



# Finance Committee Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025  
 Time: 2:00- 4:00 PM  
 Location: Alhambra Room – USU Room 305  
 Attendees: Committee Members, General Public  
 Type of Meeting: General

**I. Organizational Items:**

- Call to order by: Chair Alonso Villanueva, VP for Finance @ 2:05 PM
- Roll Call

Alonso Villanueva	Vice President for Finance	Present
Yahir Flores	President	Present
VACANT	Vice President for Community Engagement	
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Valerie Canizales	College of Health and Human Services Representative	Present
Victoria Gragasín Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Representative	Present
Carlos Beltran	AVP for Budget, Planning, and Accounting	Present
Frangelo Ayran	Senior Associate Dean of Students	Excused Absence
Fabi Avina	Director for Center for Student Involvement	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Excused Absence
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present

➤ **Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to approve the Agenda for Thursday, February 13, 2025						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, January 30, 2025						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**II. Public Forum**

- The time is allotted for the public to address the committee regarding items not included on the meeting agenda.

**III. Action Items**

- A. Art History Society – At the Crossroads of Civilizations: The Cultures of West Mexico Through Time – 3/22/25 - \$3,000.00  
**Art History Society Member:** Explains what the event is and what they will have

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Yahir Flores			
Motion to approve Art History Society – At the Crossroads of Civilizations: The Cultures of West Mexico Through Time – 3/22/25 - \$3,000.00						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- A. Anthropology Film Club - At the Crossroads of Civilizations: The Cultures of West Mexico Through Time – 3/22/25 - \$2,400.00  
**Anthropology Fil Club Member:** Explains this is a co-sponsor event with the Art History Society and they are just covering the t-shirts and totes  
**Cindy:** Asks a question  
**Amanda:** Clarifies and asks a question for the member  
**Anthropology Fil Club Member:** They say it is a fundraiser  
**Amanda:** Clarifies they would only get 70% covered since the items are being sold

Offered By:	Yahir Flores	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to approve Anthropology Film Club - At the Crossroads of Civilizations: The Cultures of West Mexico Through Time – 3/22/25 - \$1,680.00						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**IV. Informational Items**

- A. 2025-2026 Budget Approval Timeline  
**Dena:** Explains the budget and working with Yahir and Alonso. March 13<sup>th</sup> will have the budget as discussion here at Finance again on the 27<sup>th</sup> for leaders to look and ask questions after that there should be no more questions, and it will be up for action and Finance and then the week after it will be action at Board of Directors.

**V. Discussion Items**

- A. Preliminary Funding Policy Discussion 2025-26  
**Amanda:** Want to approve the funding policies for the students and have the 25-26 funding policies approved by the end of the semester so we can give the club members the policies over the summer while they are starting to plan their events, and since significant budget cuts are ahead, we need to look at how we want to fund because it might go down and explains lowering down funding for certain things such as travel for clubs. Also, shares examples other AS funding policies and what they fund and don't fund.  
**Carlos:** Shares his input about how the state is cutting the travel budget.  
**Cindy:** Shares some ideas  
**Arwa:** Agrees and shares her thoughts  
**Dena:** Shares her thoughts and explains for the crunch they are dealing with for funding, she wants to teach them how to make money and financial wellness and goes into detail how they can  
**Fabi:** Shares her thoughts and consistency is important and wants to see CSI and ASI work together  
**Alonso:** Agrees and will keep in touch  
**Arwa:** Shares Fabi has a good point but also shares her concerns  
**Cindy:** Agrees and shares her thoughts and on financial wellness and club funding workshops and budget cuts  
**Dena:** Shares it all comes down to policy and answers Arwa and gives her some answers  
**Arwa:** Agrees and shares more thoughts for policy  
**Dena:** Shares examples such as travel and funding and shares things they can change and if anyone wants to change a policy or has questions feel free to discuss
- B. Preliminary Budget Assumptions 2025-26  
**Dena:** Shares they received their Fall fees and enrollment of Spring and it has gone low and to please keep in mind that when it is sent out it is color coded and some things cannot be changed such as payroll, legal, and such as well as minimum wage went up

so she wants them to see where they can cut and they can help she would like their spreadsheets from Yahir and Alonso on next Friday with their cuts and their doors are opens for questions they want their support with budget  
**Yahir:** Shares for everyone needs to look at it holistically as and for the students

**VI. Reports**

**A. Committee Members**

**Alonso:** Shares the meeting he had with pro staff for budget and coming up with ways and what is best and will report what they discuss

**Yahir:** Shares he is in a search committee and has a meeting with the President which is working with Cindy to mention to the President and shares he is meeting with various students for their concerns

**Cindy:** Working on projects coming up with Daniel

**Daniel:** No Report for Finance

**Valerie:** Shares her reports and asks question on funding

**Amanda:** Answers

**Carlos:** Answers with further explanation

**Victoria:** Shares her reports and programs

**Amanda:** Shares any pro staff is here for help on programming

**B. Advisors**

**Amanda:** Shares hers with budget and funding

**Dena:** Shares hers with budget and since based off head count it has gone down and shares on ADP and how they can utilize it to the maximum

**Carlos:** Shares on budget and a lot of conversations on it

**Fabi:** Shares her reports on clubs

**Dena:** Gives thanks to Carlos and the support from their team on budgets

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 2:58 pm. Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**CERTIFICATION**

Official Minutes taken for the Finance Committee Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on February 13, 2025, in Alhambra Room, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Finance Committee on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Prepared by:

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 Alexis Narvaez - Recording Secretary

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 Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff