

individuals as honorary members. These honorary members have the privilege to attend ASI-sponsored events and petition the BOD. Currently, the eligibility criteria for honorary membership include being a university president, an ASI student government officer, or an individual in good standing with the university or alumni. Additionally, professional staff, student employees, or members of the greater community who have partnered with ASI are also eligible. He notes that the honorary membership positions have not been filled for the past year, with the last individuals appointed as honorary members being **Kabir** and **A.J. DeLeon**, two years ago.

N. Calara proposes revisions to the Honorary Membership policy. He suggests changing the requirement from being a graduate to simply "no longer a BOD member in ASI," to eliminate potential bias. Additionally, he introduces a provision for inviting newly selected honorary members to the end-of-year banquet. He also recommends expanding the selection committee from five to six members to six to seven members, to be chaired by the Vice President, preferably the Executive Vice President. The committee would include three to four ASI board members, the ASI Executive Director, a professional staff designee, and at least one ASI alumnus or current honorary member. He suggests enhancing the selection process by using a spreadsheet to document potential nominees and their significant initiatives. The committee could choose not to recommend any nominees if no significant impacts were made in the previous year.

L. Deguzman inquires about the reasoning behind increasing the committee size from five to six or seven members.

N. Calara explains that the adjustment aims to improve transparency and ensure broader representation within the committee. He clarifies that the language is updated to specifically include **J. Carroll**, our current Executive Director, and an ASI professional staff designee, such as **Ashley Depappa** or, if unavailable, **S. Sharma**, **L. Brown-Parker**, or **D. Lagasca**. Additionally, the committee composition is refined to include three to four ASI Board Members, ensuring clear eligibility criteria for participation in the committee. **N. Calara** emphasizes that these changes are intended to provide greater clarity and fairness in the selection process. He then opens the floor to additional questions from the BOD.

J. Carroll raises concerns about the proposed changes to the committee size and the clarity of transparency within the selection process. He emphasizes that transparency should primarily occur during public board meetings. **J. Carroll** cautions that increasing the committee size to seven members or more could make it more challenging to manage. He urges the board to keep this in mind when considering the size of the committee. He also brings up the importance of clarifying the language around the graduation requirement. He explains that in the context of honorary memberships, the original language likely specified

"graduating" because all currently enrolled students are members of ASI and receive the associated benefits, such as free events. Honorary memberships, by contrast, are typically granted to individuals who have made significant contributions but are not paying members of ASI. **J. Carroll** suggests that the Board carefully consider how they word this requirement to ensure clarity, especially since the

Calara adds a request for the Academic Senate to include new positions, such as the University Diversity Officer, in their policy, given that it is a cabinet-level position that should be reflected in the search committees. He asks if there are any further questions about the policy or ASI's suggestions.

J. Carroll expresses that the resolution is off to a strong start in ensuring that the student voice is included in shared governance, which is the purpose of ASI's involvement. He encourages the Board to consider broadening the language before voting to ensure flexibility in how student representation is integrated into the search process. He points out that while it may be important for an ASI member to be physically present on a search committee, such

about other ways to ensure student participation, such as requiring a student panel during candidate interviews or ensuring students receive direct invitations to open forums for candidate presentations. He emphasizes the importance of maintaining the student voice in the process without necessarily locking ASI into commitments that may be difficult to fulfill.

N. Calara responds by affirming that the changes he proposes are intended to ensure that all positions specified in the policy will solicit input from ASI. This approach allows ASI to provide feedback even if they cannot serve directly on the committee.

M. Scharberg acknowledges that the suggestions are good and states she will take them back to the Senate leadership. She emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the student voice is heard and appreciates the suggestions provided. She notes the significant workload and tight timelines associated with search committees but recognizes the need for student input. She also mentions that the document in question is outdated, with some positions no longer existing, and notes that revisions to the document will be needed soon.

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prohibiting overnight camping and loitering, which were used in past protests such as those for Palestine and Gaza. In addition, he discusses financial aid issues, noting that last year, many students experienced delays or reductions in funding. The FAFSA and CADAA are scheduled for release on October 1, with full availability for all students expected by December 1. Changes to the financial aid process now require SSN (social security number). However, for families with mixed immigration status, where one or both parents are not U.S. citizens, there is an option to waive the SSN requirement. The goal is to streamline this process and make it easier for affected families. The filing deadline for these applications is March 2, 2025. He reports on the partner panel, mentioning that Chancellor **Mildred Garcia**,

the enrollment crisis, such as declining birth rates, particularly following the Great Recession, and decreased interest in higher education among high school graduates. He references a map showing population declines in the Bay Area and LA region, with growth only in the Central Valley. Nolan proposes a restructuring of regions within the CSSA discussions, suggesting a Coastal California region, which would include East Bay, Humboldt, and San Luis Obispo, and a Central Valley region, which would encompass Chico, Sacramento, Stanislaus, Fresno, and Bakersfield, to better address the unique challenges faced by these areas. He concludes by inviting other CSUnity members to share their insights from the event.

S. Dela Cruz reports on her experience at CSUnity, describing it as an amazing opportunity to connect with other seniors and students. She shares her insights from attending a workshop on intersectionality as a student leader. She explains that intersectionality refers to the social roles that define a person and also emphasizes that regardless of these roles, one can still be a good leader. She reflects on how the workshop and interactions with well-spoken and outstanding individuals have inspired her to become a better leader.

E. Lored reports on the CSUnity event, giving a shout out to the team, noting that **L. Deguzman** did an excellent job representing CSSA, **Y. Avhad** was highly effective in networking, and **S. Dela Cruz** was particularly active in making connections. He highlights the value of attending such conferences, mentioning upcoming opportunities like the CHES conference in March. He encourages the Board of Directors to participate in these events to network with other ASI members from all 23 campuses, learn about their initiatives, and explore ways to bring new ideas and strategies back to East Bay.

Y. Avhad

despite the challenges of being short-staffed. James appreciates the efforts of N. **Calara** and **E. Loredo**, as well as everyone who helped with the housing movement. He commends the team for addressing items on their policy agenda and successfully implementing innovative ideas that build school spirit and campus engagement. He acknowledges the positive impact of these efforts and expresses excitement for the year ahead, noting the progress made and the successful transition to in-person activities.

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