



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, August 1st, 2019

Type of meeting: General

Time: 3:18-5:05pm

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

Attendees: Board of Directors Members, General Public

I. Organizational Items:

a. Called to Order by Aaron Castaneda at 3:18 pm

b. Roll Call

Aaron Castaneda	<i>President</i>	×Present
Teady Ochoa	<i>Vice President for Administration</i>	x Excused Absent
Jacquelyn Acosta	<i>Vice President for Academic Governance</i>	×Present
Christopher Koo	<i>Vice President of Finance</i>	×Excused Absent
Joceline Rivera Jimenez	<i>VP for External Affairs and Advancement</i>	xPresent
David San	<i>Secretary/ Treasurer</i>	xPresent
Nadine Gostantian	<i>College of HSS Rep</i>	xUnexcused Absent
Jocelyn Vargas	<i>College of HSS Rep</i>	xUnexcused Absent
Jorge Salazar	<i>College of B&E Rep</i>	xUnexcused Tardy @3:23pm
Kayla Misa	<i>College of B&E Rep</i>	×Excused Absent
Sathya Raminani	<i>College of NSS Rep</i>	xPresent
Anna Nguyen	<i>College of NSS Rep</i>	xPresent
Pandian Rajaram	<i>Civic Engagement Officer</i>	xPresent
Kimberline Rodriguez	<i>Diversity and Inclusion Officer</i>	xUnexcused Absent
Dr. Jennifer Miller	<i>University President's Designee</i>	×Excused Absent
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Government Affairs & Leadership Programs</i>	×Excused Absent
Dena Florez	<i>Office Manager of Administration & Services</i>	×Present

c. Adoption of Agenda for Tuesday:

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Jorge Salazar
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for Thursday, August 1 st , 2019			
All in Favor	7	Opposed	None
		Abstained	0
Motion: Passed			

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

- a. This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the executive committee members.

✚ None

III. Actions Items:

- a. **ASI Appointed Positions** – The Board will appoint individuals to the following positions.

1. ASI Board of Directors

- a. Chief Justice (*Alexander and Javier are given 2 minutes to say why they are qualified for the position.*)

I. 2 Questions

✚ Jorge Salazar: What is your experience with policy review?

✚ Alex: I personally don't have much experience in that area outside of ASI. I'd like to say that what makes up for the experience is my knowledge of the policies. I read the policies online – they are publicly available – both as part of E-club and reviewing their constitution and also my knowledge of Robert's rules. I think they both do make up for that experiential gap.

✚ Javier: As a member of ASI last year, I did read through a lot of policy proposals. Within my fellowship over the summer, I did take the work as a policy consultant. I did work with the Environmental Policy Committee last semester to try to pass the Resolution on campus. I have experience with working on the Bernie Sanders campaign back in 2016 reading over his minimum wage proposals and looking over his single-payer health system proposals.

✚ Jacquelyn Acosta: How do both candidates plan to assist a chair in running an effective meeting?

✚ Alexander: I think the base of being able to run an effective meeting is being able to read the roles of a meeting and being familiar with the verbal cues. In terms of how I would run an effective meeting, I would wait for the chair to ask me if there was a question because obviously I think a lot of the chairs here are fairly experienced either directly having read Robert's rules or alternatively having been in meetings where it is used. I'd wait for a cue from the chair to help move business along but in general I'd just watch and listen and look for a gap where my help might be needed.

✚ Javier: I would also look for a cue for whatever the chair wanted, to make sure that I have the rights steps too. I would read through the Robert's Rules and study it religiously to make sure that Robert's rules is up and to the point. I'd bring notes to the meeting too to make sure that I'm in line with whatever is going on in the meetings and to make sure that whatever that chair needs help with, I will have that.

II. Discussion:

✚ Aaron Castaneda: Alexander, as he mentioned, does not have the experience of being in ASI in the past, however, he has read the entire book on Robert's rules. I don't know if you all have ever looked at that book, but it is scary. He spoke about a few things with me, even told me about a few things that I didn't even know. Both candidates have mentioned in their statements that communications is a big thing. Keeping that key communication is a factor and that the university needs to communicate a lot better. We need people like that in ASI to figure out how we can open up those communication avenues. For Alexander, he's read the book and he wants to take an ideological lens to analyze all of our policies. With Javier, I interviewed him over the phone. He has been in ASI for over two years now and he has been involved in parliamentary procedure stuff and he has been to our trainings. He also talked about how he could serve in that capacity while also serving in other roles. Not trying to dictate in policy initiatives because obviously that's an impartial position, but being involved in other committees that happen within ASI as a parliamentarian and being involved in those discussions. Because of the experience that Alexander brings, I do give my recommendation to Alexander.

