

Board of Director Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2022

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

- II. ROLL CALL
Present: Krisstina Caro, Anjelica de Leon, Kabir Dhillon, Mirna Maamou, Tyler Luevano, Jasmine Domino, Ashmita Ahluwalia, Andrew Pajes, Arazeli Barragan, Tayla Beasley, Martin Castillo, Mark Almeida, Steve Spencer, Sarah Nielson, Andrew Yunker

Late: Zaira Perez

Absent: Justin Withers, Neilah Peku, Erik Pinlac, Marguerite Hinrichs

- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda of March 23, 2022, by **A. Barragan**, second by **J. Domino**, motion **CARRIED**.

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



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The Board of Directors will take action on the ASI Trap & Paint Event.

A. De Leon asks were we thinking of changing the name of the event? I recall having a conversation during the last board meeting.

J. Domino says I did have a conversation with Cookie, the Director of Sankofa Scholars. That was the name they were going to create to call their event. So, she did explain the history of trap music and that is something which will be expressed and implied during this meeting. She told me I believe Dr. Heinrichs and Martin that it was going to have the word trap and paint in it no matter the order. So, we switched it instead of putting the letter N for and, we put the sign meaning 'and' which is &.

Motion to move the Board of Directors to take action on funding \$400 for Trap & Paint Event by **J. Domino**, second by **A. De Leon**, motion **CARRIED**.

J. Domino says the event is a collaboration with Sankofa Scholars and the Black Student Resource Center. The \$200 is to pay the student who will be coming to lead and teach us what we need to draw, which is \$100 an hour because it is from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The rest \$200 was for the charcuterie board. We are not going to give them all of that, but we can give them at least \$150 for creating the charcuterie board for us for this event. The \$50 is for any miscellaneous expenditures that we would come across.

M. Cesena says Martin, can you confirm because the limit is \$150 for ASI since we are considered a department. Are you able to interpose that with Chartwells? I will send them an email and follow up to confirm, but from my understanding, it is \$150 for Chartwells, because they have the right of first refusal.

M. Almeida asks can you provide clarification? What type of purchase was it?

M. Cesena says for hospitality and food. I know that going with an off-campus vendor, the limit is \$150 for departments, but for student organizations, there is no limit. Where does ASI fall officially on that? We are a department for student organization in the eyes of Chartwells. Do you have an idea of what they think?

M. Almeida says ASI will be considered a department. If you reached out to Chartwells, it was a boba event where our dining director gave away the first right of refusal. ASI could go and purchase what they needed at that point, within reason but you do fall within the department guidelines.

M. Cesena asks the amount is \$150 unless we get an exemption?

M. Almeida says it is \$250.

J. Domino asks if it is \$250, do I have to keep it at \$150, or do I move it up to \$250?

M. Cesena says as long as we do not go over \$250. If we go over \$250 then we will have to apply for exemption by reaching out to Chartwells.

Motion to approve the Board of Directors to take action on funding \$400



for Trap & Paint Event by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

18:26

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Graduation Celebration Event**

The Board of Directors will discuss the Graduation Celebration Event.

Motion to POSTPONE the Board of Directors the Graduation Celebration Event, by **T. Luevano**, second by **T. Beasley**, motion **CARRIED**.

19:41

B. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Resolution in Support of Expanding Computer Science Curriculum Rebuttal**

The Board of Directors will discuss the Resolution in Support of Expanding Computer Science Curriculum rebuttal.

