



# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 25, 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 @ 3:16**

### b. Roll Call

Diana Chavez	President	Present
Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Vice President for Administration	Excused Tardy @ 3:21
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	Excused Absence
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	Excused Tardy @ 3:21
Brooke Mero	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Ryan Yoo	Chief Justice	Present
Carol Roberts-Corb	University President's Designee	Present
Vacant	ASI Interim Executive Director	
Dena Florez	Office Manager of Administration & Services	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

### c. Adoption of Agenda

Offered By:	Brooke Mero	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 25, 2021						
Consensus to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 25, 2021- Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

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

Offered By:	Josue Montenegro	Seconded by:	Brooke Mero			
Motion to table the Minutes for Thursday, February 11, 2021						
Consensus to table minutes for Thursday, February 11, 2021- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Josue Montenegro			
Motion to table the Minutes for Tuesday, February 16, 2021						
Consensus to table minutes for Tuesday, February 16, 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.
- i. Tyler Nguyen: *Tyler reminds clubs about club funding*

**III. Informational Items**

**a. Cal State LA Foundation Board-**

- i. **Diana Chavez:** Last semester we appointed Ledi into this board but there are two student seats, and I am seeking a student for the seat.
- ii. **Ledi Loot:** Ledi Explains the purpose of the board and who sits in the Board.
- iii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** How often do you meet and when?
- iv. **Ledi Loot:** The meetings are not set, and we meet a few times the semester, but it depends on the availability.

**IV. Action Items**

**a. ASI Internal Appointments- The Board will take action on appointing internal ASI position vacancies.**

- i. **Diana Chavez:** This is for the Environmental Affairs and we have Ryan Lamkin, Ryan you have two minutes.
- ii. **Ryan Lamkin:** I am a second year and a natural science major with an emphasis in geoscience. I think that I would be a really good for the role because this is what I want to get in to, I am not sure if I want to go into environmental policy but that is another thing, I can get a foot in the door with. *Ryan describes his responsibilities and experiences.*
- iii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** What plans do you have to guide the environmental policy committee whether it is through programming or advocacy through the semester.
- iv. **Ryan Lamkin:** I was with the committee last year and we were planning on doing an earth week. Something I am interested in doing is seeing if the student body is interested in fossil fuel divestment in the school. I think a lot of students really care about the environment and being sustainable.
- v. **Ledi Loot:** I give my full recommendation because he has the experience even though he doesn't expand on what he has been doing but, in our interview, he did talk to me about it.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Lauren Diana			
Motion to appoint Ryan Lamkin as the new Environmental Affairs Commissioner						
Consensus to appoint Ryan Lamkin as the new Environmental Affairs Commissioner - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**b. 6 & 6 Budget- The Board will take action on the 6 & 6 Budget.**

- i. **Diana Chavez:** The special BOD we did review the BOD, but I will open it up for any last minute discussion or questions.

- ii. **Dena Florez:** I want our VPF to give a brief overview of it because of the one change that was added on finance.
- iii. **Josue Montenegro:** Our one change for student support and co-sponsorship and it was originally \$80 thousand, and we increased it by \$25 thousand and use it as a reserve.
- iv. **Dena Florez:** We are hoping to do is possibly give clubs seed money so they can get started with their year and there will be requirements.

Offered By:	Josue Montenegro	Seconded by:	Jazmin Ennis			
Motion to approve the 6 & 6 budget. Consensus to approve the 6 & 6 budget - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**c. Resolution on Transparency and Reforming the University Police- The board will take action on the resolution.**

