



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021
 Time: 3:15- 5:45
 Location: Zoom
 Attendees: Executive committee, General Public
 Type of Meeting: General Public

I. Organizational Items:

Call to order by: Chair Diana Chaves ASI President @ 3:18

b. Roll Call

Diana Chavez	President	Present
Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Vice President for Administration	Present
Josue Montenegro	Vice President for Finance	Present
Analiz Marmolejo	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Present
Jocelyn Vargas	VP for Academic Governance	Present
Anna Nguyen	Secretary Treasure-Rep-At-Large	Present
Rochelle Andrea Cordero	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Jazmin Ennis	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Johannakate Connally	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Jonathan Villagra Silva	College of Business and Economics Rep	Present
Lauren Diana	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Brajohn Hicks	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Kyle Misa	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep	Present
Diana Valdez	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Emily Sandoval	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Kristy Lam	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Sidney Lim	College of Education Rep.	Present
Phoebe Wong	College of Education Rep.	Present
Vacant	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	
Brooke Mero	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Ryan Yoo	Chief Justice	Present
Carol Roberts-Corb	University President's Designee	Excused Tardy @4:51
Vacant	ASI Interim Executive Director	
Dena Florez	Office Manager of Administration & Services	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Adoption of Agenda

Offered By:	Ledi Loot	Seconded by:	Brajohn Hicks			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 11, 2021						
Consensus to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 11, 2021- Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Emily Sandoval	Seconded by:	Diana Valdez			
Motion to remove Andrea Jamie from the Application to the Diversity Inclusions Officer						
Consensus to remove Andrea Jamie from the Application to the Diversity Inclusions Officer- Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

d. Approval of Minutes (action):

Offered By:	Brooke Mero	Seconded by:	Lauren Diana			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, January 28, 2021						
Consensus to approve minutes for Thursday, January 28, 2021- 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 regarding items not included on the meeting agenda. Speaker cards are available for those wanting to speak on agenda items as listed below. Those comments will be heard as the item is introduced.
 - v. Tu Nguyen: I just have an announcement that we have a lot of club funding left that will be rolling over to next semester so if any clubs are interested please let me know and email me.
 - vi. Dai Jonna Jenkins: Are we going to be the cheating scandal today?
 - vii. Diana Chavez: I am sure all 200 of you are here because of the scandal and that will addressed by Carol and leave it up to her. Let me address one question that is asking if they can apply to be the Diversity inclusion officer. You will have to wait and see once we get to that agenda item it will be determined.
 - viii. Carol Roberts-Corb: I don't know what people want to know but the university does know and as a result of that there has been numerous post on twitter and other social media platforms targeting people that believe told the professor about cheating and the university it attacking at different front. One we are offering different supports for the students that are being bullied on different platforms because seeing some of those post it was apprehensible and I can't believe anyone would treat a golden eagle that way. So, when we figure who those students are then we will bring them through the student conduct system and holding them accountable. Secondarily we will be investigating to determine who is allegedly cheating and bring them also through the student conduct process. I also hope that this can be an educational moment for the university and for students because I think there might be some confusion on what is cheating and what is not cheating and how it all transfers through the social media platforms and we can talk about that. We can also talk about snitching and discuss this.
 - ix. Diana Chavez: Is the university investigating that one classroom that was suspected of cheating?
 - x. Carol Roberts-Corb: I don't want to violate privacy, but anything brought to the universities attention will be investigated. I encourage students to take a stance against this type of behavior.
 - xi. Gus Salazar: There were questions through Instagram and there were students in that classroom that reached out and said that they were in that group me chat but were not involved and what will happen.
 - xii. Carol Roberts-Corb: When the university gets a report we try to do investigating and we don't want to pin this on anyone innocent it would not be fair.
 - xiii. Nat Lopez: I think in the beginning of the semester we are always told about the student conduct and I think that this was blown out of proportion so suddenly because no one knew the facts, but I think that punishing the entire university for not knowing everything 100% is unfair because there are people who will and won't do it. If there is a way to just keep it to

