



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Time: 3:15- 5:45 pm

Location: U-SU Board Room North/South 303 AB

Attendees: Board of Directors & General Public

Type of Meeting: Special

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to order by: Chair Aaron Castaneda, A.S.I. President 3:16PM

b. Roll Call:

Nia Johnson	<i>President</i>	Excused Absent
Jacquelyn Acosta	<i>Vice President for Academic Governance</i>	Present
Aaron Castaneda	<i>Vice President for Finance</i>	Present
Veronica Garcia-Martinez	<i>Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement</i>	Excused Absent
David San	<i>Secretary Treasure-Rep-At-Large</i>	Present
Rashad Freeman	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Jocelyn Vargas	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Christopher Koo	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Present
Jorge Salazar	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Present
Selene Castillo	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Excused Tardy
Jacob Isai Amaya	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Present
Smitkumar Patel	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Present
Edgar Chavez	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Present
Fritza Plasencia	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Davona Watson	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Pandian Rajaram	<i>Civic Engagement Officer</i>	Present
Krystal Rubio	<i>Campus Affairs Representative At Large</i>	Present
E'Leaya Harris	<i>Associate Justice</i>	Present
Carol Roberts-Corb	<i>Assistant Dean of Student Conduct</i>	Present
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Government Affairs & Leadership Programs</i>	Present
Dena Florez	<i>Office Manager of Administration & Services – RS</i>	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Adoption of Agenda: Thursday, March 28, 2019

❖ Discussion:

- Jacquelyn Acosta: My first amendment is to move the election result as the first action item. Since we do have the announcement of the result and Jessal has to confirm business. Just to get it out the way since we do have conversation. Second, remove the President Covino discussion item since it was presented less than 24 hours...
- Fritza Plasencia: Also to have this discussion it needs to be discuss with the board so that it may be added to the agenda.
- E'Leaya Harris: I would like to yield time to the public for 2 minutes.
- Student: I do not want to have a discussion but maybe come up with a conclusion...

- Davona Watson: I am not confident that I have to vote on something that I do not have information about. Maybe we should have a discussion about what the item is about so that I have better knowledge on what is going on and about the petition that is going around.
- Jacob Isai Amaya: I do understand on what is happening on public forum. But I do would like some more information about the item before I take action.
- Jacquelyn Acosta: I would like to yield time.
- Student: From my understanding the item was place on the agenda as the action item. So what is the policy of removing an action item?
- Aaron Castaneda: It requires the majority vote from the board of directors.
- Jorge Salazar: I believe that the brown act recommend that action item is place as a discussion item before it is place as action item.
- Marcus Rodriguez: *(Marcus Rodriguez is telling the board and public more about the policy and why it's important to follow the policy).*
- E'Leaya Harris: Yield time to the public for 1 minutes.
- Student: I'm disappointed on how y'all are saying you don't have information about why we want the administrator to remove. For serval weeks I have been going to every meeting to discuss my concerns and how the administration are handling these issues... *(Student is voicing her disappointment regarding the lack of knowledge that the board have on the issues).* We did not come here to have a discussion, we came here to take action.
- Davona Watson: I would like to know if this action item was actually discuss on the executive committee. *(The board respond "No")*. Ok, my opinion remain the same because I have not even review the resolution. So my ignorance is not to yield action but to understand what vote no confidence vote really mean. I am not aware of what does that mean and it was presented to us.

Offered By:	Christopher Koo	Seconded by:	Jacquelyn Acosta			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday March 28, 2019. Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday March 28, 2019- Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Fritza Plasencia			
Amend to move the election result first in the action item.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Fritza Plasencia			
Amend to move the action item "The Removal of President Covino" to discussion item.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

d. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, March 14, 2019

❖ Discussion:

- Davona Watson: Yes I would like to say there is a few clerical errors. I understand it was a lot to type up due to the fact that there was a lot that had happen in the past meeting. I don't know if I should point it out but there is a lot of errors.
- Aaron Castaneda: Is the error effecting the language or motion...?
- Davona Watson: It affects the language... "There is snakes in the corner." *(The board respond, she meant snacks)*. I believe things like this will affect the minutes... Further down my name was misspelled and I said task force, it said task court... Nia's name is misspelled...
- Dena Florez: If it's approve by the board, what I'll do if it is just clerical typos, we can recognized it. I'll be more than happy to correct it as long as there is no change in content...

