

## Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:06 PM**
  
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)  
**Present:** Nolan Calara, Erick Macias, Charan Reddy Doolam, Deepthi Bhimanapati  
**Absent:** London Deguzman, Martin Castillo
  
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to approve the agenda of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 by **C. Reddy Doolam**, seconded by **D. Bhimanapati**, motion **CARRIED**.
  
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of Nov 20, 2024**  
**Motion** to approve minutes of November 20th, 2024 by **N. Calara**, seconded by **C. Reddy Doolam** motion **CARRIED**.
  
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public**

to increase student engagement and campus accessibility. Jay brings prior leadership experience from a high school business-oriented role requiring group coordination and idea facilitation. He aspires to become a physician assistant and is available for ASI Board of Directors meetings on Wednesdays, as well as Academic Senate sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **E. Loredo** considers Jay a strong candidate, noting his energy, public speaking skills, and enthusiasm for engaging with students. **N. Calara** questions about the academic year Jay is currently in. **E. Loredo** replies that he is a junior. **C. Reddy Doolam** states that he learned about the candidate through **K. Tripathi** and believes his involvement as a CEAS Senator in ASI would be a good idea. Based on his work with **K. Tripathi**, he observed that he is genuinely interested in the role and consider him a good fit for the position. **E. Loredo** confirms that there is no further discussion and announces the decision to recommend the candidate to the board at the next Board of Directors meeting.

5:02

B. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** [Remuneration Policy](#)

The Personnel Committee will discuss the updated changes on the Remuneration Policy.

**J. Carroll** discusses updates to policy and key decisions for the board, focusing on scholarship amounts and board appointment structures. The policy revisions reflect grammatical updates following the consolidation of the Senate into at-large senator roles, which took effect this fall. The board must review two significant issues. First, the scholarship amounts, historically tied to inflation and cost of attendance, have remained fixed for two years. Initially intended to ensure board members prioritize their roles, the board must now decide whether to increase these amounts for future terms to address inflation, with any changes requiring approval for subsequent boards. Second, the board's appointment structure is under review. Currently, members serve 12-month terms, but challenges such as summer commitments and hybrid/in-person meeting requirements have prompted consideration of reducing director and senator terms to 11 or 10.5 months while retaining the executive board's 12-month structure. This adjustment could provide flexibility for summer hardships and help offset scholarship increases. Regardless of changes, the board must maintain its ability to address organizational needs and emergencies throughout the year. **J. Carroll** invites questions and input from members to finalize these considerations. **E. Loredo** explains that he, along with **A. Depappa**, **J. Carroll**, and **N. Calara**, have been discussing these matters over the past month. He proposes raising scholarships by 5%, as shown in the provided incremental changes for each position. This increase is modest but significant and is open to further input. Regarding the 12-month and 11-month term



issues with financial aid changes due to scholarships but acknowledges that other board members might have. **N. Calara** adds that they also haven't faced major problems but emphasizes a preference for monthly scholarships, as it feels more like a regular paycheck. However, they suggest this discussion should involve the entire Board of Directors (BOD) to gather broader input before deciding. **D. Bhimanapati** seeks clarification from **J. Carroll**, asking whether the proposed scholarship amount would remain fixed until a board chooses to review it or if it would be mandatory for the board to discuss the scholarship amount every year. **J. Carroll** clarifies that it is not mandatory for the scholarship amount to be reviewed every year. Like any ASI policy, it can be updated or renewed when the board decides it needs changes. The executive team of the board should ideally review policies annually and identify which ones, if any, require updates. While not every policy will need changes each year, the board retains the option to review and revise them as necessary. **J. Carroll** emphasizes that the process involves discussion and action whenever recommendations for changes arise. **J. Carroll** expresses interest in hearing perspectives from the group about the proposed scholarship rate increase and the flexibility of maintaining 12-month commitments for all members versus adjusting the terms. While the group is not required to vote, **J. Carroll** believes it would be helpful for the board to hear the Executive Committee's initial thoughts on the pros and cons of these options. This input could guide future discussions and decisions. **D. Bhimanapati** supports the rationale for increasing the scholarship amount, citing the cost of living and inflation as valid reasons. She also asks whether the in-person attendance mandate applies to directors and senators starting in July or if it is limited to the executive members. **J. Carroll** explains that whether directors and senators are on 12-month or 11-month schedules, the primary consideration is ensuring quorum, which depends on election outcomes and is unpredictable until the end of March. To address this, the suggestion is to hold only Executive Committee (ExCom) meetings in June and July, which could be conducted in-person while allowing directors and senators to remain hybrid or virtual until August when full Board of Directors (BOD) meetings resume. Training sessions during this period can also be hybrid, though hybrid formats have shown mixed success. For in-person attendance, ExCom members would need to attend campus meetings as necessary, possibly once a week, ensuring flexibility. For example, a member living two hours away could plan to attend weekly without needing daily commutes. While this flexibility is not explicitly codified in policy, it could be implemented as a practical approach for balancing in-person requirements with individual circumstances. **N. Calara** expressed agreement with a 5% monthly increase in scholarships and an 11-month term for directors and senators. **E. Loredo** also concurred, supporting the recommendation to the board while emphasizing the

