



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Date: Monday, June 23, 2025

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

Type of Meeting: Special

Time: 1:15-2:15 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 @ 1:15 pm**

### C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Eric Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present after appointment
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.	Present
Tyler Cheng	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Excused Absence
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	Present
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	Excused Absence
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

### D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Kanishq Viradiya			
Motion to approve agenda for Monday June 23, 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:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to approve the minutes for Monday, June 2, 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.

**Ashley:** Mentioned she has invited Brian Pham, Engagement Commissioner to join the university block party committee.

**Arwa:** Explained the university block party - the university wants to have a big welcome party the first week of the fall semester.

### III. Informational Items

### IV. Action Items

#### A. Appointment of the Vice President for Finance

**Arwa:** Mentioned there were 5 applicants for the position, she interviewed 3 as 2 never got back to her to schedule an interview. They were all good and passionate, but Eric stood out to her, as he shared some insights that would be beneficial for the year as we had to cut funding for the student organizations. He understood the budget climate on campus and ensure we fund the student organization programs that will make an impact on campus. Additionally, the other 2 candidates were good but didn't seem they knew the VPF role as well as Eric did.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Gabriel De La Rosa			
Motion to appoint Eric Anzu as the Vice President for Finance						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

*Eric Anzu was officially appointed and began participating in the meeting from this point forward.*

#### B. University Committee Appointments

**Arwa:** Went through the 4 university committees and made appointments:

1. *Foundation Board:* Asked if anyone was interested in the committee and reclarifies the committee - in summary the Foundation oversees fundraising, grants, donations and they distribute those funds to programs and events. They are the philanthropic committee for the university and try to get money for Cal State LA.

Both Eric and Virginia expressed interested in the committee, but only 1 additional student sits on the committee since the 2<sup>nd</sup> student is the ASI President and asked each of them to explain to the board why they want to sit on the committee.

**Eric:** Explained as the VP for Finance and that the committee oversees the distribution of donations and fundraising funds; it would be an opportunity for him to know the funds are being allocated.

**Virginia:** Explained as the VP for External Affairs and as her role works with the external community it relates to the committee as the Foundation works with external companies/people to bring money into the university.

Prior to formal action, the committee held an open roll call vote between Virginia and Eric:

All in Favor for Virginia: 3 (Aisha, Gabriel, Michelle)

All in Favor for Eric: 5 (Jeffrey, Ashley, Yarmil, Sophia, Kanishq)

Offered By:	Aisha Gama	Seconded by:	Kanishq Viradiya			
Motion to appoint Eric Anzu to the Foundation Board						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

2. *UAS Board*: Mentioned only 1 rep expressed prior interest in the committee and that was Aisha. Reclarifies what the UAS Board does - in summary UAS oversees all dining on campus (i.e. food court), the bookstore, and the Golden Eagle Building. As mentioned in the last meeting there is a total of 3 students who sit on the committee, 1 of them is the ASI President, therefore we need 1 more student to sit on the committee.

Gabriel expressed interest in the committee.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Virginia O'Vincent			
Motion to appoint Aisha Gama and Gabriel De La Rosa to the UAS Board Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

3. *Fee Advisory Committee*: Many board members were interested in this committee and will be holding off with a recommendation since it is a small committee where ASI representatives make up most of it and the remaining committee members are the Provost and CFO. Mentioned she wants to review and assess who should be on the committee, and since they don't meet over the summer, we don't have to rush for an appointment.

4. *Recreation & Wellness Task Force*: Explained the task force: focus on expanding and looking for opportunities to enhance recreation and wellness at Cal State LA (i.e. wellness center, recreation center, etc.); they also are bringing in the outside consultation group - Brailsford & Dunlavey and the task force is only being called for the Fall semester.

Gabriel, Virginia, Aisha, Michelle, and Yarmil expressed interest in the task force.

**Barnaby**: Mentioned no formal action is needed since it is a task force. He will submit the 5 names to Megan since she is the co-chair of the task force, and more information will be sent.

## V. Discussion Items

### A. Current student body issues

### B. Plans for the summer

*Both discussion items A & B were discussed simultaneously*

**Arwa**: Mentioned her priorities for the summer - consistency internally within the new board, immigration and undocumented students' support. Additionally, she mentioned she attended the Panetta Institute last week with the other CSU ASI President's and she was able to learn their priorities and how the campus' can collaborate with each other (i.e. working groups, resolutions, policies, etc.).

**Gabriel**: Provided the definition of a sanctuary city and how that can be applied to the university.

**Jeffrey**: Mentioned there should be greater data protections and more robust rapid response protocols, currently CSU PD's are barred from assisting immigration enforcement, but there's no systemwide protections against accessing student data beyond FERPA.

**Yarmil**: Mentioned her priorities which include ensuring students can register in classes for graduation. She talked with some students and some of the classes they needed to take to graduate were not being offered. *(the rest of the conversation was inaudible)*

**Gabriel:** Mentioned his priorities, which include meeting with student staff to discuss any concerns or issues and see how to make student employment more attractable; one way could be discounted parking. Additionally, talked about the issues with Financial Aids' communication/timelines - provided a personal example: he submitted a document that was required and when he called Financial Aid, they mentioned they will get back to him in August (this could be problem some if students are depending on Financial Aid to pay for housing, tuition, etc.).

**Kanishq:** Talked about parking benefits and a form student employees can complete.

**Gabriel:** Clarified that talking to students it seems that not all students are eligible (it could depend on department & area their employment is in). Mentioned there should be clearer communication and it should be advertised to student employees.

**Ashley:** Provided a remainder of the program proposals deadline.

**Sophia:** Mentioned college-specific surveys and other ways students can involve within the college, provided an example for B&E, students want to get involved but with only 1 college rep position, maybe there could be college-specific committees (1 student from each major).

**Dena:** Mentioned City of Orgs and connecting with the student organizations and also connecting with the Dean.

**Ashley:** Talked about the Screaming Eagles volunteer program and asked - how are we promoting Screaming Eagles?

**Arwa:** Answered, Screaming Eagles are under Gus and him, and his team do a lot of tabling to promote, promoting at First Flight Orientations. Mentioned, he does want to work on a track where Screaming Eagles can learn and become student leaders. Additionally, mentioned that NSS has a student committee, so recommended Sophia and all other college reps to ask their Dean if they have one; if not advocate for one to the Dean so the college can integrate one.

**Michelle:** Mentioned her priorities which include that some majors within A&L don't receive as much support as others, lack of courses for some majors that delay graduation, and advising.

**Arwa:** Mentioned for the college reps to talk to their Deans about road maps for all majors within the college to ensuring all majors and students feel supported.

**Virigina:** Talked about her priorities which includes helping students finding jobs/careers after graduation and ensuring all majors/fields are represented at career fairs.

## **VI. Reports**

## **VII. Adjournment**

The Chair announced the meeting adjourned at 2:16 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 23, 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, July 14, 2025.

Prepared by:

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