Shared Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
Time: 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: Alhambra Room – USU Room 305
Type of Meeting: General

Attendees: Committee Members, General Public

I. Organizational Items:

Land Acknowledgment: With Great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretaker of Tovaangar (TOE-van-gar) – the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles Basin, South Channel Islands, San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and our relatives/relations, past, present, and emerging. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university's relationship to Native peoples. By offering this land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian Peoples.

A. Call to order by: Jazmine Rocha, Vice President for University Affairs
B. Roll Call

Jazmine Rocha	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Andrew Chang	Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner	Present
Mark Raspopov	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Excused Absence
Brandon Torres	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Quinton Coleman	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Excused Absence
VACANT	Graduate Academic Senator	
Lidia Garcia	Graduate Academic Senator	Present
Byron Ajpop Sotero	Academic Senator At-Large	Present
Ashley Bellorin	ASI President	Excused tardy (1:52pm)
Erick Anzu	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Excused absence
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Emily Webb	Public Service Commissioner	Present
Enrique Curiel	Engagement Commissioner	Present
Isis Stansberry	Associate Dean of Students, Community Care	Excused tardy (1:56pm)
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Guests of the Gallery	University Times	

C. Approval of Agenda

Offered By:	Enrique Curiel		Seconded by:		Ekiria Magala	
Motion to approve the agenda for Oct 20th, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Certification of Minutes

Offered By:	Andrew Chang		Seconded by:		Emily Webb	
Motion to certify the minutes for (Oct 6th, 2026) Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment: None

III. Action Item: None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Academic Senate Meeting (10/13) Debrief

- The Council discussed the October 13 Academic Senate meeting. The proposal with amendments was not approved and was expected to return for further review. The Senate did not reach the first-reading items.
- The presenter scheduled to provide an update was absent, so the presentation was deferred to a subsequent Senate meeting.
- The Council clarified committee representation: Byron Ajpop Sotero was identified as the voting student member on the Student Policy Committee; Brandon Torres was also attending. A prior mix-up involving committee links/communications was discussed and appeared to have been resolved.

B. Fall 2026 ASI Town Hall Debrief

- The Vice President for University Affairs thanked Council members and attendees for supporting the Fall 2026 ASI Town Hall. The event had a positive turnout, and student feedback was collected from the discussion tables. A follow-up thank-you email was planned for participating administrators and faculty. A compiled report would be shared with participants and the Board of Directors.
- The Council discussed using the collected feedback to assign each ASI representative one student concern to follow up on, meet with affected students, or elevate through university channels. The goal is to report practical progress at the Spring 2027 Town Hall.
- Members generally found the housing multipurpose room spacious, but noted that it was difficult for students unfamiliar with housing to locate and that some doors required access or assistance. Members suggested considering more central locations, including the library or the University-Student Union, and potentially holding two town halls in different locations next semester.
- Members recommended surveying students through ASI social media about preferred town hall locations. They also recommended beginning promotion several weeks earlier and using campus-wide emails, department announcements, and other campus communication channels.
- Members noted low graduate-student attendance and discussed the distance between the event location and places graduate students commonly use, including the graduate apartments and the Golden Eagle building. Members also raised accessibility concerns for students with disabilities and suggested clearer directions or meeting at a central location and walking attendees to the event.
- Members observed that town hall feedback was similar to concerns raised in the previous year's student survey. The Council discussed the importance of developing solutions and reporting progress rather than repeatedly collecting the same concerns.
- The ASI proposal document titled "SIP proposal, ASI discussion, and basis for adjustment, 2025–26" was identified as available in Canvas under discussion materials. It was expected to be placed on a future Board of Directors agenda for review.

C. Formal Reconciliation Request Updates

- The Vice President for University Affairs provided an update on the formal reconciliation request. A message had been sent to the cabinet members addressed in the letter requesting a meeting and outlining a proposed timeline for obtaining documents and responding to student questions. A response was requested by Friday; if no response was received, follow-up outreach would occur the following week.
- Jessica DeShazo, Chair of the Academic Senate, expressed interest in having the paper presented at an upcoming Academic Senate meeting. The paper was expected to be considered for the agenda, and the Chair would review it and provide feedback to help verify accuracy. The possibility of seeking support from the Academic Senate Executive Committee was also discussed. The request was also expected to be raised at an upcoming SFAC meeting.

- Members asked whether concerns raised by the University President about the accuracy of the information had been clarified. The presenter explained that the paper relied on publicly available information, CSU policy, and California law, and that no further clarification had been received from the cabinet.
- The discussion focused on the need to clarify which committees are responsible for reviewing budget matters, including the roles of SFAC and RAP, and whether those committees have the required student-majority representation and meet to review relevant changes. Members noted that the current public information does not clearly explain where budget reviews occur.
- Desired outcomes include a clearly identified student-majority committee involved in budget decisions and a more transparent public webpage with supporting budget information, such as invoices, contracts, rollover funds, allocations, committee agendas, meeting times, and membership.