✚ Dena: Given for those who were not in ASI last year, one of the most important things was having my justice present in some of the meetings and things like that. Experience can be taught, but knowledge, you

come in with that. He did do his training and I'm looking at his availability and he is available Tuesdays and Thursdays, those are our heavy hitter meetings.

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	David San			
Motion to approve Alexander to the Chief Justice position						
All in Favor	5	Opposed	2	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

b. Housing Representative (*Brianna is given 2 minutes to say why they are qualified for the position.*)

I. 2 Questions

- ✚ Jacquelyn: What are actual strategies or initiatives that you have in mind to bridge that gap?
- ✚ Brianna: Currently, in my position as ROC, I can reach out to the Resident Assistants, which are the first communicators to the residents. I have a weekly newsletter to residents to let them know what's going on on-campus with ASI. Maybe I won't be able to reach each and every one of them, but I can reach the Resident Assistant that can reach the residents. Going to programs, I want to make sure that I provide this blurb and going and speaking to residents. A lot of people are eager just to meet somebody new. I feel like those would be two ways of sending out.

II. Discussion:

- ✚ Jacquelyn: So this is the recommendation that Teady sent me. She simply states that "Brianna is a great candidate. She is very passionate in facilitating the conversation between Housing and the campus. She wants to build more of a community and better inform our dorm residents about our resources. I know she will be very committed and definitely approve of this communication between Housing and the upstairs. Brianna and I would work great together and she definitely has my recommendation.

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Jorge Salazar			
Motion to appoint Brianna Vela to Housing Representative						
All in Favor	6	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

b. **ASI Internal Committee Appointments:**

I. Internal Committee positions

a. Environmental Policy Committee (*Amy is given 2 minutes to say why they are qualified for the position*)

I. 2 Questions:

- ✚ Jacquelyn: When you say bring more awareness, how do you plan to do so?
- ✚ Amy: There were a couple ideas that I had. One was putting up signs with the names of the trees that we have on-campus, just so that people have something to look at so they become more interested. Also, in collaborating with the garden club here on-campus, and creating a native plant garden. One that will be accessible to all students because we do have the greenhouse, but that's usually only for students taking class. They can go there and learn about the plants.
- ✚ Jorge: How would you apply the work you do to here on-campus to make it a greener campus?
- ✚ Amy: I would probably start with the types of trees because I study birds but also what trees are in parks and what trees are going to attract the most birds. I would use the research that I'm doing now to also inform on what trees we should plant on-campus that are going to bring in more birds.

II. Discussion:

- ✚ Ugbad: I did interview Amy for the committee member position. She did give a lot of ideas in terms of visibility, and even working with professors on-campus and having to create some sort of bridge between ASI and the students. She talked a lot about the trees and that's something that a lot of us call plant blindness. So we walk past all of this green around us but we don't know what's out there. She brought a lot of ideas and she's also part of the Naturalists Club. She would serve as a liaison for that because they

do a lot of events and we can definitely collaborate with them out to other companies. I give my full recommendation to Amy.

Offered By:	Jorge Salazar	Seconded by:	Pandian Rajaram			
Motioned to appoint Amy Vasquez to the Environmental Policy Committee						
All in Favor	7	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Resolution on Support of AB 331** – The Board will review and discuss a resolution in support of California AB 331.
- b. **Resolution on Disarming University Police** – The Board will review and discuss a resolution on disarmament of campus police officers.

V. Reports:

a. ASI President:

What has occurred within the last few weeks and what will occur in the upcoming weeks, I have had the opportunity to go to CSSA. I went to the Board of Trustees meeting and spoke in public comment on a variety of issues including the Audit, the Disclosure of the \$1.5 billion that the CSU failed to disclose. It was concerning that the Board rejects that premise, that they withheld that disclosure, and that the CSU was reacting this way. The Board of Trustees, particularly the Chair, saying that the report was bad lying on the CSU's part. They did say that they would take all of the recommendations that were provided on the report. We actually have a student representative going to the CSU Chancellor's office this month to testify on the audit. Also, we had an opportunity to speak about the application fee. The Board of Trustees approved an increase on the application fee. I am going to go and speak against that as well. Their logic was it hasn't been increased in 30 years. The more alarming concern that I had was Title V changes. They're trying to change Title V from it saying "\$55" to "the Board can vote whatever they want on the fee". They were going to increase it by \$70 also, but that was the concern I had in terms of Title V changes. Credit to our Student Trustee, Juan Garcia, who led the fight on Wednesday. He tried three full amendments to delay the process. We came up short at the end, but we still have a lot more things to take on. Hopefully, the Board doesn't increase fees on a yearly basis now that they have the discretion to do that. I did pitch that that would be a concern, even though they assured me that that would not be the case. The other thing that I talked about was the fourth year math requirement. I mentioned this at the last Board meeting and the letter of opposition that I sent on behalf of myself as the President based on research that was collected by the Campaign for College Opportunity. That was probably the most hectic committee. There were a lot of people in that committee particularly. 30 people spoke in that compared to four in the other committees I met with in those two days. We spoke out against the fourth year math requirement. They made an emphasis that it's not math, they're calling it quantitative reasoning, which is math.

b. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance:

I just finished my foundation layout for Open Deliberation which will be taking place in Spring. I'm just working with Marcus to confirm that it's solid and see if there's any room for improvements. I have some alternative dates and I'm making sure they don't conflict with midterms or finals. I've been really working on the policies. I'm also collaborating with Marcus on how I'm sending out a message. An issue I feel a lot in my position is that, although we're student leaders, that we don't get treated like adults or college students. We still get treated like children. A lot of times they don't discuss my position with me. A lot of it gets discussed with Marcus. I almost get disregarded as if I'm not in charge of my own area. A lot of it sending out the message, not only for myself but other Executives as well, that we don't need Marcus as a middle man. I'm also emphasizing the importance of Shared Governance. So it's really trying to get the campus to shift and support Shared Governance and put that at the forefront.

c. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement:

I have put together an agenda for my Civic Engagement committee. I know that it's mainly staff and professors, but I think I was trying to open it up leaders of student organizations. I feel like the importance of the lack of civic engagement on-campus is because we don't reach out to students as much. We don't reach out to student organizations. They are the ones that have a lot of students that do a lot of workshops and they do it on their own. Why can't we do it with our campus? I'm proposing a date and I'll get that going for my civic engagement. I'm also working with the Dreamers Resource Center where we could have an event where ASI could also help them out with funding. Right now, with the political climate that we have, there's a lot need in regards to their services.

d. ASI Secretary/Treasurer:

It's the usual: collecting biweekly's and working on the minutes. As I sent out the Execs and staff a while back, I've finished all the policies so that's all rewritten and modernized. Now we have them in Docs format so as long as we take care of that. I'm tabling and collaborating with other resources thanks to Damarea and Marcus. Recently, I helped table at the EOP Resource Fair advertising what ASI was about. I told them about Screaming Eagles. I just recently found out that those submission responses weren't going anywhere and was getting sent somewhere else. It wasn't until I talked to Derik, Marcus and Gus about it that we figured out where it was going. There's been responses from March on about people applying to Screaming Eagles.

e. Civic Engagement Officer

First, as you know I'm working on politics. So if you have any problems related to contact some people because they will respond to us. I'm also working on a monthly event to discuss about politics. I'm just trying to get the idea of inviting all the governors and state legislators to discuss about the politics and what's going on. It will be two or three hours of discussion or debate. Lastly, many people know about ASI but I'm trying to add more to the orientation slide about ASI.

VI. Adjournment:

Offered By:	David San	Seconded by:	Anna Nguyen			
Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm						
All in Favor	7	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

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Summary of Actions Taken
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- a. Called to Order by Aaron Castaneda
 - b. Roll Call

c. Adoption of Agenda:

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II. Public Forum/Announcements:

III. Actions Items:

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b. ASI Internal Committee Appointments

Offered By:	Jorge Salazar	Seconded by:	Pandian Rajaram				
Motions to appoint Amy Vasquez to the Environmental Policy Committee							
All in Favor	7	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	Passed

IV. Discussion Items:

- a. Resolution on Support of AB 331
- b. Resolution on Disarming University Police

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- c. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement
- d. ASI Secretary/Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., California State University, Los Angeles held on Thursday, August 1st, 2019 in the University Student Union 303AB. Consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on:

Prepared by:

Dena Florez
Recording Secretary

David San
Secretary/Treasurer