

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:11 PM

II.





J. Carroll explains that last week's discussion involved a club appealing ASI's decision not to provide funding. The decision was based on current policy. The appeal asks the Board to reconsider this decision. The Board now needs to vote on whether to uphold the original decision in line with the policy or to override the policy to fund the club's event.

E. Quineri suggests that, considering the club's close timing with their submission being only a day late they should be granted some funding, though not the full amount requested. He recommends that future club officers collaborate more with ASI and attend ASI events as a condition for changing the decision to approve funding.

N. Calara asks **J. Carroll** whether the budget allows for reimbursing or granting the amount requested in the appeal.

J. Carroll emphasizes the importance of clarity in the decision-making process regarding the appeal. Suspending policy sets a precedent, so the Board needs to discuss and understand the implications thoroughly. **J. Carroll** use **E. Quineri's** example to illustrate the importance of providing clear reasoning; if the decision is based on being one day shy, future clubs would understand the criteria. It's crucial to base decisions on clear reasons, not just the remaining budget. While they may not be eligible for the full \$13,000 requested, there may still be remaining club funding. The focus should be on the rationale behind the decision.

N. Calara expresses support for accepting the club's appeal but advocate for stricter adherence to policy in the future, emphasizing the need for proper communication. He suggests that if a similar situation arises next year, the Board should follow policy, but for the current appeal, he believes it should be accepted.

E. Quineri proposed that considering the cultural context of the event, the club should apply for funding specific to Cultural Graduations.

J. Carroll clarifies that the club isn't eligible for Cultural Graduation funding based on policy. Only four specific groups qualify for this type of funding. The club applied for funding under the Club Policy, not as a Cultural Graduation event. Therefore, they would be eligible for regular Club Funding, not Cultural Graduation Funding. **J. Carroll** emphasizes that these are two separate categories with different eligibility criteria.

E. Quineri suggests that in the future, if the club decides to organize a similar event, they should consider applying for funding specific to such cultural events.

J. Carroll states that the responsibility for redesigning the policy would fall on ASI.

G. Felix suggests that considering the timing and the fact that the club was only a day late, it makes sense to grant them the amount of funding they are eligible for, provided it fits within the budget.

Motion to approve the AAPISU Club Event “International Graduation Celebration” Funding Appeal by **E. Quineri**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED**.

Motion to approve the AAPISU Club Event “International Graduation Celebration” Funding Appeal by **6 YES, 0 NO, 4 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

27:06

B. **ACTION ITEM - Resolution for Ceasefire in Gaza**

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Resolution for Ceasefire in Gaza.

Motion to approve Resolution for Ceasefire in Gaze by **E. Loredo**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED**.

N. Calara mentions that the document remains the same as it was two weeks ago, but adjustments have been

B. DISCUSSION ITEM -

However, they were unclear on how being in a different conference relates to the budget issues.

L. Cooper adds to Bailey's comment, stating that being in a different conference should not be a concern for the administration. **L. Cooper** emphasizes that their conference provides home and the opportunity for the conference winner to compete in NCAA Division I. She mentions discussions with former athletic directors who affirmed the importance of having a conference in determining the program. She argues that having a conference and postseason opportunities makes the athletic program viable.

J. Carroll inquires about the status of discussions with the athletic director and administration regarding the decision to cut the water polo program. He asks if there were any indications of openness to further discussion or if the administration considered the matter closed.

L. Cooper expresses frustration with the lack of support from the athletic director, stating that despite public statements claiming support for the coach, assistant coach, and athletes, no meaningful assistance has been provided. She criticizes the lack of communication, highlighting that the assistant coach has not been officially informed about losing her job, and **L. Cooper** has not received any official communication either. Additionally, **L. Cooper** mentions that faculty members who attempted to discuss the matter with President Sandeen and Derek Aiken at commencement were met with reluctance to engage in conversation.

R. Heredia echo **L. Cooper's** sentiment, stating that the team had to personally reach out to the athletics program to gain access to the transfer portal. There was no email offering assistance or guidance provided by the athletics program. Despite claims of counseling services being available, no further help or support has been offered.

N. Calara asks if anyone had reached out to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which also advocates for student-athletes.

B. Barlow a former member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SACC), states that they haven't reached out to SACC yW*nBGtaBTF1 1p1 290.3G(ir)-8ETQq0.00000AdviTF1 1 1

J. Murray states that, to his understanding, the administration had made the decision to cancel the program in January, but this information was not shared with the team until last week.

G. Felix raises the question of whom to address regarding the issue. She suggests potential avenues

N. Calara pledge to take action by discussing the matter with President Sandeen and reaching out to members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to gather more information. He also offers to share any news or relevant links with his Board Members.

L. Cooper reports that their petition to save the water polo program had already garnered over 1,200 signatures in just one day. However, she noted that not a single coach at East Bay had signed the petition, as they feared similar cuts could happen to their own programs.

Emily notes that while there may not be enough information to confirm a Title IX violation, it is worth pointing out that some men's teams, which did not perform as well as the women's Water Polo team, were not consider for cuts.

1:02:15

Minutes reviewed by:
Chair of the Board
Nolan Calara

Minutes approved on
6/12/2024
Date:

