

**CABINET MINUTES**  
**Meeting #6**  
**January 29, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Yasmin Elasmr called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Yasmin Elasmr, ASI Chief Diversity Officer  
Kyari Cail, Commissioner, Cultural Affairs  
Sean Aquino, Commissioner, LGBTIQ+ Affairs  
Stevie Merino, Commissioner, Women & Gender Equity Affairs  
Joseph Nino, President  
Lamiya Hoque, Commissioner, Environmental Justice

Voting Members Absent

Gaby Hernandez, Commissioner, AB540 & Undocumented Students  
Christiana Koch, Commissioner, Disability Affairs  
Chloe Kim, Commissioner, Wellness Affairs  
VACANT (Commissioner, International Student Affairs)  
VACANT (Commissioner for Veterans Affairs)

Non-Voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director Govt. Affairs & Initiative

Non-Voting Members Absent

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brittany, ASI's Communications Assistant introduced themselves to the board and encouraged them to reach out to them if they have any questions or need help with anything.

**4. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Elasmr added Item #9-A: Discussion Item: Event Proposal – Sistahs On-Campus Art Exhibit Profile  
**(M) Aquino (S) Cail to approve Cabinet Agenda, Meeting #6, January 29, 2018, as amended**  
**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

Elasmr shared the following announcements:

- Still need to schedule one-on-one meetings and hope to have this scheduled by the end of the week
- If you have a spring event that is in March, recommends submitting requests to ASI Comm now so that they have enough time to get requests done
- Attended the Students of Color conference in UCR and they are hoping to bring it to CSULB and/or the entire CSU system. It was interesting experience but believes it could be even better here at CSULB because of the diverse student body
- Will be meeting with MSA and Beach Hillel within the next week to get their ally trainings going. They are working on content and encouraged anyone that is interested in this to join their meetings
- Conscious Collection – Currently taking down the art in the gallery and just submitted the work order for advertising for new art. The proposed date for art gallery opening is April 12<sup>th</sup> and has to be approved by the Program Evaluation Board which sits under the USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT)
- Hopes everyone had a good winter break and is looking forward to working with everyone this semester

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Nino provided the following announcements:

- Explained that Brittany is replacing Dalziel Arambula and encouraged the board to reach out to her if they have any questions.
- Potential tuition increase is going to come before the CSU BOT for a vote. The CSU System is not getting enough money from the state. The CSU BOT has the option of passing a budget with or without a tuition increase and

that vote is going to take place around March 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Chief Government Relations Officer, Genesis Jara, has taken the lead on lobbying efforts regarding this tuition increase and they will be having an informational session to let students know about this
- Hopes that they can have a shuttle that will take students to the Chancellor's Office on the day of the vote like they did last year.
- Believes that if this increase passes and campus based fees continue to go up, it is going to be increasingly difficult to continue to claim that higher education is affordable and accessible.
- Attending the Basic Needs Conference in Sacramento next week. Under SB85, there was an allotment that is going to be granted to universities to help fund basic needs programs such as food pantries and emergency housing programs. CSULB will be receiving some money from this grant and believes that there should be some ASI oversight and planning as to how this money is spent since it will impact our ASI Beach Pantry.

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes Meeting #5, December 8, 2017

**(M) Nino (S) Cail to approve Cabinet Minutes Meeting #5, December 8, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Item: Conscious Collection Art Gallery

Elasmar is planning the art gallery for the spring semester and asked for suggestions and feedback on how to improve this based on last semester.

Nino believes that there should be some more collaboration and teamwork since Elasmar set up the event by themselves last semester. Also recommended that Elasmar delegate more tasks so that they can alleviate some of the workload for this event.

Elasmar asked if the board would prefer to have the event on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and thinks they should consider their target audience and how they can get the best outcome. Believes that if they had it on Tuesday they would have a larger turnout.

Cail added that a lot of the cultural organizations that they are a part of or have come into contact with have their general meetings on Thursdays, however those are usually done around 5 pm. Will look into their meeting schedules and will update the board as soon as possible.

Nino asked if international students would be featured in this Conscious Collection. Elasmar explained that they were included in last semester's collection and had a low turnout. Not opposed to including them in this collection, but feels that they have already been represented in an event and thinks they should keep it focused to specific communities for this semester.

Hoque agrees and thinks that it would be easier to keep it limited to the five communities they agreed on for this semester.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Item: Event Proposal: Sistahs On-Campus Art Exhibit Profile

Elasmar explained that Terry Armstrong and the Black Faculty & Staff Association is helping put on this event for women of color, specifically black women and their art. They wanted to know if Cabinet would like to contribute and help out financially; each member of Cabinet has a budget that they are able to use at their discretion.

