



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025

Location: Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A

Type of Meeting: General

Time: 2:30- 4:00 PM

Attendees: Board Members, General Public

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, San 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: Arwa Hammad, ASI President @ 2:36 pm

C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
VACANT	Vice President for Finance	
Virginia O'Vincent	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Gabriel De La Rosa	Chief of Staff	Present
Aisha Gama	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Sophia Gamino	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Michelle Carmona	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Kanishq Viradiya	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:39 pm
Tyler Cheng	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Excused Absence
Gennesis Nuyen	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Yarmil Abrego	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	Excused Absence
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
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Gabriel De La Rosa			
Motion to approve agenda for Monday June 2, 2025						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Approval of the Minutes

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Gennesis Nuyen			
Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, May 15, 2025						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- II. Public Comment:** 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

A. Welcome message from your ASI President

Arwa: Mentioned how honored and excited she is to see what the board will build this upcoming year and thank all the student leaders for being here. Reiterate ASI is a non-profit organization and serves over 20,000 students; being on the board and being a student leader is a big responsibility and always remember to voice concerns for those who can't and to move the campus forward. Being thoughtful, collaborative, and consistent is key as a student leader. She is here to support, advocate, and challenge you all to be bold and strategic, and ensure we all use our voice.

B. What's happening in ASI this summer

Barnaby: Gave updates on the schedule for the summer, explained the financial audit ASI goes through every year and the reason for one - an external audit firm comes in and looks at the financial aspect of ASI and ensures ASI is properly using student fees. Gave an update on the 2025-2026 annual budget - it is currently in signature and a full budget presentation will come later this summer. This fall there will be a recreation & wellness task force and the university under VPSAEM is looking for one student to serve to see what the needs are for Cal State LA students regarding recreation and wellness, like a need for a recreation center. ASI & U-SU will have a taskforce to look at the broader student experience and it is a part of our strategic planning process and to look ahead (5,10,50+ years). Part of this conversation will be financial; the ASI student body fee has not been raised since 1996 and with inflation and declining enrollment the money does not go as far as it did in the past. If ASI followed inflation \$54 in 1996 would be around \$75 now but we are not there.

River: Mentioned some upcoming events - Cal State LA is participating in the LA Pride Parade and there is opportunities to participate/volunteer and the First Flight Orientations. Additionally, talked about fall programming and expect communication from them.

Amanda: Mentioned that closing out the year (financial audit) is the administration's big task in June. Talked about RSO funding and banking but in particular to funding and looking to this upcoming year the significant change that was made was the amount an RSO can ask for funding, for 2025-2026 an RSO can receive a maximum of \$1,500 for the academic year and compared to this last year an RSO could receive a maximum of \$3,500 per semester. With decline enrollment, ASI had to make significant budget cuts this year; since taking over banking we will be working with the RSO's closely to help them create a budget and help them find fundraisers to help offset costs. Our goal is for RSO's to be financial independent and use ASI funding for supplemental needs.

Jeffry: Asked a question about historical data about funding (number of events, number of RSO's, average amount).

Amanda: Answered, we do have historical data, and we can provide it to the board.

Barnaby: Mentioned ASI is hiring marketing student assistants to help with social media, graphic design, and web technician. Additionally, with year-end savings ASI is purchasing technology equipment - Meeting Owl to make our meetings hybrid so students and the public can join our meetings virtually.

IV. Action Items

A. Appointments of ASI Student Leaders

Ashley: Mentioned there were 4 candidates for Engagement Commissioner after interviewing with River, they are recommending Brian Pham. The position does not require experience; however, Brian does have experience

creating events since he is a part of a student organization on campus and mentioned events he wanted to see on campus.

Arwa: Asked a question on what the vision is for the Engagement Commissioner position and how Brian fits into that

Ashley: Talked about it is someone who is excited increase school/spirit engagement, advocate for the students, and align with her principles and what she visions for programming.

