



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, March 7, 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:

- a. **Land Acknowledgment:** With Great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretaker of Tovaangar (TOE-van-gar) – the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles Basin, South Channel Islands, Sand Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and our relatives/relations, past, present, and Emerging. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university’s relationship to Native peoples. By offering this land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian Peoples.
- b. **Call to order by:** Chair Yahir Flores ASI President @ 2:06 pm
- c. **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Arwa Hammad	Vice President for Administration	Present
Andrew Klein	Vice President for Finance	Present
Jenny Lucas	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Present
Santhosh Kumar	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Excused Absence
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.	Present
Nitesh Thorat	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Jacob Ramos	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Unexcused Absence
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Yadira Tellechea	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Amalvin Fritz	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Shivani Kotian	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Excused Tardy @ 2:18
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		

d. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Caitlin Calica			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, March 7, 2024						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Jenny Lucas			
Motion to Amend the Agenda to table Action Item c and Discussion Item B and to change Discussion Item D to say Student concerns instead. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

e. Approval of the Minutes

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Andrew Klein			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, February 22, 2024 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- a. 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

- a. **Presentation from the Dean of Students Office by Dr. Isis Stansberry & Dr. Frangelo Ayran**
 - Dr. Frangelo Ayran talks about the things the Dean of student focus on like helping students outside of the classroom like housing and grants. Additionally support with the food pantry, the farmers market, and a program that puts \$50 into your golden eagle card to eat on campus.
 - Dr. Isis Stansberry talks about the campus care team that gets referrals daily from faculty and staff for students facing challenges in like and need support or for those that are trying to be proactive and avoid falling behind. They talk about the technology lend out.
 - Jenny asks if there is a time limit to make a student conduct report?
 - Amit asks if there is a way to repair student trust from students who have made reports and there has been no response?
 - Dr. Isis asks if it's for specifically their department?
 - Amit confirms and says that there were student complaints of a show put on that they felt was controversial and racially charged and when they complained to the Dean nothing happened.
 - Dr. Isis doesn't recall coming across that or hearing of it, but the student would have to go to the Dean of students.
 - Jared asks what constitutes an emergency? And how often do you get reports?
 - Dr. Frangelo says that he gets reports weekly that range in several severities.
 - Yahir asks if they can share the data on how often the services are being used.
 - Frangelo shares that the food pantry gets 400 reservations and technology wise they are in the thousands.

IV. Action Items

- a. **Revision to Cabinet of Academic Senators Code of Procedure**
 - Santhosh shares the Cabinet of Academic Senators Code of Procedure and the revisions that have been made.
 - Yahir would still like to see a relationship between the faculty and having a faculty appointee senator to have a voting member on the senate and he thinks it's important to have the student senate seats filled to be voting members to be a voice for the students. Yahir shares that there should be a process to appoint a faculty into CAS. Yahir does agree with the addition of the Dean of Students and keeping the faculty appointee and see how ASI can strengthen their relationships with the Academic Senate because it can get better.
 - Santhosh says that it is difficult to get a faculty member on board.
 - Yahir understands but believes that it is important to keep an open dialogue with them and in what ways they can collaborate because cutting off that position would be a disadvantage.

- Amit asks if we having a faculty currently sitting on CAS.
- Yahir clarifies and suggest tabling the action item and further have a conversation with faculty before removing the position.
- Arwa asks about the working and if it suggest that ASI can possibly add faculty in the future?
- Barnaby confirms that the membership is flexible.
- Santhosh says we can still invite guests.
- Barnaby says that this has to do with membership not guests.
- Arwa shares that there will be a faculty interested in the position.
- Blanca shares that this is an opportunity to start bridging between divisions.
- Dena agrees with Blanca.

Offered By:	Nitesh Thorat	Seconded by:	Shivani Kotian			
Motion to approve the Revision of the Cabinet of Academic Senators Code of Procedures under the stipulation that there will be no changes in Membership until further conversations happen. Tabled						
Discussion:						
- Amended to table the motion instead after discussion.						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	1	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

b. Revised Legislative Affairs Code of Procedure, recommended by Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Committee

- Jenny Lucas goes over the changes to the Leg Affairs Code of Procedure.
- Yahir shares some thoughts about part of the changes that didn't reflect from the conversation that was had.
- Jenny agrees with some of the changes that Yahir pointed out.
- Arwa agrees that a position that shares was is happening on state and city-wide laws is important.
- Amalvin talks about the quorum change.
- Dena shares her take on the changes for the committee.
- Arwa talks about some language changes because some of it is vague.
- Amit agreed with the things Arwa was saying.
- Dena reminds the board that the chair is running the committee in which they then report to BOD and it does not change the chair. Maybe separate the VPX from the policy.
- Jared shares that it is in excess to say what the chair does and that being also in the position description of the VPX.
- Barnaby shares the changes that are the most important on the policy.
- Amalvin shares that we should take the apple approach in order to have a functioning committee.
- Yahir want to revisit membership points about adding the addition to the ED and program coordinator.
- Barnaby ask what his intent is?
- Yahir shares his intent is to have staff give more direction in committees that have to do with communities to have a different perspective.
- Barnaby says that if you add the staff to the membership that means that the staff is required to attend each meeting.
- Amalvin shares that having two staff members is enough for the committee.
- Jenny agrees with Amalvin.
- Dena shares that she understands wanting to add more staff.
- Yahir shares why he made the suggestion.
- Jenny asks if they would be considered voting members.
- Yahir responds that they would be non-voting.
- Amalvin suggest changing the 2 members to 3 members because Dena sounds really interested.

Offered By:	Jenny Lucas	Seconded by:	Andrew Klein			
Motion to Approve Legislative Affairs Code of Procedure Policy with the amended change to add ASI Professional staff in Membership as a non-voting member						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	4	Opposed	5	Abstained	0	Motion: Failed

Offered By:	Amit Bharath	Seconded by:	Santhosh Kumar
Motion to Approve Revised Legislative Affairs Code of Procedure Policy as is. Consensus Reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	Abstained 0 Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

a. ASI Structural Changes to leadership positions

- Yahir talks about some changes that he was thinking of making for some positions and as well talked about some positions that are not needed.
- Amalvin talks about the spirit commissioner ask that if there won't be one anymore.
- Yahir shares that the plan is to retire the position.
- Amalvin points out that in the liked document that there would just be a renaming of the position.
- Amit shares that it might be important to keep a neutral committee when the elections committee is taken out.
- Barnaby shares why the change has been considered since the committee isn't being used for its purposed to start with. Barnaby reminds that this is just a discussion, things can still be changed.
- Yahir shares the purpose of the discussion.
- Dena shares to take a note of this to make changes later.
- Yahir shares more changes to roles.
- Amalvin ask if this will increase the GIA since it is increasing the number of meetings they are attending.
- Yahir says that is a separate conversation.
- Amalvin says that there should be more of a discussion on this.
- Yahir continues going on the position changes.

VI. Adjournment

Offered By:	Amalvin Fritz	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:16 PM. Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus.			
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 March 7, 2024, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Director on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

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