

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 2nd, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:08 PM**
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)  
**Present:** Nolan Calara, Erick Loreda, Charan Reddy Doolam, London Deguzman, Deepthi Bhimanapati, Kartik Tripathi, Germione Villegas, Jana Ramos, Nidhi Sharma, Joe Trujillo, Sai Lokesh Gayam, Sophia Dela Cruz, Venkata Anirudh, Yashica Avhad, Martin Castillo, James Carroll, Ashley Depappa, MyLan Huynh, Stephanie Ann Lustina, Maureen Scharberg  
**Absent:** Steve Spencer, Terry Buttchen
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to approve discussing A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM, D. ACTION ITEM and E. ACTION ITEM first, by **E. Loreda**, seconded by **D. Bhimanapati**, motion **CARRIED**.  
**Motion** to approve the agenda of October 2, 2024, by **L. Deguzman**, seconded by **S. Cruz**, motion **CARRIED**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2024**  
**Motion** to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024, by **N. Sharma**, seconded by **J. Trujillo**, motion **CARRIED**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT 6



the entire country to receive this designation, and one of only 46 institutions to have the Seal of Excelencia. She explains that the organization recognizes the need for institutions to do more than just meet enrollment thresholds and mentions that she, along with **Dr. M. Castillo** and **Dr. F. Yeung**, recently attended a conference hosted by the organization.

She emphasizes the importance of this designation, stating that CSUEB represents 1% of all colleges and universities in the United States while graduating 19% of Latino students with bachelor's degrees. **President Sandeen** conveys pride in the achievement, noting that the certification must be renewed every three years, keeping the university accountable for continuous improvement.

Additionally, she mentions that **N. Calara**, chief communication and marketing officer on naming the Falcon mascot. **President Sandeen** inquires about the progress and indicates that a form has been created for people to submit name suggestions. She explains that there will be a screening process to check for trademarks, with hopes to identify the top three names for a community vote. She emphasizes the importance of participation from students, alumni, staff, and employees, seeking input on potential favorite names for the Falcon.

She then updates the board on a leadership change in the Student Affairs area, informing them that **Dr. Espinosa**, the vice president of Student Affairs, has resigned. **President Sandeen** announces that **Dr. Brenda** will serve as the interim leader, starting on October

thorough research and voting process that has led them to the final stages of making the mascot a reality.

**J. Trujillo**

spaces for courses that were held there and that support programs, such as Project Rebound for formerly incarcerated students and the McNair Scholars program, will also be accommodated in the Student Administration Building.

She further emphasizes the importance of scheduling classes based on student needs, urging departments to gather feedback from students about preferred class times and formats. She acknowledges that faculty often become accustomed to specific schedules but emphasizes the need to adapt to students' preferences, especially as student numbers decline.

**President Sandeen** suggests ideas for fostering community on campus, such as hosting DJ events during lunch hours to encourage students to gather and socialize. She believes such initiatives could create a more inviting atmosphere and strengthen campus community ties. She reiterates that maintaining essential support services is a top priority to ensure students can progress in their degrees and graduate successfully.

**President Sandeen** shares her observations from visiting various departments on campus and emphasizes the importance of connecting with employees. She mentions her recent meeting with the custodial team, who expressed embarrassment over students wandering the Science Building when departments were closed. To address this issue, **President Sandeen** announces a plan to have all student-interacting departments fully staffed during the first two weeks of each semester. She proposes extending office hours to 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM to ensure students who attend classes later in the day can access assistance and get their questions answered. She stresses the importance of being available for students, stating that it is the university's responsibility to serve them effectively.

**A. Depappa** acknowledges the efforts of the presence team in organizing programs and events, such as the DJ initiative. However, she raises concerns about student engagement, particularly with many classes being online. She notes that it was easier to engage students when most classes were in-person prior to COVID-19. She emphasizes the need to find strategies to encourage students to return to campus, as the current number of online students is affecting housing and overall campus life. She expresses her excitement about recent engagement efforts but fears that without more in-person academic programs, student engagement will not return to pre-COVID levels.

**President Sandeen** agrees with **A. Depappa's** concerns and highlights that Cal State East Bay has historically been a commuter school, catering to a diverse student body. She points out that many students now commute from farther away, indicating a shift in the university's demographics. Despite the challenges, she believes that being a commuter school is not a deficit and emphasizes the importance of serving both online and in-person students. She mentions that one department, Public Affairs, has successfully hosted Saturday meet-ups for online students, which has attracted participation.

**President Sandeen** reassures the board that most freshman classes are now in-person, which

space for science students to connect with their senator and share their ideas, concerns, and suggestions for improving their experience. **S. Gayam** explains that they will provide five sticky note topics for students to give feedback on: courses and curriculum, labs and facilities, internship opportunities, student support and resources, and events and engagement. Students will write their feedback on sticky notes attached to the table. Additionally, they have scheduled half an hour with **Danika Leduc** from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM to chat with students.

**S. Gayam** further states that they plan to provide craft paper, sticky notes, a QR code for the ASI website, and freebies like tote bags, bucket hats, and candies. Additionally, they will offer a three-month VPN giveaway related to the science field, and **S. Gayam** mentions two flyers to promote the event and the giveaway.

