



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 29, 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 5:00PM
- b. Roll Call:

Nia Johnson	<i>President</i>	Present
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>	Present
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>	Excused Absent
Christopher Koo	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Present
Jorge Salazar	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Excused Tardy
Selene Castillo	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Present
Jacob Isai Amaya	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Unexcused Tardy
Smitkumar Patel	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Excused Absent
Edgar Chavez	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Present
Fritza Plasencia	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Unexcused Tardy, Present @5:15PM
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 29, 2019

❖ Discussion:

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday March 29, 2019. Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday March 28, 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.
 - Nia Johnson: This past week I was out of the office. There was times where I requested formal update or a brief summary of what had taken place in the office... I would like to echo to the board that if I request that during the time of my absent if you may please just follow up or

respond to the fact that there was some allegation claim against me. In regard to collusion. I would like to stress to the board that my door is open all day today and no one had approach me with questions concerns about anything decision I have made. If there's any questions or concerns about how I constructed the agenda, feel free to ask me. This is also a great time to voice your concerns, I do like to keep it transparent. I notice that there was some conversation behind closed door about what I had put on the agenda on Thursday. I do would appreciate if you voice your concern in this space... (*Nia Johnson encouraging the board to ask questions and voice anyone concern at the moment*). As of the meeting yesterday, I recognized that some of the item of the agenda was postponed and were table to today. I like to highlight that on November 29 there was an action item placed to the board where we approve roughly without even having the document presented to the board... (*Nia Johnson presented many other examples to the board regarding documents not being brought up to the board before approval*).

- Student: We as student organization and student activist we need to understand that president Covino and other administrators have done to students. (*Student speak about what happened in the Impaction event*). This school have a lot to do and the administrator need to start working. They turn their back when the students wanted one year moratorium as the administrators turn their back on it. We are for the students and by the students...let's do what is best for our student and what is best for our community.
- Student: I am a former student at CSULA. I'm am thinking of voting no confidence and it's a lot of pressure on us. It's a shame that we are in the same place as we were in the last four years...be careful how you do your investigation...I know ASI member are trying to make the campus better by working with administrators and they bring their accomplishment to the board of trustee and brag about it...It pout student and other students against each other, facility against students...
- Faculty: I heard something that Nia said...I want to say that faculty feel that same way towards administrators...Please consider right now that the board should make a motion right now to the administrators that are sitting here...about the two students who fear and wants to speak about the resolution...I feel so uncomfortable yesterday because I was speaking as a faculty but this is my field right now... I had a lot of students who would go out of their way and faculties who are doing a lot to fight impactions... (*Faculty speaks more about how students shouldn't be scared to voice their opinion*). You can probably remove Covino and the next vice president well come up and act the same way. They are lacking ethics as the president and provost Mahoney are...If you vote to remove the administrations, I can leave so that you can vote... (*Faculty is voicing that the board should not be afraid to vote and how provost Mahoney is doing things behind the students back*).I'm sorry for the tone of my voice yesterday, which was me being frustrated due to the fact that students are afraid to speak up.
- Student: Doing the right thing can be uncomfortable. As the pervious speakers said it can be dangerous. It's uncomfortable because you are breaking the expectation of how people behave, it can involve stepping on toes. This can also disrupt the relationship you have with people. If your conscience disrupt your relationship then that relationship was not a solid foot. I also want to point out about the discomfort of the students when impaction goes through. The impaction is a myth that administrators are obsessed with. The myth is that there's no funding left and we can't afford \$30 million a year to maintain the enrollment. The superintendent of LAUSD is worth more than Cal State system as in funding for a year... we should have leadership that call this out for us...
- Student: After what you have been hearing, I think the problem on this campus goes beyond impaction. (*Student encouraging the board to do an investigation on campus*). We have been communicated from different campus in different state about us to go forward about these issues...
- Jacquelyn Acosta: My motion was that I didn't feel comfortable passing resolution because it wasn't up to par where I believe it should be. It believe it could have been added more

supporting documents that's what I added to my amendment...I'm just speaking for myself as to why I voted that way.

- Nia Johnson: I want to let the board know that this can be a living breathing document. With the work we put in today this can still be amend and enhance it as this moment. (*Nia Johnson is voicing how the document can always be enhanced and get amend*).
- Student: I just wanted to add that for those of you who wasn't here yesterday...a page doesn't tell you what to do. I do understand that you need follow up to the academic senate. But like Nia said we do not need two weeks to fix clerical errors. What I don't want to hear today is excuses, I want to hear action change being made and I don't want to hear "oh but this" "oh but that"... Don't waste our time and going in circle...I'm very disappointed that the president have to comment on the Golden Eagle page to say thank you for just posting the summary meeting. How did y'all not tell your president? How did you give Nia an update of what happen...? Do you want to stay silence, this is a question? That's disappointing...the ASI president have to thank me...That's shameful.
- Veronica Garcia-Martinez: I just want to add on to what you said, we can add on like a resolution. I think it loses the credibility if we continuing passing stuff and we keep editing. It means a lot because it's a solid document from the spark instead of passing something and say wait lets change that...however we make those update maybe the law change or however... it's taking some time that we see those happen...
- Student: Thank you everyone for taking your time to listen. As a former president chair I imagine there is a lot of tension of how things are played out... I understand that there is a big risk and it's a great opportunity to see how thing are going to happen. If we were to pay this resolution and the effect of this we're going to feel it... It's not just the resolution but you are voting to stand for the impaction, you're voting to stand on the opportunity, you're voting to stand for the students...please keep that in mind when you make your vote.
- Student: Hello I was a VP of finance here when we pass the first resolution for president Covino. I'm going to tell you that right now you are making a stand...If you believe what the administrators doing is wrong, today you have the opportunity...I feel a lot of retaliation and control form the administrators...The only solution I see is take them out.
- Krystal Rubio: I would like to say I support the removal of president Covino. I was the one who emailed Nia to make this an action item. I'm glad that everyone is coming out to say their opinion.

III. Action Items:

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

a. Recommended Amendments

1. Discussion:

- Aaron Castaneda: Can we start reviewing the amendment... I know there is more than just that one page.
- Jacquelyn Acosta: Can you guys see there is a before and after, I know it's kind of small and I do not want to zoom it out to much because then it'll zoom to the whole sentence...Can you guys see it? (*The crowd answer no*).
- Nia Johnson: So Marcus can type it out. The original resolution is provided right now. Marcus is going to post the recommended amendment as you guys can actually see it.
- Carol Roberts-Corb: I just want to make a suggestion to the public forum that Nancy and I leave.
- Selene Castillo: Would the students want them to leave? (*Nia is rephrasing Selene's question to the board and the audience*).
- Carol Roberts-Corb: I'm just responding your recommendations from you all.
- Student: Preferably I would like you to stay because this well give you time to talk about it outside instead of talking to us.

- Faculty: My thing is that you need to vote not having discussion. The vote is what matter...As a Faculty, I'm here to say Covino and provost only shows up to very selective events.
- E'Leaya Harris: I'd would like to yield time to the public for 2 minutes.
- Student: As a student I would like also the administrators to be gone as the vote. Maybe if it comes from a student it's different.
- Jorge Salazar: I'd like to yield time to the public for 2 minutes.
- Student: I just mention as an administrators being in this space...I know you are going to communicate these message to the others. So I just want you to communicate these messages the right way. At the rally, Carol actually passed by the rally so I just wanted to ask her a question. Why haven't the administrators coming to meetings and why haven't the administrators talk to student about what had happen? I was just walking by I wasn't trying to get caught in these. I just want to show that to everybody.
- Selene Castillo: I just want to encourage the administrators here to really engage yourself in discussion because this well really help both.
- Jacquelyn Acosta: (*Jacquelyn Acosta is reviewing the Removal of President Covino document*), 38:59

Offered By:		Seconded by:				
Motion to approve the Removal of President.						
All in Favor		Opposed		Abstained		Motion:

IV. Adjournment:

a. Discussion:

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Offered By:		Seconded by:				
Motion to adjourn the meeting at Consensus to adjourn the meeting at - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor		Opposed		Abstained		Motion:

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on March 29, 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

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