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Jacob Isai Amaya
Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday March 14, 2019.			

Consensus to approve the minutes for Thursday March 14, 2019. - Consensus reached						
Consensus to fix the clerical errors in the minutes for Thursday March 14, 2019. - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum:

a. This time is allotted to members of the public to address the board.

- Student: So there are two things. First, I'm pretty sure that a lot of us are upset that you guys are not discussing this. We have been here and voice our concern and you guys have not event discuss it...The second thing is what is the purpose of having a student government board when you're not representing the community. Have you guys see the King Hall door? It does not work. Your students are rebelling... *(Student is upset that nothing is being done for the school in terms of fixing King Hall)*.
- Student: Is anyone here the new elected? (Aaron Castaneda responded that he is not newly elected). I just want to say, this comment is for the new candidates that will be taking the seat next year. I hope no one is here on the board is making friends with administrators in terms of using it as a networking opportunity instead of representing the students... that might put you in the conflict of interest... *(Student is questioning why is that the action item even place on the agenda if it wasn't going to take place)*.
- Student: So these are our signatures and there is a lot more missing. We had over a 1,000. Including letters that are going to be sent to the Chancellor office to remove these administrators... *(Student is voicing on the reason why they want to remove the administrators)*.
- Student: Real quick question, how do we know that by the end of the day you have enough information? It seems as there is plenty of time that we can have this discussion right now...
- Faculty of the Charter College of Education: I came here because I heard there's going to be a vote on this resolution. As a faculty who have taught here for 20 years who was born in East LA...I'm here to speak today because I see the pain that my students are going through. Every student here is my students...When I walk to get my lunch I see the same students out there collecting signatures advocating for my community... I'm disappointed that if you really represent, I do not want to be disrespectful that u guys have a harder job than the remaining students. I do not want to disperse any work you are doing, so please let me tell you wake up. You represent the students...
- Ed: The petition that we've gotten signed, I've been doing this day after day after day. I tell you ¾ of the people I asked have sign this thing. *(Ed inform the board more about the petition and why they are doing it)*.
- Student: Aren't you Aaron running for President? This is serious ok, there's a lot of kids out there that is going to be impacted by the impaction... It's not a joke. There are kids out there that are freaking out that they didn't get accepted to Cal State LA...
- Student: I don't know if those who are here knows that this is being implemented. We have a lot of students and faculty who came and speak up about how someone who got a letter saying they have been rejected and to go somewhere else that's not impacted... *(Student is voicing her concern on why it's important Cal State LA should not be impacted)*. Is there any way we can switch back to an action Item?
- Marcus Rodriguez: It already took action... At this point it's not possible in the procedure.
- Student: Why, what policy said you can't?
- Marcus Rodriguez: *(Marcus Rodriguez is answering her question)*.
- Student: *(Students want the item to be added back to the action item)*.
- Aaron Castaneda: I want to ask the public forum if we may move on to action item one just to get the election result out the way. If you may allow us just to go to action item one and we'll come back to public forum.
- Student: *(Student is voicing his concerns on the rules that the board have)*.

- Student: There is no room for discussion and the same happen at the impaction...I'm surprise that none of you have sign the petition. Can I get a raise of hand for those who have signed the petition?
- Aaron Castaneda: Unfortunately I'm not allowed to respond to this question.
- Student: (*Student is asking the board to suspend the rules and to go back and talk about the item*).
- Ed: This is your opportunity to represent your community and not the administrators...
- Student: I have a question since you guys are on the board of everything. Is there anything the students can do to remove some of you guys so that we have people who are going to listen to us? These students I'm going to tell you right now don't underestimate our powers. We have a lot of power and when you underestimate people I promise you that things are going to change...
- Student: I don't want to talk to the board because they are obviously not listening. They are hiding behind the policy right? That's what they are telling you because they don't want you to know about this.
- (*The public are chanting*).
- Aaron Castaneda: We are moving on to action item one.
- Student: I took my time from work to do this! We came here to do this! So you are going to change it, alright! Don't act like we are not here speaking to you! We are student too, we are just like you except you are sitting on that seat...

