



# Executive Cabinet Meeting

## Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Location: Alhambra Room - USU Room 305  
Type of Meeting: General

Time: 3:00-4:15 PM  
Attendees: Committee 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: Yahir Flores, ASI President @ 3:09 pm**

#### C. Roll Call

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| Yahir Flores              | President  | Present         |
| Leslie Vega               | Vice President for Community Engagement                              | Present         |
| 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   | Excused Absence |
| Diana Rangel              | College of Ethnic Studies Rep  | Present         |
| Ananya Sharma             | College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.                            | Excused Absence |
| 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 |
| Amanda Maldonado          | Administrative Coordinator   | Present         |
| River Foskey              | Program Coordinator  | Excused Absence |
| Guests of the Gallery     |  |                 |

#### D. Adoption of the Agenda

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| Offered By:  | Arwa Hammad | Seconded by: | Diana Rangel |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, April 29, 2025 |             |              |              |           |   |                |
| Consensus reached  |             |              |              |           |   |                |
| All in Favor   | All         | Opposed      | 0            | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

#### E. Approval of the Minutes

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| Offered By:   | Alonso Villanueva Serrano | Seconded by: | Daniel Ruiz |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, March 25, 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 committee. 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. Reports**  
**a. Members**  
**b. Advisors**

**IV. Informational Items**  
**a. CSU Hill Day Report**

**Yahir:** Shared that during Hill Week, he reconnected with many CSU leaders to discuss internships like DC Fellows (which our campus does not offer), policy updates, and the new presidential administration. He networked with past ASI presidents and professionals across business and entrepreneurship, as well as neighboring states. A key concern he raised was Cal State LA's loss of a \$12.5 million Teacher Quality Partnership grant for the College of Education, which is now on hold. Overall, it was a busy week of meetings and strong engagement with representatives.

**b. ASI Student Leader Awards**

**Yahir:** At the last meeting, we discussed the end-of-year awards and the nomination process. Each award has specific categories, and only one person can win per award. This was brought up last week, and while we agreed to revisit it, now we need to finalize a decision on whether to hold the awards this year.

**Anaya:** Asked questions on the awards

**Yahir:** Answered

**Arwa:** Asked for the categories

**Yahir:** The award categories include Bumpin' and Jumpin' Advocate, All-Star, Inclusion Champion, Above and Beyond, and Here, There, Everywhere. These awards recognize individuals who stood out and made an impact. While only one person is selected per award, the spirit is to emphasize that everyone is a winner and appreciated.

**Arwa:** Shared a suggestion to add the senators and make them a category.

**Daniel:** Shared a suggestion for add one for the screaming Eagles.

**Yahir:** Shared other ideas.

**Diana:** Shared since time is short, to keep it short and simple, and offers ideas

**V. Action Items**

**VI. Discussion Items**

**a. Consulting Proposal**

**Barnaby:** Shared that there will be a meeting with a consulting firm to support strategic planning and financial direction. The firm will provide outside feedback and recommendations based on other CSU ASIs. While it is costly, their professional expertise will be valuable, and board support will be needed. Barnaby added that if we move forward with a fee increase, this demonstrates why we want and need it. He also noted that past offerings like concerts, events, and food trucks have become more expensive, so careful planning is key to balancing student wants with financial sustainability.

**Diana:** Asked when the proposal is.

**Barnaby:** There is no proposal; once we hire, they start in the summer, and the next 7 months. There will be a whole survey for the body to fill out.

**Yahir:** We will give them what they need, then give us at the end a proposal of the plan they came out with.

**Arwa:** Have they spoken to other campuses if they have done this, and is AOA helping with this?

**Barnaby:** They are a sponsor for AOA since they are used on most campuses, but B&D, they assist a lot of the CSUs and are heavily involved. The purpose is to get someone outside and give us a strategic plan from what they see outside, but with information, shares all campuses are doing this and looking into it as well, since enrollment is dropping more.

**b. ASI Impact Report**

**Yahir:** Reminded everyone to submit their reports, which will be shared with all committees. Each report should be 1-2 pages outlining committee work, including quantitative and qualitative data, student attendance at events, and the number of proposals submitted and completed. This ensures accountability in ASI roles while also supporting data collection and feedback to improve student experience.

**Anaya:** Asked about approaches for committees.

**Yahir:** Agreed with her ideas and approaches and shares that if leaders need assistance on reports and binders to please inform Cindy and him. Continues and move on to the binders and how they navigated the role, and how the next ones navigate the roles.

**Daniel:** Shared his thoughts and concerns, but his questions would be for Cindy.

**Arwa:** Asked a personal question based on another committee.

**c. ASI Resolution - Supporting Undocumented Students**

**Arwa:** Spoke on the feedback and tips they would prefer on campus, and what was mentioned for them to be heard and see change, everything for them to see the resolution is on SharePoint and then will go to BOD.

**d. Standing discussion items**

**VII. Adjournment**

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| Offered By:   | Alonso Villanueva Serrano | Seconded by: | Daniel Ruiz |           |   |                |
| Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:09 pm<br>Consensus reached. |                           |              |             |           |   |                |
| All in Favor  | All                       | Opposed      | 0           | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Executive Cabinet Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 in U-SU Alhambra Room, 305 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Executive Cabinet on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Prepared by:

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