



# Environmental Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 29th, 2018  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm U-SU Board Room 303AB  
 Attendees: Cabinet of Commissioners & General Public

**I. Organizational Items:**

**a. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pM

**b. Roll Call**

Javier Moro	<i>Environmental Affairs Commissioner</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Edgar Chavez	<i>Member</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Smitkumar Patel	<i>Member</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
David Garcia	<i>Member</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>ASI Interim Executive Director</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Steven Rodriguez	<i>Guest</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Jocelyn Vargas	<i>Guest</i>	✓Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Guests of the Gallery		

**c. Approval of Agenda (action):**

<b>Offered By:</b> David Garcia	<b>Seconded by:</b> Edgar Chavez
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Thursday, November 28th, 2018.</u> Discussion:	
<b>Vote Tally:</b> 2	
<b>All in Favor</b> 2	<b>Opposed</b> 0
<b>Abstained</b> 0	<b>Motion:</b> ✓ passed      failed

**d. Approval of Minutes (action):**

<b>Offered By:</b> David Garcia	<b>Seconded by:</b> Edgar Chavez
Motion to approve the minutes for <u>Tuesday, November 8th, 2018.</u>	
Vote Tally: 2	
All in Favor: 2	Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0	Motion: ✓ passed

**II. Public Forum/Announcement:**

This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the Executive Committee members.

✚ None

**III. Action Items:**

**Appointment of the Environmental Vice president chair.**

Discussion: David volunteered to become VP chair.

<b>Offered By:</b>	Javier Moro			<b>Seconded by:</b>	Edgar Chavez		
<b>Vote Tally:</b>	2						
<b>All in Favor</b>	3	0	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b> passed

**Environmental policy committee name changes to Environmental affairs committee**

Discussion: Policy is a narrow-minded way of thinking about the environment, rather keep it open to a broader range of problems. Greater adaptability.

<b>Offered By:</b>	David Garcia			<b>Seconded by:</b>	Javier Moro		
<b>Vote Tally:</b>	2						
<b>All in Favor</b>	2	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b>	passed

**IV. Special Presentations**

1. Save the seed: Students led by Steven Rodriguez will present their project and receive feedback from the committee
  - Steven suggested that our buildings here at University are very rich in vertical space. This space may be useful for vertical gardens and enhance school beautification as well as providing a way to have students engaged/active towards an environmental conscious look.
  - Members of the committee agreed and loved Stevens idea by giving him suggestions on how he can look at precedents at other successful schools such as Cal poly Pomona and present hat to the board.
  - Other resources where offered and potential collaboration with Steven and his group for future events.
2. Model United Nations: Club Members will present on the southern CA regional Climate Conference, February 23-24, and receive feedback from the committee.
  - Received handouts and committee will send feedback through email.

3. Policy Making: The ASI Interim Executive Director will present on policy development practices and procedures
  - CSU Sustainability policy
  - CSU's Commitment to Sustainability Website
  - Policy on System wide Smoke and Tabaco free Environment
  - Cal State LA smoke Free Policy
  - Example of a Carbon commitment (Cal Poly Pomona)
  - Cal State LA Campus Committee – Administrative Procedures and Legislative Resources
  - Policy 0190 : ASI Sustainability Guidelines

**V. Old Business**

**EPC Outreach and Recruitment: The committee will discuss tabling and outreach efforts**

- Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 12pm, on the main campus walkway, adjacent to the biological building
- Review the script for EPC tabling

Everyone agreed that there needs to be more representation within the committee and its in the best interest of policy making that we have more than a couple of ideas. A successful committee should have members who are available to accomplish the tasks at hand and not have two people handling one big project.

**VI. Discussion Items**

- Greenhouse Initiative: The committee will discuss the grant opportunity provided by energy and sustainability Manager Brad Haydel.
- Planning for spring Semester: The committee will develop marketing strategies for next semester
- Review of the Environmental Policy Committee code of procedure: The cabinet will review the code

**VII. Reports**

Environmental Affairs Commissar just wanted to thank all of us for being on the committee, sees big things top come and need all our help to make things happen. Plans for next semester are to be talked about next meeting and have a good winter break.

**Adjournment**

<b>Offered By:</b>	Javi	<b>Seconded by:</b>	David
Motion to adjourn the meeting at <u>7:54</u> pm.			

Vote Tally:	2					
All in Favor	2	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed <input type="checkbox"/> failed

**VII. CERTIFICATION**

Official Minutes taken for the **Environmental Policy Committee** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 in the U-SU 303AB. Approved by the A.S.I. Executive Committee on:\_\_\_\_\_.

Prepared by:

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Recording Secretary

Confirmed by:

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Secretary/Treasurer