



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Location: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>

Type of Meeting: General

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 @ 1:19 pm

C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present, left @ 1:30 pm
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
VACANT	Vice President for External Affairs	
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
VACANT	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	
Tyler Cheng	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Excused Tardy
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
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	Excused Absence
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	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Gennesis Nuyen
Motion to approve the agenda for Monday July 14, 2025, with the stipulation of tabling Action Item A - Appointments of Student Leaders to the next Board of Directors Meeting			
Consensus reached			

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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E. Approval of the **Minutes**

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Gennesis Nuyen			
Motion to approve the minutes for Monday, June 23, 2025, with the stipulation of fixing spelling errors - Erick's name 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.

Gabriel: Mentioned he met with the Director of Parking and Transportation about a program that Metro has where they will pay half of a student's pass, and the university will pay the other half; further conversation will be had

III. Informational Items

A. CSUnity & CSSA Update

Arwa: Explained what California State Student Association (CSSA) is - in summary it is where all 22 CSU campuses Associated Students come together and talk about system-wide concerns/issues. Each month there is a plenary (alternating between virtual and in-person). Additionally, explained what CSUnity is - in summary each campus sends a delegation of student leaders, and it gives all CSU student leaders an opportunity to come together, foster discussions, and gain leadership skills (workshops).

B. Student Leader Vacancies

Arwa: Mentioned that Virginia stepped down from the Vice President for External Affairs role to pursue an internship. Kanishq has also stepped down from the College of ECST rep role as he obtained a job.

C. ASI Inauguration

Arwa: Explained what the inauguration program is and gauged if the tentative date and time would work with everyone's schedule

IV. Action Items

A. Appointments to ASI Standing Committees

Arwa: Explained this action item is if anyone wants to swap committees if it works better with their time/schedule

Amanda: Shared the meetings and times of the leaders that stepped down if anyone would like to swap.

V. Discussion Items

A. Financial Aid Concerns

Jeff: Shared that Financial Aid has announced that graduate students will not be receiving State University Grant (SUG) funding for the 2025-2026 academic year. This is especially concerning, as SUG often covers a major portion of costs for graduate students. With little communication from the university and the semester approaching, he reached out to Financial Aid Directors and Coordinators to get more information and push for clearer updates. He received a response from Linda Lopez, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, explaining that SUG is a CSU systemwide program funded by the state. Each campus is allocated a set amount of funding, and the CSU prioritizes undergraduates first, followed by credential, and then graduate students. While this has been a long-standing policy, current guidance has reinforced the focus on undergraduates, especially due to a 40% funding cut from last year. To ensure students are informed, Erick and Arwa will be creating a video to share information and resources available. The goal of the video is not to take accountability, but rather to make sure students understand the situation and know what support options exist. Additionally, he shared his own struggles with this funding cut and is committed to staying strong in advocacy. He will continue seeking additional support options for affected students and working with other CSU campuses and their ASIs to understand how they are addressing this issue.

Arwa: Agrees and will speak with Erick on making the video.

B. Meal Share and Food Recovery Proposal

Arwa: Shared that she created a proposal for a Meal Share and Food Recovery Initiative that she hopes to bring to Cal State LA. The goal of the program is to combat student hunger by using existing resources—specifically unused meal swipes and recovered food—that would otherwise go to waste. She highlights that this program is not new to CSU campuses and has already been successfully implemented elsewhere, making it both realistic and impactful for Cal State LA. The primary cost involved would be integrating the meal swipe system with students' One Cards, which would require IT or One Card programming. However, overall, the program is low-cost and has a high impact. Estimated startup costs range from \$900-\$1,700, with most costs being one-time or per semester for outreach materials, training, and marketing. Arwa emphasizes how this initiative aligns with Cal State LA's values of community, service, and sustainability. It would also strengthen student-administration partnerships and foster a culture of care on campus. She has already met with Blanca, who is looking into it further, and Arwa is now seeking feedback and agreement from the Board to move forward with planning and implementation.

Yarmil: Asked on the program, and shares food places on campus where students can access this.

Arwa: Answered and agreed with places she has mentioned.

C. 2025 Goals & Advocacy

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

Arwa shared two projects she's hoping to get going on at Cal State LA. The first is the Meal Share & Food Recovery Program. She's also working on Eagle Connect, where ASI reps would be placed with student orgs and wants to group them by type like social Greek orgs, academic clubs, service orgs, etc. to better understand who they are and how to support them. The goal is to get that piloted by spring, and she's hoping to move both projects forward with everyone's input.

B. ASI Chief of Staff

Gabriel shared that he's conducting all ECST interviews today and asked if anyone knows a student who's interested in applying, they should let him know so he can stay in the loop.

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

Erick shared that in his new role as a student leader, one of his main goals is to closely review the budget and how student fees are being used. He's considering the possibility of raising student fees in the future but wants to approach it thoughtfully and transparently. His priority is making sure he fully understands the numbers and can clearly explain them to students. If a fee increase were to happen, he wants students to know exactly what they'd be getting in return and how that extra money would directly benefit them. This is a long-term goal for him, and he's focused on making sure it's done the right way, with student needs and trust at the center.

E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs

Jeffrey emphasized that he really wants students to see ASI as a space where their voices matter. He hopes students feel encouraged to share their concerns and issues so ASI can bring awareness to them and use that feedback to advocate and take action on their behalf.

F. ASI Vice President for External Affairs - Vacant

G. Reps at Large

1. Civic Engagement

Genesis talked about how important it is to create strategies that really connection with students, building on what Jeffrey and Arwa were saying. She thinks being transparent with students and letting them know what is going on is key. Plus, having one-on-one conversations helps build trust and makes students feel heard. She agrees with Jeffrey that this kind of personal connection is super important and fits exactly with what ASI is all about.

2. Diversity & Inclusion

H. College Reps

1. College of A & L

2. College of B&E

Sophia shared that since a new dean is coming in for the college, she'd like to organize a mixer so students can provide input and stay informed. She emphasized the importance of transparency in the

process. While she's not directly involved in choosing the dean, she's staying in contact to find out who they pick and is currently in talks with the college about it.

3. College of Education - Vacant

4. College of ECST - Vacant

5. College of Ethnic Studies

6. College of HHS

7. College of NSS

I. ASI Pro Staff

J. J. AVP/Dean of Students

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 July 14, 2025, on Zoom - <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Friday, July 25, 2025.

Prepared by:

Alexis Narvaez - Recording Secretary

Gabriel De La Rosa - Chief of Staff