- i. **Diana Chavez:** I have revised it since the last time, and I want to go over that. *Diana talks about the changes she made as well as Revisions, including statistics.* Students expressed most concern on taking away their firearms just in case of a school shooting and I tried to compromise the most that I can like not having weapons in noncritical events. *Diana Chavez continues to present revised policy.* Are there any questions?
- ii. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** I was wondering what the statistics are in terms of our officers discharging their weapons and the number deaths resulting in the use of weapons on campus? And also, what training do the officers receive in terms of mental health?
- iii. **Diana Chavez:** The first question I couldn't find information on that or at least it was not provided on the website and the second based on their policy they don't have a training based on mental illness.
- iv. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** I do know that they do receive training because I am with them while they are doing that. I don't know if it is required or mandated though. And the statistic should be there because it should be recorded so if it is not there then they haven't used their firearm.
- v. **Jocelyn Vargas:** We want to make sure if they are getting training is trauma informed. For the resolution I am in support and in support of cutting ties with LAPD. *Jocelyn explains things that happened with the LAPD.* I also think it is important to shift our resources to things that students actually need. I also think we need to give more funds to title nine.
- vi. **Diana Chavez:** The reason I bring this up is because several campus programs and places were getting defunded on campus. Each year I would also see that the police department would get funded.
- vii. **Analiz Marmolejo:** You didn't make any allocation to be defunded from the LAPD to any other resources.
- viii. **Diana Chavez:** That is a good catch can I get a motion to change the resolution.

Offered By:	Ledi Loot	Seconded by:	Brajohn Hicks			
Motion to amend to change the resolution. Consensus to approve the 6 & 6 budget - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- ix. **Analiz Marmolejo:** I have a question I think the demand stated that 25% to be allocated from the black hub so this now takes away funding from that demand and I think it should be looked at as an addition and not taken away so the motion that was just made included all from the 25% deferment.

Offered By:	Ledi Loot	Seconded by:	Brajohn Hicks			
Motion to rescind previous motion						
Consensus to rescind previous motion - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- x. **Diana Chavez:** What Analiz is trying to say, correct me if I'm wrong, from the police budget in addition 25% funding to just all of them or each.
- xi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** Yes, I think where you have whereas, and you include the different resource centers and places that is affected by LAPD that is something that should go into it however there is only one demand regarding money deferment to the black student hub.

- xii. **Diana Chavez:** LAPD has nothing to do with our resources we are asking our police department from their budget to be allocated, right. From within the police budget, we are asking for a deferment of 25% to student focused departments are resources
- xiii. **Analiz Marmolejo:** That is what I am trying to say however I don't know if the 25% is being demanded, if you're asking for the campus to fully fund the student hub I don't if it will affect if we say 25% has to be allocated to all these different segments so if that is already what black students are asking for then there has to be a new demand.
- xiv. **Diana Chavez:** 25% is what we decided to go with because we are not giving them a baby step on what it should be so in my mind. I gave a percentage to see what they can give or not to get an idea.
- xv. **Analiz Marmolejo:** I understand however you didn't ask for no percentage of money to be allocated back into DRC, EOP, and resources centers so just to include them in.
- xvi. **Jocelyn Vargas:** I think what she is trying to ask for is just do the amendment for black student success and 5 or 10 percent for these other areas.
- xvii. **Diana Chavez:** Analiz you can go ahead and motion since it is your idea, and you say the amount 25% was the amount we felt was a good start, so it is up to you. Diana Reads of her edit of the resolution with change.
- xviii. **Ledi Loot:** I am all for this resolution, but I am just playing devil's advocate and we need some research and thing about how much money we are looking at so if we say 45%, we are saying that we are cutting from their operation almost half and there is going to be pushback.
- xix. **Jeovana Lopez:** I want to let everyone know that I brought this up to the equity diversity inclusion task force and they were all for it and there were some that were hesitant, but I showed them the policy and hopefully that would alleviate some of their worry.
- xx. **Diana Chavez:** I understand where you are coming from but like I said the 25% was just an idea. But what I did was making sure the multiple centers were not under the police budget. What we can do is change the percentages if you think they are too big.
- xxi. **Ledi Loot:** What I meant was the 25 plus 20 that makes the 45%
- xxii. **Diana Chavez:** Strategically we can lower it and change it.
- xxiii. **Ledi Loot:** Maybe 15 and 15 to make 30%
- xxiv. **Brooke Mero:** I think for the part of use of force we can add the rubber bullets and gases and to get rid of that because they are considered non-lethal but do a lot of damage.

Offered By:	Brooke Mero	Seconded by:	Jazmin Ennis			
Motion to revise the resolution to include the provision of rubber bullets of rubber bullets and tear gas.						
Consensus to rescind previous motion - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- xxv. **Diana Chavez:** Analiz if we can continue with your revision.
- xxvi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** I am trying to do numbers right now and we are asking for about a million dollars and knowing what we know about senate they are going to ask us to back it up so I think we can be more strategic of what we ask for so it can pass.
- xxvii. **Lauren Diana:** Lauren explains her concerns and also agrees with strategic planning.
- xxviii. **Amber Beasley:** I was wondering if you would consider a reallocation constituent board where you bring in different people from different groups that you guys are trying to include in this resolution and meet yearly or bi-yearly.
- xxix. **Diana Chavez:** Did you catch that Analiz?
- xxx. **Analiz Marmolejo:** We have the fiscal policy committee and that's where we talk about all of that but just trying to do this is going to put us on the back burner. We should just try to be strategic and try to get it to pass.
- xxxi. **Amber Beasley:** Yes, but are these students that you are trying to advocate on the committee?
- xxxii. **Diana Chavez:** I know one our senators are currently sitting on there.
- xxxiii. **Amber Beasley:** As a representative for the diverse community, you guys are trying to talk about?
- xxxiv. **Diana Chavez:** No, a senator is and ASI senator which is a student and not every department or resource has a constituent that sits on the committee.
- xxxv. **Analiz Marmolejo:** Someone just brought a great point, why don't we include the student health center since they need funding as well.
- xxxvi. **Aliannea Sherman:** My concern is in the section of the resolution where it talks about the firearms that police are allowed to have, and the purpose of mentioning hat is that they are overpowered or militarized. My concern is that we do have conservatives that attend the school and veterans personally I don't so I ask a friend that is a

- marine if what were listed seemed like red flags and he said that they don't so I am concerned that this section of the resolution will weaken it because it is not showing that the campus police are overpowered.
- xxxvii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** I have a recommendation so we don't have to set this to the back burner so maybe we can split this resolution into two. One that focuses cutting ties with LAPD and one that focuses on funding and where that will go.
- xxxviii. **Diana Chavez:** That will remove a couple of paragraphs based on your recommendation.
- xxxix. **Jocelyn Vargas:** I was saying passing the part about the weapons and the ties and removing the budget stuff for now and maybe as senators we meet with the center to see what realistically they need and then creating another resolution focusing on the funding so we take off the percentages here and leave the things about weapons and cutting ties so it is ready to go so it can alleviate some issues with passing it with the senate and the second one would just come and talk about the budget and where you want specific funding to go.
- xl. **Diana Chavez:** I can see that it is not ready to me put into motion based on the discussion so I will be asking us to table this resolution in order to revise it unless the board would still like to vote as is on the resolution.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Brajohn Hicks			
Motion to table the resolution.						
Consensus to table the resolution- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

## V. Discussion Items

### a. Associate Executive Director Job Description- The Board will discuss the new job description approved by ASI Personnel Committee. (Closed Session)

Offered By:	Josue Montenegro	Seconded by:	Jazmin Ennis			
Motion to go into closed session						
Consensus to go into closed session- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Ledi Loot	Seconded by:	Josue Montenegro			
Motion to end closed session						
Consensus to end closed session- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

### b. Annual Evaluation Timeline- The Board will discuss the new revision to the Bylaws Policy under Special Officer Requirements.

- i. **Ledi Loot:** *The timeline as presented by Ledi Loot.* Diana is it okay if we get this on action item for executive?
- ii. **Dena Florez:** Unfortunately, it does have to go through BOD.
- iii. **Diana Chavez:** Is it possible that we have another special meeting because I have my resolution on there too.
- iv. **Dena Florez:** Another option is, who has next Thursday? College reps, if college reps require their full time you can also allocate some time to BOD and maybe give the first 45 minutes to BOD and you can do that then.
- v. **Diana Chavez:** I think Kyle will be fine with that?
- vi. **Kyle Misa:** Yes, we should have time.
- vii. **Dena Florez:** That's fine and I think Ledi has to change the timeline.
- viii. **Ledi Loot:** I don't think I do. *Ledi continues to present timeline.*

### c. Preferred Name Policy- The Board will discuss revising the preferred name policy to include preferred pronouns.

- i. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn goes over the policy and why the revisions need to happen.
- ii. **Rochelle Cordero:** *Rochelle reads off first two sentences of policy.*
- iii. **Phoebe Wong:** *Phoebe reads remainder of paragraph of policy.*
- iv. **Brooke Mero:** *Brooke reads next paragraph.*
- v. **Jocelyn Vargas:** This is what Anson will be presenting and if anyone thinks there should be changes please let me know, or Carol?
- vi. **Diana Chavez:** It won't get passed BOD; she is just asking for our recommendations.

- vii. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** Just double checking that this is an academic student policy and not a university student policy?
  - viii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Yes, when I got here, they passed this in the Academic Senate and I also believe that this should stretch on to faculty as well.
  - ix. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** It does seem that it is built into the canvas program, but I don't seem to figure it out and I am hoping that won't be that difficult.
  - x. **Jocelyn Vargas:** I can follow you up with that to talk to IT.
  - xi. **Diana Chavez:** On GET you can change your preferred name so I am sure they can do that.
  - xii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** This is important because some professors don't know about being non-binary. But if there any suggested let me know.
- d. **ASI Bylaws Policy 001- The board will discuss the new revision to the bylaws Policy under special officer requirements.**
- i. **Diana Chavez:** On exec I proposed a special requirement when it came to the office of the president. I was looking at policies and communicating with other presidents, and I wanted to include one semester of ASI experience, and I want to see how that would look like here and I want to know what our board thinks about. *Diana shows the changes she made under qualifications. Diana Shares her experience and opinion due to past experiences.*
  - ii. **Ryan Yoo:** *Ryan goes over Sasha's reasons on why they should not make a requirement to have one semester of experience.*
  - iii. **Diana Chavez:** Again, this is just a discussion and not take effect until spring 2022.
  - iv. **Ledi Loot:** There are valid points, but the original plan was one year, and we had considered and if we consider other ASI's they have one year, and we just want to make sure that whoever come in as the ASI president will not back out and it is only for the president.
  - v. **Analiz Marmolejo:** I think in regards of it being a democracy and students having the right to choose their leader the ASI president is really fundamental and entails a lot of responsibilities.
  - vi. **Jocelyn Vargas:** One of the points is that we just need to revise this in order to benefit ASI and prior to me coming in as VPAG there was someone that was serving that had no prior experience in ASI and saw that they became overwhelmed. I also have served under an ASI where the president had no experience and that held us back.
  - vii. **Gus Salazar:** I have noticed a big difference between students who are president and not capable of doing the job and it did a disservice. I remember that Aaron was even speaking on the budget on behalf of the CSU system, so I think they have to be knowledgeable.
  - viii. **Lauren Diana:** I was wondering if we did any of the thing Sasha mentioned that we could do instead of setting a requirement.
  - ix. **Dena Florez:** So, when it comes to shadowing your elections are held and this administration will term out and the EOC holds a winner round table and the administration terming out will meet the elect and they can shadow and that could be done. And this team we have now is very strong and has served or is serving for a while now.
  - x. **Diana Chavez:** I know Sasha brings a good point with advisory, but I don't want to jinx it, but we don't know if at the end of this semester if we will have an ED. And we don't want to see that all the things I have been working on won't be worked on the next administration. The transition folders not always help, creating advisory for the new president is the job of the ED but again we don't know if we will have that. So, let's say we don't have an ED, Dena, or Gus having an experienced person will help. Having meetings between presidents is what is being done on our workshops. We are trying to keep the continuity. Being president is not only understanding how to advocate but understand all the other things that have to be done. *Diana continues to give scenarios and reason why it is important to have the policy approved. Again, this is just a discussion.*

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Anna Nguyen			
Motion to extend meeting by fifteen minutes.						
Consensus to extend meeting by fifteen minutes- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- xi. **Ryan Yoo:** I think the biggest argument Sasha made is that it sets a dangerous president that you need to have experience and it doesn't happen often but why not just send it to the people and makes us thing that then it won't be changed to a one-year requirement. I support this though.
- xii. **Diana Chavez:** The reason why we added the semester is because it is what other ASI's had and just in the case like the formal VPF only served for one semester and if they wanted to apply for the position they can.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Ledi Loot			
Motion to table reports. Consensus to table reports. - Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

## 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:	Analiz Marmolejo			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 PM. Consensus to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 - 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 25, 2021, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Prepared by:

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Dena Florez- Recording Secretary

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Anna Nguyen- Secretary Treasurer