



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, December 5, 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:**

- **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.
- **Call to order by: Chair Yahir Flores, ASI President @ 2:10 pm**
- **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Caitlin Jane Calica	Vice President for Community Engagement	Unexcused Absence
Alonso Villanueva	Vice President for Finance	Present
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
VACANT	Vice President for University Affairs	N/A
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Valerie Canizales	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Business & Economics Rep.	N/A
Victoria Gragasin Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Preet Jadhav	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
VACANT	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	N/A
Natasha Booka Raghu	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Excused Absence
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Excused Absence
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:	Natasha Raghu	Seconded by:	Ananya Sharma			
Motion to approve the Agenda for Thursday, December 5, 2024. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, November 14, 2024. 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 public.
  - Valerie talks about offering collaboration with OSD.

**III. Informational Items**

- **University Library**
  - Dean Carlos Rodriguez gives a presentation on how the score program is going.
- **NACA West Report**
  - Ashley talks about what NACA is about and how ASI benefits from this. Which provides entertainment that can be brought to Cal State LA.
- **ASI Fall 2024 State of Affairs**
  - Yahir talks about the state of affairs report. He summarized things ASI did and what is next and what is something he would like to change.
  - Blanca asks how ASI assessed engagements and got all of its data.
  - Yahir shares that there have been surveys and word of mouth.
  - Blanca gives some advice on that topic.
- **ASI Financials**
  - Alonso goes over ASI Financials.

**IV. Action Items**

- **Student Leader Appointments**
  - Cindy recommends Diana for the College of Ethnic Studies. Cindy recommends Valerie for the College of B & E. Cindy does not recommend any candidate for the College of Education.
  - Blanca says something inaudible.
  - Cindy shared what ASI was like with two college reps and why we came down to one, but more discussion should be done to have College of Education reps.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Natasha Ranghu			
Motion to appoint Diana Rangel to the position of College of Ethnic studies and Valerie Urrutia for College of Business and Economics. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- Yahir recommends Daniel Ruiz and shares why he recommends him for the position of Vice President for University Affairs.
- Alonso asks if there is a way the board can be part of the interview or know their backgrounds beforehand?
- Yahir share what the process is.
- Ashley shares how it use to be when she was in ASI a long time ago.
- Amanda gives advice to ask the person the exec wants to appoint to come to the board to give some words.
- Yahir further explains what the negatives and positives are of bring candidates to BOD.
- Natasha says something inaudible.
- Yahir continues with the processes and the conversation that can be had about appointments.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to extend the meeting to 4:30 pm Consensus Reached						
Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to appoint Daniel Ruiz for the position of Vice president for University Affairs Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- **ASI Policy 004 Elections Code**
  - Barnaby goes over the policy changes.

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve ASI Policy 004 Elections Code of Procedure Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

- **ASI Legacy Project**

**VI. Reports**

- **ASI President: Yahir Flores**
  - Yahir goes over what he has been working on and the new things he has learned.
- **ASI Chief of Staff: Cindy Nguyen**
  - Cindy talks about meetings she has gone to and what meetings are coming up for her and what she has learned from them.
- **ASI VP Finance: Alonso Villanueva**
  - Alonso shares what he has been doing and what upcoming meetings are happening for him.
- **ASI VP for External Affairs: Arwa Hammad**
  - Arwa shares who she has met and what she is working on.
- **College Representative for Natural Social Sciences: Ananya Sharma**
  - Ananya is inaudible.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Briana Goytizolo**
  - Briana shares the program proposals she has been working on and other things.
- **College of Arts and Letters Representative: Victoria Montoya**
  - Victoria shares the program proposals she has been working on.
- **College of ECST Representative: Preet Jadhav**
  - Preet shares what he has been working on.
- **College of Health and Human Services Representative: Valerie Canizales**
  - Valerie shares what she has been working on.
- **Civic Engagement Officer: Natasha Raghu**
  - Natasha is inaudible.

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Natasha Raghu			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:16 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 December 5, 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, January 23, 2025.

Prepared by:

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Kaina Orozco - Recording Secretary

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Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff