East Bay with a double bachelor's degree and was a former employee of the Step Program that supported second-year students but since it was a grant-funded position program, it is now closed. The Undocumented Student Resource Center is located at the new University Union, second floor Room 2009. He is excited to come back and to continue serving students.

**3:47**

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:



A. ACTION ITEM- [ASI Committee Appointments](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on appointing applicants for ASI Committees.

**Motion to POSTPONE** the Board of Directors of the Committee Appointments, by **K. Dhillon**, second by **A. De Leon**, motion **CARRIED**.

B. ACTION ITEM- [Resolution in Support of Bill 14](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the Resolution in Support of Bill 14.

**Motion** to move the Board of Directors to take action on the Resolution in Support of Bill 14, by **A. Ahluwalia**, second by **K. Dhillon**, motion **CARRIED**.

**A. Ahluwalia** says Bill 14 is a California Senate Bill. In California, any student or child under the age of 18 is mandatory to be at school, and in case of an excused absence, it has to be a family emergency or being ill. With Bill 14 mental health will count as an excused absence. Mental health impacts academia greatly. I am urging universities to implement this because it is only for middle and high schools.



**Motion** to approve the Board of Directors to take action on the Resolution in Support of Bill 224, by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

**11:07**

D. ACTION ITEM- [ASI March Madness Care Package](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the ASI March Madness Care Package.

**Motion** to move the Board of Directors to take action on funding the \$600 from





is to create its curriculum that would provide the same thing. We are calling in this resolution is to have more frequent Curriculum Audits for Computer Science Program for bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and any technology-related degree programs. The reason is that technology is constantly changing quickly and as a result, our Computer Science Curriculum needs to be updated as those changes in the industry are made. The other thing that is advocating for is, in general, this builds stronger relationships with Alumni. Specifically stating, the Computer Science D



**J. Domino** says the Juneteenth State Holiday Act establishes June 19<sup>th</sup> as a paid state holiday to commemorate slavery in the United States. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, which is commonly referred to as Juneteenth is the word of freedom reached that enslaved people in Gladstone Bay Texas, the last confederate state with slavery in place. After 2 long years, Major General Gordon of the Union Army delivered news of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. This day will mark the end of enslavement for all for over 3 million Black Americans. Juneteenth was the first major step for freedom and equality for Black Americans. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, President Biden signed the June 19<sup>th</sup> National Independence Day Act into law, establishing June 19<sup>th</sup> as a federal holiday and making it the first federal holiday since the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983. This bill provides the employees at the California State University and University of California scheduled to work on the observation team to receive a payday offer. This bill was set in a vital movement in the nation's history and served as an equally vital lesson that the pursuit of justice must be tempered with full knowledge and prior injustices. We should be in support of this bill because all CSUs are starting to be in support of this bill. I do understand that we did give holidays. As Erik had told me that we have allowed faculty to pick a date if they wanted to be taken off and give them June 19<sup>th</sup> off the actual day, Juneteenth. I believe we should be supportive because East Bay currently has the highest black population, and this will allow our students to feel they are heard and seen.

**E. Pinlac** clarifies this statement for ASI. This last summer ASI has approved June 19<sup>th</sup> as a holiday. On our staff calendar, the June 19<sup>th</sup>, ASI office will be



B. DISCUSSION ITEM- [Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 641: Calfresh for College Students Act](#)

The Board of Directors will discuss the Resolution in Support of Bill 641: Calfresh for College Student Act.

**J. Domino** says this bill was created by Senator Nancy Skinner who will be



**M. Castillo** shares is the link for the ceremonies [2022 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES](#). We have talked about this in the last meeting. The committee has not met again to plan out the logistics. The ceremonies are coordinated by college and by major to make them smaller to give students more time and intimacy with their families and allow more people to attend and to support them. There is an honors ceremony which will be taking place in April and some of us will be there. The first ceremony in May is to acknowledge the graduates from 2020 and 2021 because those were the COVID-19 years. They are going to reach out to the ASA presidents from both of the years to see if they could give us remarks. We go into 2022 ceremonies, and you will see on the website anyone who is graduating needs to RSVP by April to make sure that you are included and eligible to get the tickets, to request the tickets will be figured out later. A few graduation information sessions are going to be held, They will have the Gradfest where you can go and order your cap and gown. As we learn more information, we will bring back that information as we have committee meetings in case there is information that you need to be aware of. Marguerite talks about the 4 cultural graduation ceremonies that are being planned to bring them back to be in-person ceremonies, if possible, but we are working with those groups to see what they would like to do.

**J. Domino** receives an email for my Political Science Graduate Commencement, but I have not received it for my sociology. Whom do I contact regarding that?

**M. Castillo** says you are a double major. I would reach out to Richard Watters since he is overseeing the entire planning for the ceremonies. He may not be able to answer your question directly, but he will be able to direct you about whom to go to.