**J. Trujillo** asks for clarification on who will be present at the event, to which **S. Gayam** responds that he is the only one confirmed, though the Dean will attend 2cr clarification z911(a) 11 r

efforts by providing his expertise, which could push their initiatives even further. He points out that one of the biggest things **A. Brown** lobbied and advocated for was support for student parents and commuters in his area. He highlights that **A. Brown** pushed for the use of EBT cards at campus stores and also advocated for the Extreme Graduation Initiative. He also mentions that **A. Brown** collaborated with the University Police Department to find ways to better represent students from different communities. He adds that **A. Brown**, prior to his work at UC Riverside, demonstrated not only experience but also the knowledge and fiery passion necessary to help them in various ways.

**Motion** to appoint Akeem Brown as Senator at Large by **14 YES, 1 SUSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

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**E. ACTION ITEM - [Senator of Concord](#) (5 minutes)**

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on Senator of Concord.

**Motion** to appoint Gerardo Segovia as Senator of Concord, by **E. Loredo**, seconded by **K. Tripathi**, motion **CARRIED**.

**E. Loredo** presents **Gerardo Segovia**, a Concord student and nursing major. He highlights **G. Segovia's** commitment to enhancing the environment at the Concord campus and his dedication to pushing various initiatives. **E. Loredo** notes that **G. Segovia** is well-connected within the campus community due to his involvement in different cohorts and his role as a lab assistant. He mentions **G. Segovia's** established relationships, particularly with former Concord Director, who has supported **G.**



employee as the Students at Large to CFAC, by **E. Loreda**, seconded by **Y. Avhad**, motion **CARRIED**.

**M. Castillo** clarifies that the board should be aware that these additional students are part of programs that are fee-based and rely on the fees to participate. Their representation is vital through these structures. **J. Trujillo** asks for clarification on what CFAC stands for. **N. Calara** explains that CFAC is the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. He mentions that the committee needs a certain number of student members, and to avoid making it entirely ASI, they have included student leaders from housing and the RWUU, as these are important auxiliaries on campus. This ensures representation from all relevant areas.

**J. Carroll** adds clarity by stating that every campus is required to have a campus fee advisory committee, and there are three voting members from ASI. However, the executive order from the Chancellor's office outlines that ASI must appoint all student representatives. **J. Carroll** also explains that they reach out to university housing and the RWUU for names of students, ensuring broader representation from key auxiliaries.

**Motion** to appoint Jesse Lindemuth - UHRL Senior RA, Joscelin Huerta - UHRL RHA, Arnav Ruikar - RWUU student employee, Kiranjyot Kaur Dhillon - RWUU student employee as the Students at Large to CFAC, by **13 YES, 1 SUSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

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**G. DISCUSSION ITEM - [EB Scenic Snapshots](#) (5 minutes)**

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**G. Villegas** begins by introducing herself as the Director of Recreation and Wellness, stating that she is planning an event for Thursday, October 10th, during the peak of midterm season. She explains that the event will take place near the Sky Bridge, next to the core, from 12 PM to 1:30 PM, where she plans to table and engage with students heading to the study quarters. She emphasizes that the purpose of the event is to address the stress and burnout many students face during midterms. To offer some relief, she intends to provide doughnuts and, at the same time, highlight the resources available to students, such as those offered by the RAW, the Student Health, and Counseling Center.

**G. Villegas** details that the resources she plans to highlight include the crisis sessions at the Harvard Counseling Center, the relaxation and meditation rooms, and the flu shots offered





CEAS. This resolution emphasizes the need for additional time to make informed decisions about the process, budget, and infrastructure resources involved.

**S. Gayam** discusses his work with the Computer Science department concerning the Capstone exam. He highlights that only two programming languages are currently permitted, and students have requested the addition of two more languages. He has been collaborating with the faculty on this matter and has prepared a detailed report. **S. Gayam** shares that he spoke with all senators during the meeting and received feedback from the Computer Science faculty. He plans to keep in touch via email and will update everyone on any new developments regarding this issue.

**J. Trujillo** adds that he also attended the Senate meeting and notes the administration's goal of reducing costs in IT over the next seven years. They aim to create a smaller but mightier IT staff, reducing the number of staff members from 100 to 70 while enhancing innovation and roles through modern tools. He mentions that the university is also looking to reduce software and custom codes for various platforms, such as Salesforce, AWS, etc., and replace them with Microsoft products. **N. Calara** mentions that, for future reference, the chair requests that a report be shared with all Board of Directors members. He suggests including a hyperlink to a document containing all relevant information.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**A. Depappa** announces that the Halloween Fest is coming up on Thursday, October 24th, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. She emphasizes the importance of board member attendance, describing the event as campus-wide and involving various campus departments. **A. Depappa** mentions that **J. Trujillo** volunteers to coordinate a game for the event and encourages those interested to contact [19331hw@nbt/f1](mailto:19331hw@nbt/f1)

**E. Loredo** requests that all committee chairs submit their selected members by the end of the day, emphasizing the importance of this information for the Executive/Personnel Committee. He encourages everyone to utilize and update the task list spreadsheet shared previously to enhance collaboration.

**D. Bhimanapati** reminds everyone about the tabling on Transfer Day on October 11th, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the M


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