D. Parking & Transportation working document
- The Council discussed developing a working document addressing parking and transportation concerns. Members described inconsistencies between online parking maps or instructions and posted signage in parking structures, creating confusion about where students may park. Members also reported receiving citations while believing they were parked in permitted spaces.
- Members raised concerns that license-plate scanning equipment may misread plates and that citations may be issued without a manual verification. Students may then need to appeal citations to correct errors. Members recommended reviewing the equipment and the citation-verification process.
- Additional topics included comparing parking citation amounts with other CSU campuses, reviewing the relationship between citation costs and monthly parking-pass prices, and improving communication before parking fee increases.
- Members recommended clearer, consistent written criteria for reviewing parking appeals, including which reasons qualify for approval or denial. They noted that similar appeals may receive different outcomes and that some students experience lengthy delays in receiving responses.
- Members discussed accessibility and transportation concerns involving broken or delayed elevators and stairs near the Metro station and elsewhere on campus. The station and related infrastructure involve multiple entities, including the University, Metro, Metro Link, and the City, which can complicate repairs and accountability.
- Suggestions included improving communication about available hydration stations and cooling centers, identifying shaded bus stops, exploring transportation alternatives for students affected by elevator outages, and strengthening coordination with Metro and other agencies. Members emphasized that asking campus safety officers to physically carry wheelchair users up stairs is not an appropriate long-term solution.
- Members discussed the possibility of a shuttle connection to the Metro station, while noting that the station's location and uphill access present challenges that would need further review. An existing elevator-impact survey was mentioned; members were encouraged to share it broadly so student experiences could be documented and presented to the University and external agencies.
- Parking assistance options were also discussed, including possible parking scholarships. Members were invited to participate in the Alternative Transportation Committee, which generally meets once per semester, and the Facilities and Environment Committee, which meets monthly. Byron Ajpop Sotero expressed interest in participating in the Alternative Transportation Committee.

V. Information Items
- No separate information items were recorded in the provided.

VI. Reports

A. Vice President for University Affair
- A report was provided on the proposed 2026–27 University Budget and Planning Committee. The committee is intended to provide guidance on the University budget and alignment of institutional resources with the "One LA, One Path Forward" initiative. The first meeting had not yet been scheduled as of October 20.

B. Academic Senators
- An update was provided on advocacy through the California State Student Association (CSSA) regarding basic-needs programs. Concerns were raised about the Eddie Eats program and the need to sustain

existing campus basic-needs services as well as develop new programs. CSSA indicated that it would look into the concerns and provide an update.

- Members discussed reports that some Eddie Eats applicants were told that all available spots had been filled for the semester. The application process, award amount, duration of eligibility, and rollover of funds were unclear. A follow-up with the program administrator was planned to clarify the current criteria and process.
- Members also discussed exploring a SNAP benefits initiative as another way to support students with food access, while recognizing that eligible purchases depend on program rules.

C. Council Members

- A Student Policy Committee report identified possible agenda topics concerning whether the University has a publicly accessible map of hydration stations and cooling centers, and how that information is communicated to students. Members also raised concerns about a lack of shade at some bus stops during periods of extreme heat.
- The committee discussed transit affordability and the possibility of student transit passes. A report concerning Rio Hondo College was referenced during the discussion, noting higher credential and associate-degree attainment among students receiving transit passes compared with students without passes. Members discussed whether similar options could be explored at Cal State LA.
- Members shared concerns about elevator outages and their impact on access to campus, including for wheelchair users. The need for better coordination with Metro and other responsible agencies, and for alternatives when elevators or stairs are unavailable, was emphasized.
- A Council member reported that a veterans-related student club was considering no longer associating its events with the University because of perceived difficulty navigating event approval and branding procedures. Members recommended meeting with the club president to understand the barriers and offer help with registration, event planning, and ASI funding or training. Members clarified that the discussion concerned a student club, not the campus Veterans Resource Center.
- Members also discussed the need for more direct support for student organizations that are unfamiliar with room reservations, funding, and other ASI processes. Suggestions included offering individual assistance during office hours, proactively reaching out to club leaders, and strengthening or emphasizing the training provided to new student organization leaders. A connection with CSI regarding additional training was proposed.

D. Council Advisors

- None

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin		Seconded by:		Ekiria Magala	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ (3:02pm) Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Shared Governance Council Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on October 20th, 2026, at Board Room N/S – USU Room 303/303A and were approved by consensus by the ASI Shared Governance Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Andrew Chang – Vice Chair

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President