**K. Dhillon** believes I can speak for most students or at least the seniors in this room when I say that we are in support of having students' speakers and it is up to the college team. I am curious if you could recommend having our college Senators speak to their deans to ensure that is happening. If I remember correctly the speech is 2 minutes which is doable, but I was curious to hear your thoughts.





**M. Castillo** says that is a great idea. I would love to see if they have had any discussions on that level but it's not a question of student speakers but about who selects the student speakers. I believe 20 ceremonies are happening, ASI has six graduating students and so there would be 14 others. I believe they are trying to work with the colleges to figure out where the six graduating students would fit in. Which ceremony would make sense if it were your ceremony then there are going to be 14 others and those colleges may have some process for selecting whomever the student speaker will be.

**S. Nielsen** has not heard different and have not had any specifics about the student speakers.

**M. Castillo** says Kabir's suggestion that the senators are comfortable going to your deans to find out if they have been discussing the process and whether they decided on anything, and you can c



encourage you to send that resolution to the Committee on Academic Planning Review Chair Dr. Liu. We have a process that does require each academic program on campus to go through regular review and part of that review includes curriculum. It does not always work as well as it should, and I would say that as a campus as the people who are involved in this process we are committed to continuous improvement. The information from the resolution on Computer Science and the offerings is important feedback for us on the academic side. I will talk briefly about the stakeholders, and I put students in the middle on purpose because I believe the Academic Program Review process is all about meeting students' needs and interests and supporting them on their journeys here. Once they leave the university, students are clear about what and why we do Academic Program Review and why we are constantly trying to improve what we do curricular and other aspects of departments. On this slide, the faculty, staff, and administrators are all involved in the Academic Program Review process. It is the Chair of the Department and Members of the Department Assessment Committee who prepare and report and then help use the findings from the



There are 8 standing committees of the Academic Senate and the three are involved with the curricular review, so CAPR which is the Committee on Academic Planning Review administers the review of programs annually and on a 5-year cycle. They are the main body of the Academic Senate that organizes and gives feedback to departments on their reviews. CIC is Committee Instruction and Curriculum reviews curriculum as it comes through new courses and then reviews any revisions to courses. It is not explicitly involved in the program review process. Individual courses or changes to programs will come through CIC. Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee is involved in the Academic Program Review process and over the last several years has been developing a rubric. There are two types of Academic Program Review requirements, one is the annual report, and every department has to submit an annual report by October 1<sup>st</sup> for all the programs in their department if they have a master's and a bachelor's degree or a couple of bachelor's degree they submit a report for each of their programs. The annual reports are reviewed by the colleges and by the CAPR our



Sciences, are on an 8-year cycle, so they go through the Five Year Review process, but it is an eight-year review process, but they have to go through our process in addition to their external creditors' process. In general programs on our campus are on a 5-year cycle. This is a year-long process that involves the department, CAPR, the colleges, and the Office of the Provost and in some cases, the external accreditor and their team will come and be part of this process. The department works on the self-study and development of long-term goals and input from an external reviewer. These are often professors or administrators from other CSUs, but they can come from anywhere as long as they have the right qualifications to give feedback to a program about what they are doing well and what things they need to improve on. Once this whole process is completed, it is submitted to the Deans' office of the college that the program is in, and it is submitted to CAPR, and they review it and write a one-page summary, and then there is a meeting with the provost. After that, the Department Chair, the Chair of CAPR discusses and then there is a memo of understanding. For many years those memos of understanding never came through and I have been here for 17 years last year is the first year that I saw consistently that are coming through, so we have got a long way to go to make this process. I can see from my personal experience, having been a Department Chair before and an Interim Associate Dean that we are trying and making progress on fully implementing this. Kabir's resolution indicates that we have a long way to go even though we are working on this. The link is shared [Academic Program Review @CSUEB](#), it describes everything and is being updated. There will be another update that more explicitly includes the DEI criteria that but there will be a new version of this document for



to taking the anti-racist Pedagogy Workshop series and when it's offered departments can talk about what they're doing as and what they have planned. This rubric was developed years ago and then it went through the approval process which takes time, it was supposed to be piloted fully last year but with a pandemic that fell apart. We are doing the pilot, where we are looking at the departments that went through a five-year review last e ae





be doing advertisements and outreach which will be happening. Events are coming up for Senators or our Non-Academic Senators, so if it is on your calendar please try to come and support them. Chair Nielsen and I are working on a COVID-19 letter for faculty and staff. We are in the middle of finalizing what will be sent out in March. I wanted to mention that President Sandeen will be coming to our next Board Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please have some questions ready for her then. Please take care of yourself since the Spring Semester tends to wind down for students in terms of graduating and finding jobs. So please take care of yourselves and we are here for each other.

