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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - CSUEB SAFE App (10 minutes)

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about the CSUEB SAFE app with the CSUEB Emergency Manager, Becky Pereira.

Becky Pereira, the Emergency Manager for Cal State East Bay, introduces the CSUEB Safe app, developed in coordination with university police and multiple departments. The app, now available for download on Google and Apple stores, provides safety and emergency information. She explains its key features, including direct contact with campus police, emergency dialing, and reporting options for off-campus incidents. The app includes a mobile blue light function, which marks a user's location when activated but is not actively monitored in real-time. Additionally, features like "Friend Walk" allow users to share their location with a trusted contact for safety, while the "I'm OK" message enables quick notifications to family during emergencies. Pereira highlights other resources, such as campus maps, emergency guides, and crisis support services, emphasizing the app's role in providing immediate access to essential information. She encourages everyone to explore its features and utilize it as a preparedness tool. Acknowledging the collective effort behind its development, she expresses appreciation for the various groups involved and reiterates the importance of being proactive about safety. She invites questions and feedback, reinforcing the app's ongoing development to include additional resources over time. **A. Depappa** asks whether university communications regarding emergencies or other important notifications will also be sent through the app. **Becky Pereira** responds, explaining that when you download the app, there will be a prompt to accept push notifications. Once accepted, if the app is open, users will receive notifications similar to the Alert Me messages. This includes



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Motion to approve **Rolando S. Munos** as the Senator of Science by **L. Deguzman**, seconded by **C. Reddy Doolam**, motion **CARRIED**, by **9 YES**.

C. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM - [Your Commute, Your Say: Take the Transportation Survey!](#)** (5 minutes)

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about the Your Commute, Your Say: Take the Transportation Survey!

S. Dela Cruz announces a tabling event on Wednesday, February 26th, from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM in the UU Walkway. The purpose of the event is to promote the Spring 2025 Transportation Survey, gather feedback from students about alternative transportation services, particularly the CSU EB Shuttle system, and educate students about the potential Easy Pass for AC Transit. S. Dela Cruz also hopes to promote the CSUEB Safe app during the event. The goal is to provide students with more information about these services and encourage participation in the survey to make the Easy Pass available. The Easy Pass, which costs \$85, will grant students free access to all AC Transit bus lines for the rest of the year, benefiting those who commute from various areas including Oakland, Berkeley, and Concord. However, this will only happen if there are enough survey responses. S. Dela Cruz emphasizes that the current CSU EB General Shuttle system is ending this year, so taking action now could help secure the Easy Pass for students in the future. No budget is requested for the event, only materials like flyers and ASI scheduling materials. S. Dela Cruz also plans to upload the event details to the ASI Instagram page. E. Loreda shares that he has been in communication with **S. Dela Cruz** and the agency transit committee. As mentioned by **S. Dela Cruz**, due to the proposed fee increase of \$85.00 for the Easy Pass, the committee has requested ASI's support. This tabling event and the survey are one way ASI can contribute. **E. Loreda** adds that the committee is scheduled to present further on the initiative at the next Board of Directors meeting to explore additional ways to support it. He also acknowledges that surveying students is important for gathering feedback on transportation services. **J. Carroll** adds to **E. Loreda's** point, emphasizing key considerations regarding the transportation conversation. He explains that the university's shuttle service is currently free with a Bay Card, funded by the university parking department, which covers the drivers and the shuttle loop. However, when a contract expires, renegotiating it often leads to increased rates due to rising costs in fuel, wages, and inflation. Given these factors, parking services is exploring an alternative solution similar to what other campuses offer, the A/C



Transit Easy Pass. This would require students to pay an \$85.00 fee but would grant unlimited access to A/C Transit across the East Bay 24/7 for an entire year. While this could be a great deal for frequent shuttle users, it may not be as appealing to students who don't regularly rely on public transportation. J. Carroll stresses that this is why the survey is crucial, to determine whether students find the Easy Pass worthwhile or prefer the continuation of the current shuttle system. He reiterates that the decision should be based on student input, as they are the primary users of the service. The upcoming presentation by Brenda will further outline the pros and cons of both options, but in the meantime, it is vital to encourage students to participate in the survey to accurately assess their transportation needs. **S. Dela Cruz** reminds everyone that the transportation survey will close on February 27th, emphasizing the urgency of gathering as many student responses as possible before the deadline. She expresses hope that in the final days, she can reach even more students to ensure their voices are heard. Additionally, she welcomes any assistance from others in promoting the survey, stating that any help would be greatly appreciated.

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D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Greek housing ban



PM, she has a class at 1:15 PM. She requests support from others to assist with cleanup after the event. Regarding the budget, she is requesting \$35.00 to purchase photo booth props and markers, with links to the materials provided in the notes. Additionally, she has designed two promotional posters, one for bulletin boards and another for an Instagram post. Lastly, she extends an invitation to Sophia Dela Cruz to table alongside her for the transportation survey in case additional responses are needed before the deadline.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

- [Jan CSSA](#) (5 min)

L. Deguzman provided an update from the CSSA meeting in San Francisco on January 25, 2025. He, along with **N. Calara**, attended discussions focused on system legislative affairs and system-wide issues. One key topic was the Student Trustee Search Committee, where he has been reviewing applications for the CSU Board of Trustees. This position plays a crucial role in making decisions that impact all 23 CSU campuses, including tuition policies and funding allocations. To ensure fairness in the selection process, the committee underwent implicit bias training. The deadline for applications was February 14, and Deguzman will be traveling to Long Beach for interviews on February 16. Another major discussion centered around affordable housing. A working group, including CSSA, UCSA, and SSCCC, proposed a standardized housing process to increase availability and prioritize low-income students. One of the key recommendations was lowering the unit requirement for housing grants from 12 to 9 units to better accommodate students juggling work or caregiving responsibilities. **L. Deguzman** also shared updates on the Equitable Access Program, which was launched in Fall 2022 to improve students' access to affordable course materials. The program allows students to opt in and receive textbooks at the lowest market rate on the first day of class. Data from the program showed positive results, with 22 percent more students completing courses after enrollment and significant savings for students at campuses like San Diego State University, where they collectively saved approximately 19 million dollars. Despite these benefits, some campuses, such as CSU Northridge and CSU San Bernardino, initially opposed the program due to concerns about its impact on students. However, the program's proponents emphasized that its main goal is to support student



success by ensuring access to necessary learning materials. Legislative affairs were another key focus of the meeting, particularly regarding the accuracy of cost-of-



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