- that class only because it kind of feels like we were victimized and that's on the student's side because it is not our fault that there are students like that.
- xiv. Carol Roberts-Corb: I agree and that is unfortunate.
 - xv. Nat Lopez Yes, and I think that is why people made memes and all of that so it wouldn't be fair to punish all of those people as well.
 - xvi. Gina Sanchez: I do want to say to the students that are being bullied that I am sorry. I want to know how Carol is going to determine who is cheating or not because myself and a lot of us are in group chats and are not sharing things like that, so we just want to know.
 - xvii. Carol Roberts-Corb: Yeah, that is going to be a learning situation and I will be talking with students and ask why they did what they did and how they better themselves for later in the future.
 - xviii. Paula Aparicio: Pretty much it was the same question, so how are you going to find these people that are starting these rumors that they are doing it for cheating purposes when we are the ones being victimized and help each other.
 - xix. Carol Roberts-Corb: Yes, that is going to be difficult to find specifically who because we would have to look at all the chats.
 - xx. Student: Student elaborates on social media and trends. I think the approach from the student should have been to directly contact the professor and not on a discussion board and she should have expected memes.
 - xxi. Andy Bernardo: How are you going to go about finding people on twitter and differentiating what is really hateful and something that is a meme? And I wanted to add that I feel this a side effect of being online.
 - xxii. Carol Roberts-Corb: *Carol elaborates the process of differentiation and explains that difference of cheating and collaborating.*
 - xxiii. Analiz Marmolejo: I have two questions because I know a lot of students are asking how we are going to go back and is there going to be a statement released by the campus because a lot of people are getting misinformation from social media. Additionally, My understanding from this situation is that this class will be investigated just because that student brought the attention of cheating forward and not everyone that has group me will be investigated.
 - xxiv. Carol Roberts-Corb: Yes, that would be unrealistic to try to investigate all the group chats, but the bullying concerns me way more.
 - xxv. Analiz Marmolejo: So, will they release a statement?
 - xxvi. Carol Roberts-Corb: We have been talking about it because we don't know the impact of a statement.
 - xxvii. Analiz Marmolejo: Just to add to that I think that the reason people are bullying is because they don't know what the university is going to do. Another thing is that you spoke of the difference of collaboration and cheating but students also sometimes feel that its better to reach other than to the professor. Another misinformation that I hope is misinformation is that professors are putting themselves or moles in these chats to catch their students cheating and I want to know if that has to do with student conduct and if professors are allowed to do that and how that may be handled.
 - xxviii. Carol Roberts-Corb: I didn't know that was a thing but thank you for that.
 - xxix. Analiz Marmolejo: Just to clarify is it against student policy for professors to do that?
 - xxx. Carol Roberts-Corb: I think anything you post is not private, so I don't think so.
 - xxxi. Stephanie Moran: I just wanted to make a comment. *Student then talks about the positive of social media and their hardships and dealing with imposter syndrome.*
 - xxxii. Alexis Obinna: I wanted to talk about bigger things that are going on, so I want to focus on emergency housing because that is important.
 - xxxiii. Nerieda: Is it possible that the professor can change the class syllabus and the assignments that we have because that there is other students in other classes that might have issues with the cheating? Because I am afraid that it is going to get harder for everyone.

- xxxiv. Carol Roberts-Corb: I don't see professors doing that, but they can change it, but I am not sure how to answer.
- xxxv. Luna Valles: How far will the punishment go but also the issue is that professors aren't really teaching, caring, or supporting and I know miss Carol you think that some professors will not go out of their way to not be teachers, but some teachers are not here to be teachers they are here to be in control of students, and they don't respect students as much as us students respect each other. My mom and I were talking about it and we spoke about how we are being cheated out of our education and worried about not passing because students are not going to pay so much money to fail. I got sick during finals week and some teachers just said that they hoped I felt better but never asked if I needed more time and a lot of students are dealing with more hardships like working more because their parents lost their jobs and even if you are an only child there is mental health issues and lack of motivation and even if we have OSD not everyone is brave enough to reach out and I think that having this penalization towards students just makes them feel more little and I think having the support that we need and I think cheating is bad but we are all trying to get our moneys worth in order change the world. Alexis made a great point that there are bigger issues to worry about and we need to keep going.
- xxxvi. Carol Roberts-Corb: My goal is being concerned about cheating, but the bullying is much more of a concern.
- xxxvii. Mr. Sanchez: *Mr. Sanchez echos about paying tuition and working hard and hardships going through Covid.* I also feel like there needs to be more transparency between the students and the college because what I can tell you about group me chats at the end of the day we have each other back and we sometimes feel like the professors are not there enough to support what we need and that is not to the fault of the professors because there is some good ones and bad ones so I do feel like there needs to be more outreach.
- xxxviii. Kaylin Drake: I think that since we are investigating so much I think you should also take time to investigate the professors because many professors don't care and just assign work and leave you to teach yourself. So, they need to show effort to teach in order students. I have tried to meet with miss carol and haven't gotten the chance to talk to her and on top of that I am full tuition for amenities I don't even use. Another thing is that I feel like you can definitely send things out about black history month just like you do about covid because we don't get acknowledged.
- xxxix. Iphone: I agree with Roberts about prioritizing bullying and the group chats were not created for cheating and I feel this is a matter of students and not toward the professors
- xl. Alexis Rodriguez: I think cheating is inevitable and always be there but the main concern is that we have been cheated out of our education and also I know about people that have received little money from FAFSA but still the education was still expensive but I want to say we need to take advantage of the services, so I think the funding should be moved to those services.
- xli. Mya Ferguson: Since going online it has gotten harder and have gotten more assignments because they think we have time it has not gotten better and everyone are going through things and transitioning into adulthood.
- xlii. Diana Chavez: Thank you for that I want to remind you all that you are more than welcome to come to our town hall to share your experiences to faculty and administration as well as here so we can then talk about it in other committees.
- xliii. Amanda Dominguez: I felt touched with Kaylin because Cal State LA is promoted as a commute school and targets minorities and in my major I have come across so many teachers that are racist to the point where I had a black friend with me in one of my courses and the professor said in front of class pointed out that she was the only black girl in here and that she will be lucky if she even passed in a comm class and I have seen it on other majors with professors feels so righteous and above the minority students and I am at the point where I fell the frustration because it is uncalled for. What happens to these teachers

