

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:06 PM**

II. [ROLL CALL](#)

**Present:** Erick Loreda, Charan Reddy Doolam, London Deguzman, Deepthi Bhimanapati, Kartik Tripathi, Germione Villegas, Jana Ramos, Nidhi Sharma, Joe Trujillo, Sai Lokesh Gayam, Akeem Brown, Sophia Dela Cruz, Yashica Avhad, Ashley Depappa, MyLan Huynh, Maureen Scharberg, Steve Spencer, Dessiree Cuevas

**Absent:**



changes are primarily in name only, intended to align with the current bylaws for the academic year, while committee functions will remain the same. **D. Bhimanapati** outlines recent changes to the Internal Affairs Committee: the position of Vice President of Communications is replaced by the Vice President of Internal Affairs. Additionally, student-at-large members will now be recommended by the chair, instead of passing the first motion typically handled by the Personnel Committee. Non-voting advisors will include ASI staff from CSUEB, the ASI President, and the Executive Vice President. These adjustments apply specifically to the Internal Affairs Committee.

**Motion** to approve ASI Committee Codes by **L. Deguzman**, seconded by **K. Tripathi**, motion carried by **10 YES**.

**B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Datathon**

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about Datathon in collaboration with the Business Analytics club.

**N. Sharma** provides an overview of the upcoming Datathon, scheduled for November 16-17 in VBT. This hands-on event will engage students in solving a real-world challenge focused on sustainable, inclusive education within the college. Participants will work with a provided dataset under the mentorship of professors. The event also features two days of workshops in collaboration with the Business Analytics Club, with guest speakers from Grammarly and GitHub presenting on tools such as Figma for design and Tableau for data dashboard creation. Open to students from all backgrounds, the Datathon offers opportunities to build practical, in-demand skills and explore new interests. Keynote sessions and panels from professors will complement the event. Points of contact for the Datathon are **N. Sharma** and **Sai Lokesh Gayam**. **S. Lokesh Gayam** announces an informative session scheduled for November 4th, where details about the Datathon, registration, and team formation will be discussed. Currently, registrations are ongoing, and the organizing team is collaborating with professors and deans, as mentioned by **N. Sharma**. ASI is sponsoring the event's food, with a budget of **\$466.00** outlined in the attached breakdown sheet. Additionally, they plan to set up a photo booth and a feedback wall, allowing participants, volunteers, and speakers to provide feedback via sticky notes or a QR code linking to an online form. The Datathon, themed "Hack Data for Sustainability,"





supported 14 bills, with 13 being signed into legislation by Governor Gavin Newsom. Among the approved bills, 10 relate to Title IX and others focus on basic needs. However, AB 2586, which would have allowed individuals regardless of immigration status to work on campus, was vetoed by the governor due to concerns over criminal and fiscal liability, though the team plans to continue advocating for it. **L. Deguzman** highlights a proposed basic needs grant program, supported by CSSA, which aims to establish a \$1 billion competitive grant initiative to help institutions meet students' basic needs, including housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and technology. Institutions could compete for up to \$1 million, with an additional \$50,000 available for research on implementing these programs. He emphasizes that this grant would benefit all students, including undocumented individuals, especially at universities with a high number of Pell Grant recipients. He discusses ongoing efforts related to Title IX, including initiatives at various campuses, such as respondent-focused resources at Cal State Fullerton, transparency dashboards at San Jose State University, and mandatory Title IX training. **L. Deguzman** mentions the proposal for student ambassadors to educate peers about Title IX issues, a topic he has discussed with the Title IX Office. Additionally, he notes that campuses received \$200,000 each to hire confidential advocates for Title IX support. He discusses a proposal from Andrew Fox, the ASI president of Channel Islands, to rally the 461,000 CSU students around issues like basic needs and lowering the cost of attendance. An ad hoc task force, led by CSSA President Iese Esera, will work to plan this initiative.

**L. Deguzman** concludes by emphasizing the need for the ASI board to raise awareness about ASI and CSSA to better engage students and strengthen their brand. **J. Trujillo** inquires about the allocation of the \$200,000 designated for Title IX training, specifically asking if there will be any transparency regarding how the funds are spent, given that the money has already been distributed. **L. Deguzman** responds by stating that he will follow up with the Title IX Office to ensure the allocated funds are being used appropriately. He emphasizes his commitment to maintaining transparency regarding the use of these resources. **J. Trujillo** expresses strong support for a large-

some disconnection among students. He suggests that a united initiative could enhance ASI's visibility and establish a positive public image, potentially empowering the organization to take impactful actions, such as organizing strikes, to advocate effectively for student needs.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

A. **Brown** shares his recent interactions with students who experience transportation delays when

alignment with her role as the Senator-at-Large for commuter students. She shares that she is eager to join the effort, as she wants to gain insights into the challenges commuter students face, particularly with bus schedules affecting their commutes.

**S. Dela Cruz** adds that some students she knows are significantly delayed if they miss the shuttle or bus, sometimes even resorting to walking to the BART station, which is not ideal. She reiterates her commitment to participating in the tabling to support commuter students.

**Y. Avhad** shares her ongoing work related to Title IX presentations in all GS classes. She highlights her collaboration with **Terri La Beaux** and **JoLani Hironaka**, and GS professors to ensure that Title IX education is included in the syllabus for all future semesters, guaranteeing its continuity beyond her tenure. **Y. Avhad** mentions that she works closely with **J. Hironaka** and **T.**



**J. Trujillo** emphasizes that while this may seem like a minor issue to some,

community visibility. He believes the flags are an essential symbol of Greek life presence and representation on campus, which plays a role in building campus culture and encouraging student engagement. To address these concerns, **J. Trujillo** shares his intent to draft a proposal for the next meeting. He suggests that gathering input from various student organizations, as well as their CEOs and representatives, could provide a comprehensive overview to present to campus leadership. His goal is to advocate for policies that better support student organization visibility and engagement, especially considering the unique challenges of being part of a commuter school.

**E. Loredo** shares an announcement about an upcoming lunch meeting with two CSU trustees, Trustee Fong and Trustee Jazmin Guajardo, on November 11th. He mentions that he and **L. Deguzman** will have the opportunity to speak directly with them. Trustee Jazmin Guajardo is highlighted as the first student trustee from CSU Channel Islands, bringing a unique perspective as a nursing student and first-generation college student. **E. Loredo** invites everyone to contribute questions or feedback they would like shared with the trustees, particularly if there are concerns related to academics, campus resources, or community representation. He encourages anyone with input or suggestions to reach out to him or L. Deguzman before the meeting, ensuring that the trustees hear a wide range of perspectives.

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