Offered By:	Kanishq Viradiya	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to appoint Brian Pham as Engagement Commissioner Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Texting communication for the year

Arwa: Explained the reason for a texting communication app and asked the board for app recommendations. Also, provided the apps ASI has used in the past (GroupMe, Teams, Geneva)

Aisha: Recommended GroupMe since mostly everyone uses it for classes and has the app downloaded

Tyler: Recommended WhatsApp

Gabriel: Recommended Slack

The board members were discussing the reasons why they prefer one app over the other

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin			
Motion to approve Slack for the texting communication app Yes - Ashley Bellorin, Virginia O'Vincent, Jeffry Umaña Muñoz, Gabriel De La Rosa, Sophia Gamino, Michelle Carmona, Gennesis Nuyen, Yarmil Abrego No - Kanishq Viradiya, Tyler Cheng, and Aisha Gama						
All in Favor	8	Opposed	3	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

C. Appointments to ASI Standing Committees

Barnaby: Explained the different ASI committees and this action item is for the college representatives to choose 2 standing committees that they want to sit on; the other positions - executives and reps-at-large they have a list of committees they have to sit on.

Arwa: Explained that each committee has 2 positions and explained what each committee focuses on: *Legislative Affairs* - external advocacy (state, local, federal), *CEO* - programming committee (increasing student engagement), *Executive Cabinet* - topics variety but it's when all the execs meet, *CCR* - the committee is for the college representatives (discuss college issues, college programming, etc.), *Finance* - discusses the ASI budget and all student organization funding requests, *Personnel* - discusses anything related to the ASI full-time staff and student assistants (employment laws, compensation, etc.). *EPC (Environmental Policy Committee)* - discusses environmental and sustainability efforts (programming, campaigns, etc.)

The college representatives discussed and chose their 2 committees

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to extend the meeting for 20 minutes Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Tyler Cheng	Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz
Motion to appoint the following student leaders to the following ASI Standing Committees: Executive Cabinet - Michelle Carmona and Aisha Gama Personnel Committee - Diana Rangel and Aisha Gama Finance Committee - Kanishq Viradiya and Tyler Cheng Legislative Affairs - Sophia Gamino			

CEO - Diana Rangel and Sophia Gamino
EPC - Michelle Carmona and Tyler Cheng
Shared Governance - Kanishq Viradiya
Consensus reached

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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V. Discussion Items

A. University Committee Interest

Arwa and Barnaby: Explained 4 university-wide committees that need student representation:

1. *Foundation Board:* Is one of the other auxiliaries on campus and they receive grants and donations and distribute those funds to academic programs. The committee consists of university cabinet and individuals in the greater Los Angeles area that have ties with the university. Looking for 1 student to sit on the committee, the ASI President (Arwa) is the 2nd student who sits on the committee.
2. *UAS (University Auxiliary Services) Board:* Is another auxiliary on campus, they run the bookstore, all dining services, and the Golden Eagle Building. There is a total of 3 students who sit on the committee, 1 of them is the ASI President so we need 2 additional students to sit on the committee.
3. *Fee Advisory Committee:* This is a critical committee because all student fees on campus has to go through this committee, and they make recommendations to the University President and the Chancellor's Office. There is a total of 3 students who sit on the committee, 1 of them is the ASI President so we need 2 additional students to sit on the committee. The committee only consists of 5 members - 3 students, the Provost, and the CFO/VP of Administration and Finance.
4. *U-SU Board:* Is the other auxiliary on campus, only 1 student sits on this committee - the ASI President or designee and it is an advisory role, so it is not a voting member. If Arwa cannot sit on the committee than 1 student from the board can.

Arwa: Stated if anyone is interested in any of these committees, email her with the reason why you would like to sit on that committee.

B. Summer Training

Barnaby: Discussed the summer training schedule, in particular the June training schedule - June 9 & 13 (Zoom), June 23 & 27 (In-Person, On Campus), and June 24-25 (Exec Retreat).

Some board members discussed possible time-conflicts.

Arwa: Explained if there any time-conflicts or you cannot attend a training, communicate that to her and the full-time staff.

C. The purpose of Student Government

D. [2025 Goals & Advocacy Agenda](#)

Barnaby: Explained what the 2 documents are as they set tone for the year - the Advocacy Agenda was approved by the previous administration at the last Spring Board of Directors meeting as a blueprint/recommendation for this upcoming year; it talks about what was accomplished last year and recommendations to build upon. The 2025 goals document shows what goals have been accomplished already but also what goals that still need to be accomplished this fall; it also shows the full-time staff goals. Meanwhile, we will start building goals for 2026.

VI. Reports

VII. Adjournment

The Chair announced the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m. without a formal motion or vote.

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on June 2, 2025, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Monday, June 23, 2025.

Prepared by:

Amanda Maldonado - Recording Secretary

Gabriel De La Rosa - Chief of Staff