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To: ASI Board of Directors

From: Barnaby Peake, ASI Executive Director

## **Consideration of a Hasty Decision to Appoint Senator At-Large**

During the June 9 ASI Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to appoint David Martinez as the Senator At-Large. Martinez applied for the Vice Chair for Finance and the Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement and was interviewed for both positions. Martinez also indicated to Vice President of Academic Governance (VPAG), Mike Garcia, that he was interested in serving in a Senator role.

There was a misunderstanding between the Executive Director and the VPAG and David Martinez' name was submitted for appointment to the Board on June 9. The Board discussed and voted to approve his appointment for the Senator At-Large position, based on the recommendation of the VPAG.

Immediately after the Board meeting, the ASI President and VPAG discussed the appointment and realized that Martinez was not formally interviewed for the Senator position. The President nor VP for Finance, who conducted interviews for the two positions for which Martinez had applied, were not consulted prior to the appointment, which demonstrated a misstep in the appointment process.

The ASI Executive Committee discussed the appointment of David Martinez at their meeting on June 14. The Executive Committee decided to recommend the Board reconsider the appointment of David Martinez and submitted it as an action item for the Board meeting on June 23.

## **Recommendation for Board Action:**

The Executive Committee recommends the ASI Board of Directors make a motion to reconsider the hasty decision to appoint David Martinez as the Senator At-Large position because the appointment process was not appropriately followed.