



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025
Location: U-SU Board Room N/S 303/303A
Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 2:00-4:15 PM
For Public Viewing: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>
Type of Meeting: Special

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 @ approximately 2:00 pm (the exact time was not recorded)

C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
Aisha Gama	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Gabriel De La Rosa	Chief of Staff	Present
VACANT	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	
Sophia Gamino	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Michelle Carmona	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Koi Saelee	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Tyler Cheng	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Victoria Sandoval	College of Education Rep.	Present via Zoom
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:19 pm
Genesis Nuyens	Civic Engagement Officer	Excused Tardy @ 2:19 pm
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	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Excused Tardy @ 2:12 pm
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	[Unidentified member]	Seconded by:	[Unidentified member]
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, September 4, 2025			
Consensus reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

E. Approval of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	[Unidentified member]	Seconded by:	[Unidentified member]			
Motion to approve the minutes for August 21, 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 with the ASI staff 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.

Michelle: Mentioned about Friday's food court hours and it leaves the night classes with no food options

Koi: Mentioned about housing's dining hall food option and that they close around 7:30 pm and leaves no options for students who don't come back from class until after that time.

Michelle: Mentioned that the library

III. Informational Items

A. Library Presentation

Kelsey and Azalea: Talked about Sounds of the Underground - it is for students to engage with the articles and establish Cal State LA as a underground music scene. The goals are to establish Cal State LA's special archives, this area (East LA) is rich in the music scene, broaden access and bring awareness to the sounds of the underground archives, want Cal State LA to be the hub for underground music. The event will be open to the campus and broader community.

The event is 3-days in October and October is archives month: the first day is a keynote and the keynote speaker is Elizabeth Ai, 2nd day is a research symposium, and the 3-day is the community archive and music festival. On the 3rd day there will be scanners so students, community, or anyone else can contribute to the archives. The event also helps bridge the gap between students who have not interacted with the special archives and engage with research. It matters because it can strengthen community impact, student impact, promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and build authentic community partnerships.

Jeff: Mentioned how more music is needed on campus as Cal State LA is integral to the city and being in the heart of many different cultures.

Erick: Mentioned how music is not just the vibrations and the sound; this will help expose the campus to different genres and cultures.

Diana: Mentioned the chair of the College of Ethnic Studies, his research is focused on music and he can be a strong connection and collaborator. Also, reach out to the College of Arts & Letters and collaborate with the music department.

Arwa: Mentioned UCLA has their own archives and urology program and asked if they have thought about collaborating with them and other campuses.

Azalea: Answered - they have reached out to other campuses to table or present but not in a bigger way. Will keep this in mind for next year to collaborate.

Dean Rodriguez: Talked about the Library and the services/resources offered - they collaborate with every department/division on campus to support all students on campus. Mentioned the Library and the U-SU are the two key areas where students hang out outside of class. Shared the Library's hours - previously pre-pandemic the Library did have longer hours and then coming back the Library didn't fully reopen because of online classes and the minimal in-person classes and now the Library is open 6-days a week but they constantly receive feedback from students about the hours. Also, mentioned other programs that will happen this year - Undergrad Student Research Paper Award, research week in March, and weekly webinar series.

Also, talked about how he is focused on creating diversity spaces in the Library to fit student's need. There is a master plan to do full renovations, but it will be done in increments. The latest small renovation is reading lounge - living room style space with graphic novel collection, Cal State LA author collection, multi-cultural heritage book displays. Discussed that they are exploring the idea of enhance technology spaces within the Library - Maker's Space, recording studios, VDR, technology lending.

Diana: Mentioned in her community college in Sacramento, the film department was funded by Power Records - Solomon; he donated money to the photography department and now students can rent camera equipment. Mentioned Cal State LA can reach out to large corporations within the entertainment business and ask for donations.

