28 March 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: SCC 217

Senate: Alejandro Guerrero, Johny Ek Aban, Hans Zhou
*please include other folks who were present on this day, attendance was not formally taken*

Senate Staff: -

Advisors: Christopher Waugh, Ellie Ash-Bala

Absent: Ji Min Hwang, Julian Villasenor, Daniela Bond, Juste Simanauksaitė, Juliet Gardner, Daniel Silverman, Israel Diaz Garcia, Winston Nelson, Audrey Jang, Jorden Favors, Soleil Ball Van Zee, Alfredo Reyes-Guzman, Bradley Druzinsky, Samantha Borje, Payal Kachru, Meredith Simpson, Malak Afaneh, Laura Zhang, Elvis Kaharo, Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Perla Grimaldo-Ramirez, Andriw Read

Guests: -

I. Call to Order
   ● Alejandro Guerrero calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

II. Conversation with Robin Thompson, Director of Financial Aid, and Jessica Dominguez, Assistant Director, Regarding Recent Emails About Student Employment
   ● Are Financial Aid policies up to date at Pomona?
     ○ Student employment/work allotment policy is very decentralized at Pomona
   ● 2 principles for student employment at Pomona
     ○ It’s open to all students, not just limited to students on Financial Aid
     ○ Work-study is a mechanism for students to cover some expenses, not covered by family contribution & the aid system, it is not intended for a huge amount of hours for student employment
   ● Students are interested in what is happening now and what the next steps are?
     ○ Students can continue to work and should connect with supervisors about the available budget, which then supervisors can request to increase allotment from the Financial Aid office
   ● Point to bring up the $2800 work allotment as insufficient, needs to consider other institutional expenses, such as SHIP
• How do student employment opportunities that do not take budgets from work-study allotments work? Is new policy considering now the sum of the pay at the end and not the source of the funding?
  ○ No clear response, Financial Aid is also trying to figure this out
• An apology email to all students affected will be sent out with instructions for next steps
• Robin urges for student feedback and student involvements in the future for Financial Aid work-study policies

III. Debrief Mental Health Forum/ Next Steps
• New mental health program, mainly a reimbursement process
• President Starr called out a student in the middle of a public forum, student called her out about the student-admin interactions
• Dean Avis noted demand lists are very adversarial
• Students are frustrated with the history of trauma between students and administrators
• Bigger picture: concerns about how students inputs are evaluated during the search processes

IV. Update on Conversations with Advocates and Administration/ Next Steps (ASPC Title IX Director)
• The administration is more communicative than the Advocates with ASPC Title IX Director
  ○ Working to implement the new Advocates Program together
• Restate the reason why the Advocates is suspended, because of confidential pressing issues that rose during the research done by PAC-SVIP

V. Enhancing ASPC Website as Platform of Communication (ASPC Software Development Team)
• Senators will have the access to the admin portal to create their own pages

VI. Update on Spring 2019 Elections (ASPC Elections Commissioner)
• Next information session is at 2PM, Saturday, 3/30 SCC 201
• Senators need to sign up for Tabling!

VII. Brainstorming Next Event with Faculty for Wide-Scale Dialogue about Campus Concerns (ASPC Strategic Planning Student Reps)
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VIII. Adjournment / Closed Meeting
• Alejandro Guerrero adjourned the body at 6:30 p.m.