L. Ertaul says thank you for accepting me for this board meeting, I understand that your agenda is full, but I wanted to make a couple of points within the time that is given to me. When we saw this resolution, it was 3 weeks ago. We were surprised because we did not get any requests from the ASI. This resolution was written, signed, and discussed, without the Computer Science (CS) Department's consultation and the resolution appears to be that it is advocating one organization, called CodePath.org. We found that favoring one organization and leaving out other reputable organizations that are available, and provide free courses is troubling. We realize that the author of this resolution is playing a significant part in CodePath.org. He is a tech fellow in CodePath.org and organizing the corporate iOS mobile development workshop this semester. He also applied for credit to get credit for these activities as a being a tech fellow in the CodePath organization and the department denied that request. I am unaware whether the Board was aware of his relationship with that particular person. We were concerned that this may create a conflict of interest because of resolutions on advocating for the company in which he works. I met with CodePath in 202. 10 g5I(t)-13



activities are going to be called student activities, workshops, or training, not CS courses, but unfortunately, it is still going on. In the resolution, it is saying that CS offers these courses, but we do not offer those courses, it is not part of our curriculum, and we do not consider them noncredit or credit because it is a student activity. To make these credit classes, this is a university, and we have rules and procedures based on accreditation. Based on these circulations, we have to discuss these credit courses from the committees to the Senate. Professor Sponsorship alone will not be enough to make those credit courses, but this is an important one however, we do. We know that there's academic freedom and everything. If the professor decides that the resources provided by a particular organization or institution are



communication with ASI, and the Computer Science Department and this is going to be a good opportunity for us to start and build a nice relationship to benefit CSU East Bay. I have sent you all the memos to see more detailed information. If you have any questions, please let me know.

S. Nielson thanks the Chair of Computer Science for coming and presenting this. I wanted to apologize, as part of my role as Academic Senate Chair is to be a bridge between ASI and faculty. In this case, I learned a lot personally, but I will do better in the future. So, I wanted to publicly apologize to the Computer Science Department and ASI for not doing a better job of bridging the relationship and appreciating it. I am hopeful that this is the beginning of more dialogue and connection with ASI, Computer Science, and other programs that students may have questions or concerns about.

L. Ertaul thanks Sarah, I share your concerns and your ideas which is the reason I am here. This is not a dismissal of the views or the inputs which is coming from the students, or the ASI. On the contrary, this is an opportunity. This is a start for a new relationship, a better relationship so that I can understand them clearly, they can understand us clearly. I am a new Chair. So, I do not know how to navigate this university. I met Sarah, we discussed this before so, I am learning as well. Now I am meeting with all the members, Angelica is there, Krisstina is there. I know Andrew, and I do not know some other people. For example, Tyler, I have seen you somewhere, but we never had an opportunity to sit down somewhere and discuss the issues related to CSP students or Computer Science Students, or the Computer Science Department.

M. Castillo says it was nice to speak with you outside of this. I do not believe that our student resolutions are ever written from a place of negative suggestion. It is written more to offer suggestions. Hopefully, it opens up that communication valve that you were talking about, it serves a purpose. The idea of evidence-based resolutions is not academic writing, it is



courses and taking it from there. It should not rely on a resolution to get those student voices in there.

K. Dhillon says Martin beautifully said everything. I have wanted to say thank you, Dr. Ertaul, for coming to our ASI board meeting. We want what is best for CS students and you are keen on doing that. We have seen the work you have done so far to emphasize Martin and what you have said about the student aspect. The board was aware that it was an iOS tech fellow, and they were aware of that role. Like many other Board members, I wear multiple hats on this campus. With that they were aware, and I know everyone is proud to have the CSU student on the ASI board since we do not have those to emphasize the reason we were advocating for CodePath. I am not academia. I am not a professor; I am not aware of all the programs we have. CodePath was one that our students have engaged with. As you mentioned Cisco, Palo Alto Networks, there are different courses and programs out there and you would know that better than I would. I believe the reason we are advocating for CodePath was that it is familiar, but if there is a better program, if there is something better than we can produce as a university then we should go with the best option. We want the best option for students. To emphasize the resolution was a recommendation. I am a student myself and I engage with CS students on campus, many of the concerns were about having a better curriculum. It is in the works from what it sounds and that is something that we will be coming around to soon. If we can find the best program which you are willing to do that. If there is something better out there, we want to work towards that. For the certificate program, it was more of an institutional thing that would help with the university's enrollment. I believe overall, this was the big picture idea that students want more from the CS program. We emphasize serving our students and working towards what is in their best interest.