- and them not being held accountable and you guys need to look at your staff as well because students are trying to just make it.
- xliv. Alexis Obinna: I put an application for an emergency grant and then was told by an administrator that I should take out loans, why would I do that, and he said I'm in social so I should be able to get work to pay it off and sometimes it takes years to get hired from the county. Additionally, talking about foster you and getting that money is difficult in this school and not at ELAC. As far as teachers I have had a racist teacher who had threatened me and being a part of the black culture, our parents don't care what we are doing. *Student explains situation in foster home with her foster parent. Additionally, explains need of faster youth housing and that it is not equitable.*
 - xlv. Diana Chavez: Why is the university telling students to max out on their loans before they take out grant.
 - xlvi. Carol Roberts-Corb: *Carol explains that the university cannot over award money to students.*
 - xlvii. Jermaine Tongva: *Student states the ASI mission statement and questioning of the statements. We are not treated fairly and just for the CARES act the money is not being distributed fairly because UCSD gave 46% of their cares act to the students and CSULA students got 30%, so how can the students where the campus is supposed to serving us. So how can we unite the groups and faculty and improve the quality of our lives and if we can convert this energy to protect our students. Miss Carol and ASI what are we going to do because I work hard to become a student at this campus and especially students of color strive and graduate?*
 - xlviii. Diana Chavez: I am always open for criticism so if you feel like we are not doing something please come to our meetings and let us know and if you want to collaborate please shoot me an email. *Diana mentions past resolution and things ASI has took action on like the CARES ACT.*
 - xliv. Carol Roberts-Corb: *Diana is right that the government tells us how to distribute the money and the other money had to be spent related to covid and the other money was for students that didn't qualify for the HEERF money. The rest of the questions I don't know how to answer that and be able to convince you.*
 - i. Kikomebeit Yasein: As an educator don't you feel ashamed about only giving \$18 million to the students because are students struggling so I don't want to hear that you are trying I want to see because talk is cheap and I unless I see King hall being rebuilt I don't see how that all that money shouldn't go to students.
 - ii. Jermaine Tongva: To my understanding the board of trustees decides how this money gets allocated, so maybe we can assimilate people that care and go. I have gone to a meeting and people were begging for their share and faculty have lost jobs. And pardon to echo but I also want to see actions.
 - iii. Carol Roberts-Corb: I am being attacked and if you recall that is why I didn't answer with that because it would just sound hallow.
 - liii. Jermaine Tongva: We are just seeking answers that entail solutions and I am not attacking you.
 - liv. Alexis Obinna: Regardless of what people are saying you have to remember that people have called us the N word for many years and people harassed us, so you can't get upset if we are upset.
 - lv. Cristian Flores: I sit on the EPC on the academic senate floor and this Tuesday there will be a policy regarding student feedback and requires and encourages professors to give students feedback within the first five weeks of the semester to ensure that students know how they are performing in their class and this would ensure that students will be able to drop before the W period to receive refund and I encourage you all to come speak and we are working on policy on cheating and I am aware that the issue that is not tied to students but systematic. Please email me with your concerns so I can take that to the committee. I do want to say that CSULA serves the lowest income students in the state of California and there

needs to be more empathy towards those students, and we need to ensure that CSULA does remain #1 for upward mobility.

