



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025  
 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: Vice Chair Cindy Nguyen, ASI Chief of Staff @ 2:02 pm**
- **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Excused Absence
VACANT	Vice President for Community Engagement	N/A
Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Vice President for Finance	Present
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 Rep.	Excused Absence
Valerie Urrutia	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Victoria Gragasín Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	N/A
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Excused Absence
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:25 pm
VACANT	Civic Engagement Officer	N/A
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martínez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Excused Absence
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:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to amend the Agenda for Thursday, February 20, 2025, to add committee appointments to action item. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Briana Goytizolo	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, February 6, 2025. 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.

**III. Informational Items**

- **California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) updates**
  - Arwa shares what her updates her and what she is working on for later CHESS meetings.
- **Cal State Student Association (CSSA)**
  - Arwa talks about concerns that were gone over at CSSA.
- **Operating Agreement Renewal**
  - Barnaby goes over what the operating agreement renewal looks like and what the process is.

**IV. Action Items**

➤ **Student Leader Appointments**

- Cindy shares that Yahir recommends Leslie VegaCasimiro for the position of vice present for community and engagement.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to appoint Leslie VegaCasimiro into the Vice president for community and engagement Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- Cindy shares that Ashley recommends Matthew Gianiotis for the position of engagement commissioner

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to appoint Matthew Gianiotis into the Engagement commissioner position. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Committee Appointments**

*University-Wide*

- Cindy shares that Valerie Canizales into the Academic Appeals Board.

Offered By:	Daniel Ruiz	Seconded by:	Valerie Urrutia			
Motion to appoint Valerie Canizales to the Academic Appeals board. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- Cindy shares that there is an open spot in the UAS committee.
- Cindy states that they want to appoint Diana on the Exec and Personnel Committees.

*Internal Committees*

Offered By:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Seconded by:	Briana Goytizolo			
Motion to Appoint Diana Rangel into the Executive and Personnel Committee						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **ASI Bylaws policy 001**

- Barnaby asks if there are any more questions, since it has already been discussed about?
- Arwa asks if it will be effective immediately?
- Barnaby clarifies for her.
- Arwa asks about it, specifically about being 18 to be able to apply for the elections.
- Barnaby shares how that would work.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to approve the Bylaws policy 001 revisions						
Discussion:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arwa asks what would happen if an exec position was eliminated and how would it work.</li> <li>- Barnaby clarifies for her.</li> <li>- Dena further clarifies.</li> <li>- Alonso asked how they would know</li> <li>- Dena shares that they will be notified.</li> </ul>						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retire ASI Policy 010 – Attendance & Absenteeism**

- Barnaby shares the reason for retirement.
- Alonso asks if this would go along with the bylaws
- Barnaby shares that this is just consolidating.
- Dena shares something inaudible.
- Arwa offers to do a sweeping motion.

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Valerie Urrutia			
Motion to approve the retirement of Policy 010- Attendance & Absenteeism.						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retire ASI Policy 025 – Performance Expectations**

- Barnaby goes over the reasons for retirement of this policy.

Offered By:	Briana Goytizolo	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to approve retirement of Policy 025 – Performance Expectations						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **ASI Student Leader Handbook**

- Barnaby talks about the student leader handbook.
- Diana wants clarification of the timeline for training.
- Barnaby clarifies for her.
- Dena further clarifies.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Alonso Serrano			
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Motion to approve the ASI Student Leader handbook Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retire ASI Policy 007- Student Leader Agreement**

- Barnaby shares the reasons for retiring this policy.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to retire Policy 007- Student Leader Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retire ASI Policy 016- appointment and convert to admin procedure**

- Barnaby goes over the reason for retiring Policy 016.
- Alonso asks if there is no procedure for this one.
- Barnaby replies not at the moment, but it will be created.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to retire Policy 016- appointment and convert to admin procedure. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **TIAA Plan approval for retirement**

- Barnaby shares that this is a retirement plan resolution.
- Arwa asks if there is a way to make up for what you have missed so far?
- Barnaby says that is a conversation is to be had with financial advisors.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to approve TIAA Plan for retirement. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

➤ **Allocation of endowment for leadership development**

- Dena shares what the endowment is, how it works, and where it should go.
- Arwa shares that she likes this idea.

**VI. Reports**

➤ **ASI President: Yahir Flores**

- N/A

➤ **ASI Chief of Staff: Cindy Nguyen**

- Cindy shared her updates and who she has met up with.

➤ **ASI Vice President for Finance: Alonso Villanueva Serrano**

- Alonso shares his updates and who he has met with.

➤ **ASI Vice President for External Affairs: Arwa Hammad**

- Arwa shares what she has done other than CSSA and CHESS. She also talks about shared gov and what are the major cuts that are being cut and reach out to see what is being done about this.
- Dena shares her concerns.
- Arwa clarifies she had questions on.
- Dena more questions about the already enrolled students.
- Arwa thinks that there was a lack of transparency, and it might not be possible to save it.

➤ **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Briana Goytizolo**

- Briana shares what she has been working on.
- **College representative of Arts & Letters: Victoria Montoya**
  - Victoria shares her updates.
- **College representative of B & E: Valerie Urrutia**
  - Valerie shares her updates on what she has been doing and upcoming events.
- **College representative of ethnic studies: Diana Rangel**
  - Diana shares what she has been doing.
- **Administrative Coordinator: Amanda Maldonado**
  - Amanda what's coming with ASI.
- **Program Coordinator: Ashley Foskey**
  - Ashley shares her updates on upcoming events and when she'll need help.
- **Associate Executive Director: Dena Florez**
  - Dena gives updates on the budget and what is coming up for her.
- **Executive Director: Barnaby Peake**
  - Barnaby Peake talks about what he is working on and the conversations he has had.
  - Diana asks if it is possible to get the same budget as Sac State.
  - Cindy says that it is unattainable due to enrollment decreasing and we have the lowest student fee.
  - Barnaby further elaborates on why ASI are not equitable.

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 3:24 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 February 20, 2025, 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 6, 2025.

Prepared by:

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Amanda Maldonado - Recording Secretary

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