III. Action Items:

a. Elections Results - The Board of Directors will take action on approving the results for the ASI General Election for the 2019-20 year.

1. Discussion:

- Jessal Salas: So I am here to announce the election result for 2019. Voting for the election took place over two days. Tuesday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 27, 2019. 1,331 valid ballots were cast electronically via the Golden Eagle Territory (GET) system. This was a 10% increase from 2018. The election was closed at 7PM on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The ITS Generated result report ID#LAASI001 was provided to and verified by the Division of Student Life on Thursday, March 28, 2019. All result are valid without any pending grievance. Based on the above, I am seeking a motion from the board to approve the result which will be read at 4PM in the University-Student Union Plaza.
- Student: (*The student are upset that the board moved on*).

Offered By:	Unknown			Seconded by:	Unknown		
Motion to approve the election result.							
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

b. The Removal of President Covino - The Board will consider approving a resolution of no confidence on President Covino and key administrators.

1. Discussion:

- Aaron Castaneda: Please look at the document that Nia have given to us. Though she is not here to speak upon it at all. I did read the resolution but I do not have a comment.
- Jocelyn Vargas: In the first page it said vote no confidence in 2016, was there a timeline that follow up to that? What happen if we vote no confidence? Is there any HR policy that need to be follow?
- Aaron Castaneda: Yeah so if the board take action on a vote no confident in the future then it'll go to the academic senate. They then have to vote upon themselves no confidence. So our resolution is to have the academic senate to do their own and vote no confidence.
- Davona Watson: My question is this resolution is presented to the ASI president. Did the ASI president write this resolution?

- Aaron Castaneda: No she did write the resolution.
- Krystal Rubio: So is this what we are going to be taking action on. The document is already being presented to us?
- Aaron Castaneda: Correct.
- Krystal Rubio: Don't we have to have a discussion on that then take action on it?
- Aaron Castaneda: the rules were that we have this as the discussion item first then action item next meeting.
- Jorge Salazar: I would like to point out that yesterday I talked to my classes about this. A lot of students were not even aware that this was happening. I can tell you that 75 % of the students did not know what impaction even meant. I would like to have a discussion in my college and I'm not lying. I would like to have a discussion with my students in the college before I personally take a vote on this.
- Davona Watson: As of today we can't take action because it was not...
- Aaron Castaneda: The board can take action but it usually would have to go to the committee first.
- Jacquelyn Acosta: So I have the associated justice to send me the statement, I'm just going to read the statement that is provided to me. So it said "President Covino walked out when the students were speaking at the Town Hall..." (*Jacquelyn Acosta continues reading the statement*).
- Jocelyn Vargas: This question is going back 2016. It was passed by the Associated Students and it went to the senate. What happen at the senate?
- Aaron Castaneda: The senate didn't move forward with it. In my knowledge of that time it was a straight vote of no confidence. The senate didn't entertain it.
- Jocelyn Vargas: Ok, in the second bullet. Talking about campus services but not limited enrollment parking. I thought Chief Wall was in charge of that as well as the advisement and the dean. Maybe we can edited that language. (*Jocelyn Vargas is making recommendation to change some of the language in the statement*).
- Aaron Castaneda: You have this discussion with Nia about it. I believe she can make edits.
- David San: As a student who represent the students from the college of ECST. I would like to echo Jorge's voice. The majority student from the ECST aren't aware, they are aware that some of the information is going around so they are questioning a lot about what is going around.
- Davona Watson: This is going back to what David was saying. Our college of natural and social science have no option...I didn't even have room to ignore our students concerns...Fritza and I are aware of what is going on. I would just like to bring it back to the vote we did in March 15 that was all in favor for the one year moratorium. I want to encourage you all to know that our decision today...shows that we were not inform...again we cannot vote on anything that we have not discuss...We do want to make sure we hear the students concern and make sure our decision is for the students concerns. (*Public made a comment "You know you knew"*). I did not know this until 10:00PM last night.
- Jacquelyn Acosta: Something that we need to see in perspective that had happen in the last CSSA that really spoke value to me as a representative was when CSSA was doing the president nomination of the year. This puts in perspective of what Covino was lacking for instance you would hear what other president are doing. Like Cal State Chico heard some student went through the Wildfire and the things she did to step into her students... (*Jacquelyn Acosta talks about how other CSU President would be involved with their students*). When the administrators cancel on open deliberation, which to me shows that they were not with the students. I did plan this event for eight months in advance. It broke my heart when wasn't going to happen. This is a fake support because they are not giving back to the student... Though, I'm not in favor of the resolution but I do wished that this would have been sent in advance so it may get review...
- Jocelyn Vargas: I want to allow 2 minutes for the public.

- Professors: I heard that some of you representative said that your students don't even know what impact. Shouldn't that tell you how Covino... and how you don't know? Covino has a professional website design to get out the message. My students are taking time from their study from their work to collect signatures to get their community voice hear...
- Fritza Plasencia: I would like to yield time to public forum.
- Student: You know I have a two year old... I work 30 hours and I come to school here. It breaks my heart that you guys don't give a shit. My son, I don't know how his future would be like. When I was in High school I was an honors kid. I did not want to go to a University. I wanted to go to community college and transfer to a Cal State... *(Student talks more how this may affect the future for her kid).*
- E'Leaya Harris: Some of you all know my story. My mother almost die from a stroke 2013. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be here. I have a brother I have to take care of. An administrator from my community college told me "I almost lost faith in you as a black student for you to graduate from college". I understand where you guys are coming from, I do believe it and I would like to yield my time to the public for 2 minutes.
- Student: I just want to echo about us not being inform. All students in the school social work such as the students and faculty, very few are actually inform. I'm not even going to say this as a joke but follow Golden eagle justice on Instagram and you will be inform on a lot of issues that a lot of students care about... *(Student is encouraging the board to follow their Instagram).*
- Jacob Isai Amaya: If anyone would like to speak on public forum I will allow 2 minutes.
- Student: Education is one thing that I was able to have consistency on... I have a friend who was shot and came here and graduated. You guys are making that story impossible...please listen to the students, you have the signature in front of you, take action... I'm from Macarthur Park and it will get messy.
- Selene Castillo: How much time does the board need to make this decision or can you make it today? How do you feel doing this right now?
- Marcus Rodriguez: *(Marcus Rodriguez is informing the board on the following procedure).*
- Selene Castillo: How would you feel giving us a two week to talk...? If you feel like you need it now and why do you need it now? You do have more information than I do and I do apologize.
- Student: One of the thing is that everything is being push back... this is the best thing we can do at the time. In two weeks to get to the spot, is too long.
- Student: *(Student is explaining to the board why two weeks is to long for the item to take action is).*
- Jocelyn Vargas: The only reason why I would want to two weeks is because there is an inconsistency which changing the language. The second page said ASI will welcome the new president but the procedure... I would want to revisit due to the language...
- E'Leaya Harris: I allow 2 minutes.
- Student: We want to do this today because we all came here knowing and believing it was an action item. We have all the information to share you If you would just come and talk to us you would have it... *(Student is informing the board about how they are advocating and informing the board about their supporters).*

Offered By:	Jorge Salazar	Seconded by:	Jacquelyn Acosta			
Motion to have a special meeting.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

IV. Adjournment:
a. Discussion:

- Students: *(Students are informing the board on the places where they may seek information about the issues).*

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Jacob Isai Amaya
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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM
Consensus to adjourn the meeting at - Consensus reached.

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on March 28, 2019 in the: U-SU Board Room, 303 and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, May 02, 2019. Prepared by:

Dena Florez- Recording Secretary

David San- Secretary/Treasurer