San Miguel added that they would be featuring women that have made contributions to this campus. The event will be at the art gallery and will be on exhibit for about a month. They will be taking photographs of the women and those will then be transferred to canvas and then Beach Pride Events will be hosting a reception at the art gallery.

Elasmar believes that this event is important and stated that if any board members are interested in supporting this event, let them know and how much they would be willing to contribute from their budgets.

Cail added that they have a meeting scheduled with Armstrong tomorrow and will be figuring out their contribution with them directly.

Elasmar pointed out that this event would also provide them with an opportunity for advertising for the Conscious Collection.

## 10. REPORTS

### A. Cultural Affairs – Kyari Cail

#### Work completed since last report:

1. Assisted in planning Black History Month in collaboration with OMA
2. Co-facilitating the Pan-African Graduation Celebration Planning Committee
3. Attended Social Justice and Equity Committee meeting on 12/13/17
4. Finalizing logistics for “Multicultural” event in collaboration with OMA
5. Reconnecting with cultural organizations

#### Goals for the next two weeks:

1. Continue community building with cultural organizations
2. Finalize logistic plans for Multicultural event in March
3. Continue to grow the Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC)
4. Support Black/African cultural organizations with the planning of Black History Month
5. Assist in planning of Consciousness Collections event with fellow Cabinet members
6. Follow up with Judiciary about Protestor’s Rights/1<sup>st</sup> Amendment event

#### Concerns:

1. Hate speech
2. Trusting ASI

### B. Environmental Justice – Lamiya Hoque

#### Work completed since last report:

1. Video Production for CSULB’s Environmental Communities
  - a. Meeting with ASI Comm to discuss my vision for covering campus sustainability/environmentally focused efforts
  - b. In short, there are a lot of committees, taskforces, programs, and the like, all focused on the environment – but things are a bit confusing
  - c. The goal of this 2-4 minute video will be to differentiate and shed some light on what the various teams do and how they all interact
2. Planning for Conscious Collections
  - a. Figuring out logistics with other cabinet members
  - b. Posters
  - c. Symbols
  - d. Presentations
3. PR for Puerto Rico
  - a. Campaign project to raise funds and awareness
  - b. Working with SustainU to raise funds for Puerto Rico
  - c. PR for PR Committee meetings will begin this week
4. Plan for Earth Week
  - a. Will begin 4/16 to 4/20
  - b. First Earth Week Committee meeting on 1/24
  - c. Planned dates, crafts, and events
5. SustainU
  - a. Hired onto SustainU last month as their newest Sustainability Assistant

b. Ask me anything about sustainability!

Goals for the next two weeks:

1. Meeting with ASI Comm for video production
  - a. Figure out logistics and budget
2. Meet with PR for PR Committee
3. Meet with Earth Week Committee
4. Continue to assist with Conscious Collections
5. Find art for my community for Conscious Collections

Concerns:

Nothing to report.

C. LGBTIQ+ Affairs – Sean Aquino

Work completed since last report:

1. Kept in contact with Rachel Fader and Christian Lozano
2. Collaborated with Christian for the coalition
3. Working with Commissioner Gaby Hernandez for Undocumented Tales
4. Met with Commissioner Stevie Moreno for a queer-focused Valentine's day event

Goals for the next two weeks:

1. Receive funds from the OMA for Undocumented Tales
2. Continue with and complete Valentine's day event planning
3. Host first coalition meeting
4. Maintain line of communication with coalition

Concerns:

1. On-campus resource availability
2. Lack of queer-focused events

Aquino also invited members to spread the word and attend the Undocumented Tales Screening & Panel Discussion on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Beach Auditorium.

Nino was interested in hearing what Aquino's suggestions are on how to help LGBTIQ+ students in providing more events and resources and hopes they can collaborate on this.

D. Wellness Affairs – Chloe Kim

- Kim was absent; report not submitted

**11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Elasmar asked the board for suggestions for Noontime Events that would center on their specific communities and focus. Believes that this would help with their visibility and approachability. Also informed the board of the Night Safety Walk on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. This event will have participants do a walk through the campus to check for safety issues and potential improvements.

San Miguel added that other things to look for would be overgrown shrubbery or potential areas that are not well lit or that don't feel safe.

San Miguel reminded the board that election season has begun and the deadline to apply is Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Asked board members to encourage and promote the election to constituencies because they do want a diverse group of students working for ASI. The last informational meeting is on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION** Chair Elasmar adjourned the meeting at 10:38am.