- lvi. Jocelyn Vargas: *Jocelyn explains that if they cannot make it to the academic senate, she will provide a form that will be published on Diana's Instagram link tree.*
- lvii. Luna Valles: *Carol I know you feel disrespected but a lot of us as well. Student explains the difference in the way people responded and that they felt rushed and not understood. Students seeks proactivity and active listening. I know that we are being invited to meeting but how many meetings is it going to take to get everything fixed.*
- lviii. Mercy Thomas: *Student shares personal experience at home and in the school setting and how she has to deal with it.*
- lix. Diana Chavez: *Can we address how a student file a grievance with a professor?*
- lx. Carol Roberts-Corb: *Carol explains the steps to filing a grievance and gives the link in the chat.*
- lxi. Kikomebeit Yasin: *I just want to ask why Covino isn't here and why he left during the state of the campus address? Please let him know that he should be at the next town hall or there will be consequences because this is unacceptable. So, we can do this nicely or we can make some noise.*
- lxii. Luna Valles: *I think this should be posted so people can start feeling pressured.*
- lxiii. Aliannea Sherman: *A lot of these complaints are legitimate having gone to CSULA myself and I am hoping that you take the words we are saying to heart. I think something that people are saying is that we are having a hard time with COVID and with racism. I do suggest doing a pass/fail grading system again. Another thing is that student survey comments go to the professor, but this information does not go to the advisors so how do we report that. I understand the academic grievance process, but I hope that you understand that it is an emotionally difficult situation for a lot of students to be in and that we need to have somebody we can speak to talk about our options and who can advocate for us. Another issue is that I am not from the foster care system but there is a need that isn't being met by that group of students and I hope you look into that. Another issue is from this is that it has been obvious that black students need their own space when we go back to campus like the Alumni have their own room so maybe they can too. And we do want to hear numbers and want to see Covino work with Pan-African studies department.*
- lxiv. Diana Chavez: *I want to say that regarding the space for Black students on campus, I agree and I am not sure if you have seen the resolution on reforming campus police but on there I did address that I am requesting a center of Black student success which came from the black-out refusal.*
- lxv. Ashley Aguirre: *Regarding the cheating I don't think the issue is the cheating I think the issue stems from the professors at the school are not doing their job properly and this school have not had these professors help accountable. Student shares experience from her sophomore year.*
- lxvi. Maria Reyes: *I want to talk about advisors, and they make me feel like I don't belong there and as an orientation leader and some advisors are screaming at freshman and I feel bad for them and they just make us feel less. Students elaborates on her experience and feelings about advisors.*
- lxvii. Diana Chavez: *You're more than welcome to talk to me and you shouldn't be afraid to hold anyone accountable.*
- lxviii. Analiz Marmolejo: *She is talking on behalf of OL's.*
- lxix. Carol Roberts-Corb: *Please tell Cristofer or Yasmin.*
- lxx. Maria Reyes: *I do tell them, and nothing changes.*

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Josue Montenegro
Motion to suspend the agenda for special meeting.			
Consensus to suspend the agenda for special meeting - Consensus Reached			

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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III. Informational Items

- a. **Spring Meetings with President Covino -**
 - i. **Diana Chavez:**
- b. **Cal State LA Foundation Board-**

IV. Action Items

- a. **ASI Officer Position- The Board will consider appointing the Diversity and Inclusion position.**
- b. **ASI Committee Member-The board will consider appointing for the Elections Committee**

V. Discussion Items

- a. **6 & 6 Budget- The Board will discuss 6 & 6 budget presented by the Vice President of Finance**
- b. **Resolution on Reforming Campus Police- The Board will discuss the resolution on reforming campus police.**
- c. **Preferred Name Policy- The Board will discuss suggestions to expand and preferred pronouns.**
- d. **ASI Bylaws Policy 001- The Board will discuss a new special requirement for the office of President.**

VI. Reports

- a. **ASI President: Diana Chavez**
 - i. **Diana:**
- b. **ASI Vice President for Administration: Ma Ledi Ham Loot**
 - i. **Ledi:**
- c. **ASI Vice President for Finance: Josue Montenegro**
- d. **ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: Jocelyn Vargas**
 - i. **Jocelyn:**
- e. **ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: Analiz Marmolejo**
 - i. **Analiz:**
- f. **ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: Anna Nguyen**
 - i. **Anna:**
- g. **ASI Board or Directors**
 - i. **Reps at Large**
 - 1. **Civic Engagement**
 - 1.) **Brooke Mero:**
 - 2. **Diversity & Inclusion**
 - ii. **College Reps**
 - 1. **College of A & L**
 - 1.) **Brajohn Hicks:**
 - 2. **College of HHS**
 - 1.) **Rochelle Cordero:**
 - 2.) **Jazmin Ennis:**
 - 3. **College of NSS**
 - 1.) **Emily Sandoval:**
 - 4. **College of ECST**
 - 1.) **Diana Valdez:**
 - 5. **College of B & E**
 - 1.) **Johannakate Connally:**
 - 2.) **John V:**
 - 6. **Charter College of Education**
 - 1.) **Phoebe Wong:**
 - 2.) **Sidney Lim:**
- h. **Office Manager: Dena Florez**

- i. Dena:
 - i. Graphics & Marketing Coordinator: Gus Salazar
 - i. Gus:
- j. University Designee: Carol Roberts-Corb
 - i. Carol:

VII. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Josue Montenegro	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM. Consensus to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on February 11, 2021, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director on Thursday, February 00, 2021.

Prepared by:

Dena Florez- Recording Secretary

Anna Nguyen- Secretary Treasurer