L. Ertaul thanks Kabir. Well, I never doubt your intentions. You were trying to develop something good for the university and the department. How many times did we meet or how many times did we discuss, right? I was surprised that you did not come to me, and you did not even ask one single question about the CS program. So that was a bit of disappointment for me, I was not expecting that from you. We know that the intentions are going forward is good but to make one thing clear. Whatever the institution provides whatever classes, whether this is the best or the worst, we are not going to take and offer those courses. This is a public university. We have faculty who are specialized in those subjects and they are going to develop the courses. If they think that the resources provided by those companies are good enough, they may use the resources, but you will never see them in a Cisco class, Amazon class, and Palo Alto in our curriculum. It is not the way public universities should work.



A. Yunker thanks Dr. Ertaul, and this is a great environment to move forward together. I always tell my students that they want to go somewhere fast go by themselves but if you want to go somewhere far, you got to go together. This is going to be one of many discussions and collaborations that we can get farther or quicker together. When I was a student here, I went through understanding, that even with the speed bumps we had, we did not have that interview or class. Whiteboard challenges, I had no idea what those were. When I got into the interview process, I am not prepared for these. I went up to meetups and that is consistently on the big grand scheme of things we are. I believe together moving forward, and this is one more way we can connect and develop these things. Sometimes we start doing these different collaborations, we do good things for the students, and we forget to document these things, or it takes a while to get to the public eye. ASI is doing wonderful things and has



The Board of Directors will discuss the Spring Finals Student Event.

T. Luevano says I am going to be changing the name shortly. I will produce a more creative and exciting name. I want to create this event for students to have time to come to an event where they can study, and I would love to have the SCAA and Student Health and Counseling services available. I would love to collaborate with them and have a representative there. I will have a Zoom room reserved for the entire duration of this event. I will have sections in each room, one for the SCAA. If I can get actual tutors to come by or one representative. They can provide students with flyers and information and then have another section for the Student Health and Counseling Services. I want to have a quiet and safe place for students to study during the week and have an area where they can be exposed to wonderful resources on campus that they might not know about or use on a week-to-week basis. I am with the Peer Academic Coaching Program. We emphasize utilizing our resources for students that are struggling with their academics. This is going to be a wonderful way to push for that and provide those resources for students if they are



T. Luevano says I do not have a main point of contact. That would be wonderful. If I could get that from you and talk more about that.

S. Nielson says it sounds great. I will get us going on email, Taylor.

T. Luevano says thank you, sir. Andrew, I had this idea of, hopefully utilizing the GS classes to my advantage, and hopefully, we can get a lot of first-year students to come to this event. I can send an email blast to all the GS faculty, including you, Andrew, to get this underway and those first-year students out the



T. Beasley says for the fifth college Taskforce, we will be having open forums on April 7th and April 12th. So, if you want to come out and have any questions then please let me know.

M. Almeida wants to say what a great discussion we had with the chair from Computer Science. Those are productive conversations and your views are important as we move forward as a university. Do you all remember the feminine product hygiene initiative, it was with Pamela Ford. We have basic needs funding. We have ordered and we are moving forward with AMP flow. It will be in 20 restrooms, including housing across campus. This will be on the Hayward campus, and then it will also be on the Concord campus. I am looking at these buildings, a University Union, and the new gender-neutral restroom as well. Jennifer Luna is working with facilities and should have been installed over the summer. So, to get us in line for fall. If anyone is needing it now, it is available at the health center as well as the Recreation and Wellness Center. Right when you walked in some exciting news. I want to let you all know that your magnificent work has continued and it is moving forward.

A. De Leon says yes, thank you. Echoing what Mark had said. ASI has had tough conversations that we need to navigate. I am



