



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 Simanauskaite, Juliet Gardner, Daniel Silverman, Israel Diaz Garcia, Winston Nelson, Audrey Jang, Jordan Favors, Soleil Ball Van Zee, Alfredo Reyes-Guzman, Bradley Druzinsky, Samantha Borje, Payal Kachru, Meredith Simpson, Malak Afaneh, Laura Zhang, Elvis Kaharo, Alezandro Ruvalcaba, Perla Grimaldo-Ramirez, Andriw

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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.