



Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, March 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 @ 2:03 PM
- Roll Call

Alonso Villanueva	Vice President for Finance	Present
Yahir Flores	President	Present
Leslie Vega	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Excused Tardy @ 2:14 pm
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
	BOD Member	
Victoria Gragas Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Representative	Present
Carlos Beltran	AVP for Budget, Planning, and Accounting	Excused Absence
Frangelo Ayran	Senior Associate Dean of Students	Excused Absence
Fabi Avina	Director for Center for Student Involvement	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present

➤ Adoption of the Agenda

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

➤ Approval of the Minutes

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Yahir Flores			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, February 27, 2025						
Correction with Page 2 of remembers is spelled wrong						
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. MSW United – MSW United Presents: A Social Dinner – 4/27/25 - \$1,282.71

MSW United Member: Shares what the dinner is and will consist of and shares insights of attendance and more.

Arwa: Asks since this is only open to certain students who attended to Sacramento, she is a bit confused on who else attends if it is open to all students

MSW United Member: Clarifies to Arwa it is open to all students but also the ones who went to Sacramento and shares students can still sign up for the dinner but won't be covered from them since they are only asking for 45 students being funded.

Barnaby: Clarifies for everyone based on the policies

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Leslie Vega			
Motion to approve MSW United – MSW United Presents: A Social Dinner – 4/27/25 - \$1,282.71 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- B. Technical Interview Preparation for Software – Graph Workshop – 3/03/25 - \$92.30
Technical Interview Preparation for Software Member not present

Amanda: Shares a statement written by the student organization and shares what the organization is, what the event was, and how it went

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve Technical Interview Preparation for Software – Graph Workshop – 3/03/25 - \$92.30 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- C. Rehabilitation Counseling Association – RCA Spring Mixer – 3/21/25 - \$908.30

Rehabilitation Counseling Association Member: Shares on the spring mixer

Arwa: Asks a question for funding

Amanda: Answers and make sure to have the list of all attendees

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Yahir Flores			
Motion to approve Rehabilitation Counseling Association – RCA Spring Mixer – 3/21/25 - \$908.30 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- D. Black Student Union – Afrikan Black Coalition's (ABC) 2025 Annual Conference – 1/17- 1/20/25 - \$2,075.70
Black Student Union Member not present

Amanda: No statement from them or email but if they have questions, they can ask

Arwa: Asks how they got the number of students to go like RSVP

Amanda: Answers and were hopeful for 14 but only 8 were able to go

Dena: Notices the mileages if they can explain that

Amanda: Explains when they drove to San Louis Obispo 187miles then 17 miles hotel to conference for 3 days and 205 miles was back to the members house which was 542 which is what they asked for

Barnaby: See's the flyer but wants to see the agenda

Amanda: Will look on their site

Dena: No questions but looks like this event already happened

Offered By:	Yahir Flores	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to approve Black Student Union – Afrikan Black Coalition's (ABC) 2025 Annual Conference – 1/17- 1/20/25 - \$2,075.70 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Kinesiology & Exercise Science Club of CSULA – Sensory Pop-Up – 4/15 & 4/17/25 - \$285.26

Kinesiology & Exercise Science Club Member: Speak on the event and what they will be giving away such as tools for anxiety and stress and doing surveys for students on what tools they can do for the future.

Arwa: Asks why not just ask for the full \$305 amount

Cindy: Asks Barnaby if they can use our canopy

Barnaby: Shares that no and explains why

Victoria: Asks a question

Kinesiology & Exercise Science Club Member: Answers

Dena: Shares some future advice

Yahir: Asks for the raffle does she need the prize form

Kinesiology & Exercise Science Club Member: Wants to know what that is

Amanda: Explains but she will not need it

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Daniel Ruiz			
Motion to approve Kinesiology & Exercise Science Club of CSULA – Sensory Pop-Up – 4/15 & 4/17/25 - \$285.26 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

IV. Informational Items

V. Discussion Items

A. 2025-26 Budget

Dena: Explains revenue, then leaders can look over and do their homework, and next meeting is expenses if any questions always ask, goes into detail on ASI fee how it was increased

Alonso: Asks how does the referendum work and the timeframe

Dena: Explains how it works

Barnaby: Clarifies

Daniel: Tries to understand the entire process and wants some clarification

Barnaby: Explains in detail the whole process from beginning to end and shares who signs off on everything and who they get in contact with.

Alonso: Asks if he has a guide of step by step

Barnaby: Says it is tricky since their policies nor there is an exact guide on how

Dena: Gives more information on the value of the dollar and has that posted on the documents for them. Goes into the history of the fee going up throughout the years. Moves on to the next which is basing the increases and asks what the CPI is, goes into the index of it and the consumer price index and HEPI but goes with our fee \$53.75 it needs to go up, and in 2024 that is worth \$107 and to look closely and that they are trailing.

Arwa: Asks if we raise the fee would we also be able to fund the children's center

Dena: That is something Barnaby will have to discuss with Administration but also gives some history on the center and shares that we are the first one in the system to have that childcare center.

Arwa: Asks a question on which index is best

Dena: Personal opinion is to go with HEPI because it is specifically designed for higher education

Barnaby: Gives explanation with examples on HEPI

Dena: Gives comparison on enrollment and ASI fee, now since headcount and enrollment is dropping, we are having a problem

Arwa: Asks a question

Dena: Answers with all explanation and goes back to the charts on the comparisons and numbers which have big gaps, next slide goes into all mandatory fees which can be find on the CSU website which we have the lowest in all CSU's systems.

Arwa: With that some campuses do not have student success fee, and we do

Dena: Shares that is something with the state and not much focus but also look that there are some ASI's that own their unions, and we do not. Next focusing on the revenue and amount of fees collected by semesters. In addition to the revenue and with

everything understanding it they have others such as lockers and universal studios and movie ticket sales each one gets sold is a dollar to ASI.

Alonso: Asks on lockers

Dena: Answers, then goes onto club banking which is mostly held by Amanda, and shares examples on banking and funding and how it works but also gives past examples on certain things that have happened, then goes into further details on revenue.

Barnaby: Goes through the investment account and goes into further detail with that for the leaders to understand and goes into further details on budgets shares that they have more expenses than their revenue.

Dena: Shares with looking at all that the revenue \$1.244 however when they start looking at expenses it is now \$1.4299 which is why they go into the reserves and show how and why they use it. Shares to investigate the money and club funding, this is not to alarm everyone but share where they are now.

Arwa: Asks on expenses of subscriptions for marketing and graphics

Dena: Will answer after the meeting

Victoria: Asks what other miscellaneous revenue can be

Dena: It can be poster invasion events they've done and ticket sales

B. Funding Policy Discussion 2025-26

Amanda: Shares she has not seen any edits for policies, and there are only 3 meetings left, and they need to start on the draft soon.

Victoria: Asks questions on policies as for funding and traveling

Dena: Shares she brought up some very good points

Arwa: Looked at another campus policies and shares with everyone for it maybe it can be a good idea to bring here and shares we can be more honest with clubs.

Barnaby: Asks how they want to approach all this with deadlines and drafting changes and getting it into documents and getting it approved

Arwa: Asks questions

Dena: Shares these are also things they can always come into the office and ask them and Amanda for funding policies.

Alonso: Closes off and shares to ask questions go over it for drafting

Amanda: Clarifies

VI. Reports

A. Committee Members

B. Advisors

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 3:50 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 March 13, 2025, in Alhambra Room, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Finance Committee on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Prepared by:

Alexis Narvaez - Recording Secretary

Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff