



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024
 Time: 2:00-4:15 PM
 Location: Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A
 Attendees: Board Members, General Public
 Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

- Call to order by: Chair Yahir Flores ASI President @ 3:16 pm
- Roll Call

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Arwa Hammad	Vice President for Administration	Present
Andrew Klein	Vice President for Finance	Excused Tardy
Jenny Lucas	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Present
Santhosh Kumar	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Caitlin Calica	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Excused Absence
Jared Blanco	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Amit Bharath	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Unexcused Tardy
Nitesh Thorat	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Unexcused Tardy
Jacob Ramos	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Yadira Tellechea	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Amalvin Fritz	Civic Engagement Officer	Unexcused Tardy @ 2:59
Shivani Kotian	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP & Dean of Students	Excused Tardy @2:09
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
Ashley Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

➤ **Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, January 25, 2024						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Jenny Lucas			
Motion to amend agenda to table discussion Item C						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, November 16, 2023						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Jenny Lucas			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, December 7, 2023						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- We will now move on to Public Comment. This time is allotted for the public to bring up comments or concerns of interest to the board. Please be advised that due to a set agenda, the board will not address the items brought up at this time but will note them down for the Executive Committee’s review and action. If members of the public would like to be followed up with directly, please provide your contact information through the QR code on the door or through the form provided on the ASI website meeting agenda. We will now call on members of the public in order of registration before moving on to the general public.

III. Informational Items

- **Introduction and welcome remarks from President Eanes**
 - President Eanes introduces herself and shares her leadership style and what her expectancies are for her VP’s. She also addresses needs that she wants to focus on for the students. She also encourages the board to have a goal to complete together and leave behind a legacy. She addresses parking concerns, commencement concerns that will soon be announced, housing concerns, tuition, and the funding of student resources on campus. President Eanes gives her background on herself.
 - Chief of staff Anh Nelson introduces herself and gives a background on herself.
- **Winter Retreat de-brief**
 - Yadira shares that after sharing the goals for the semester the board should now keep themselves accountable to complete those goals.
- **January CSSA Report**
 - Jenny shares her report on CSSA.
- **Statement by President Flores calling for a ceasefire.**
 - Yahir shares his ceasefire statement.

IV. Action Items

- **Elections Code of Procedure Policy -004**
 - Barnaby goes over the policy.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Jared Blanco			
Motion to approve Travel Policy- 214						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- **ASI Position Descriptions**
 - Barnaby shares the processes that he is planning to take for the positions.
 - Yahir thinks that it would be more effective to make the changes on the position and then do the changes on the Bylaws just to avoid the confusion with students who want to apply to some positions.
 - Jared thinks that it would depend on the amount of positions that will have changes.
 - Yahir shares that it will be several.
 - Cindy asks what the timeline would be.
 - Barnaby thinks that it is going to take time.

- Jacob thinks that beforehand we should let applicants know about the incoming changes.
- Jared shares that he doesn't think it will discourage anyone from applying.
- Yadira thinks its an opportunity to community with the student body.

Offered By:	Jenny Lucas	Seconded by:	Jacob Ramos			
Motion to approve the ASI Position Description. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

- **ASI Land Acknowledgement Resolution**
 - Yahir shares the land acknowledgement that will be said in the beginnings of BOD.
- **ASI Resolution in Opposition to the City of Los Angeles Parking Tax**
 - Yahir shares the Resolution.
 - Jared thinks that the parking department will do just find without Students paying the tax fee.
 - Yahir shares that since Cal State LA is a State property it is a barrier.
 - Dena shares the state of the parking before the new parking was up and offers some insight and suggestions.
- **ASI Resolution in Solidarity with the California Faculty Association (CFA)**
 - Yahir shares what he wants to do on the resolution and that he's still working on it.
 - Jared Blanco shares that the CFA agreement was not satisfactory.
- **Student Concerns**
 - Arwa shares that a concern is commencement.
 - Yahir shares that there has been leaks and acknowledges that it was a battle through several meetings to reach this and shares that he would have likes for administration to let ASI know why the commencement committee was not utilized. Yahir also talks about the concerns in the financial aid office and students with questions and he is working on a partnership with the financial aid office to be able to help students better. Yahir also shares that another concern was the accountability for Administration and shares that he feels that with President Eanes it won't be a big problem.
- **ASI Advocacy Agenda for spring 2024**
 - Yahir shares that he wants to create this agenda to make the board accountable.
 - Yadira shares that a way to get things done can be asking a special entity to put BOD meetings out there to encourage students to come and she shares some things that CSI has done to accomplish that.
 - Yahir shares that he understand and wants to try to figure out how to get students to address their concerns through ASI instead of a third party on social media.
 - Jared suggests changes on a survey. He also mentions going out to talk to high schools.

VI. Reports

- ASI President: Yahir Flores
 - Yahir talks about his own reflections and things that he will be doing.
- ASI Vice President for administration: Arwa Hammad
 - Arwa shares about her spring events.
- Reps at Large
 - Civic engagement Officer: Amalvin Fritz
 - Amalvin also talks about his expected events coming up.
- AVP/ Dean of Students: Blanca Martines-Navarro
 - Blanca shares her report and about programs on campus.
- ASI Executive Director: Barnaby Peake
 - Barnaby shares some things going on in the USU and things he knows about on campus and shares about ASI. Barnaby shared about the SCORE program.

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Jenny Lucas	Seconded by:	Shivani Kotian			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 5:14 PM. Consensus to adjourn the meeting - 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 January 25, 2024, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Prepared by:

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