Dean Rodriguez: Talked about most learning happens outside the classroom and the Library is the largest informal learning environment. Mentioned, the Library's budget has been cut about 23% the last 2 years and has been challenging to main access to all the collections and resources and create spaces within the Library. He has had conversations with the administration to prioritize the Library. Asked the board to advocate and ask questions about where your fees are going and be involved in the process. Lastly, one incentive is trying to lower the cost of education particularly through encouraging faculty to adopt a no-cost learning materials - SCORE Program.

Holly: Talked about the e-article database and course reserves: the library has course reserves (textbooks) that students can borrow and use within the Library and some of the materials can be eBooks, articles, book chapters, activities, and streaming videos. Mentioned in 2024, the total of number of searches - books, articles, DVDs, videos, etc. was over 4 million times. Using the library and library resources have a positive impact on student academics. The Library has state-of-the-art research tools and provided a demonstration of the Library's One-Search which shows everything the Library owns. If another CSU has a book that a student needs the Library can get it free of charge for that student but it does take about 2-4 days; if a student cannot wait they can visit that CSU campus library and get the book themselves.

Arwa: Mentioned the librarians themselves can also help a student to find specific articles in relation to the student's research

Holly: Continued with the demonstration and mentioned that the Library does offer instructional classes for research and that faculty just needs to put in a request and a designated librarian can go to the class and provide subject guides, guide students through the research process - each college has designated librarians.

Diana: Asked a question - Is there a time frame? If, there is a 8 pm class can they request an instructional class.

Holly: Answered - They can go to any class time and provide the resources.

Dena Rodriguez: Mentioned there is no representative for the Library on the board and this could be a way to have a connection between ASI and the Library. How can we deepen and formalize the relationship between both entities. Mentioned the ideas of either having a committee within ASI, having a Library representative, or having a standalone student advisory committee.

Jeffry: Mentioned this needs to be a priority this year for ASI; libraries play such a special role for student success. He wants to pursue a library student advisory committee; wants to establish a strong connection with the Library.

Michelle: Asked a question - What happened with Café 47 and what are the future plans for that space?

Dean Rodriguez: Answered - he was informed over the summer that Café 47 would not continue and he is working with the campus to identify a new tenant.

Gabriel: Shared he is advocating to bring in Homeboy Industries into campus and that space would be perfect.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of ASI Committee Code

Arwa: Asked if the board had any questions, all three codes of procedures were discussed at the last board meeting.

There were no questions from the board

1. Finance Committee

Offered By:	Erick Anzu	Seconded by:	Diana Rangel			
Motion to approve the Finance Committee Code of Procedure						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

2. Personnel Committee

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Tyler Cheng			
Motion to approve the Personnel Committee Code of Procedure Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

3. Shared Governance Council

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Diana Rangel			
Motion to approve the Shared Governance Council Code of Procedure Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Undergraduate Academic Senator Appointment

Jeffry: Mentioned there is one vacancy left within the Undergraduate Academic Senators and there were 2 great applicants for the position. He would like to appoint Glorian Gaskins, she has been an RA for the last couple of years, passionate to work with the faculty, being a bridge to student voices and ensuring the campus stays diverse. Loved her approach to problem-solving and she wants to support the fiscal policy committee within the Academic Senate and help students navigate academic success.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to appoint Glorian Gaskins as Undergraduate Academic Senator Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Environmental Policy Committee

Arwa: Talked about after listening to the library presentation, the possibility of transforming that committee to the library committee. However, talked about how we do have the membership for EPC so theoretically the committee can meet now.

Jeffry: Mentioned we should ask the EPC members for their opinions as most of areas within EPC already have homes within the current ASI committees. Also, mentioned it could be a good idea for EPC to meet and discuss and see what they envision the committee.

Gabriel: Shared to leave EPC for now while working to rebuild a new committee that can take its spot.

Tyler: Shared that he agreed with Gabriel and asked Gennesis (the EPC chair) how she feels about it and what she envisions for EPC.

Michelle: Agreed to leave EPC for now and let the committee meet while we discuss a new committee.

Dena: Shared that EPC should be under Legislative Affairs, and it can be a sub-committee so more students can participate, and the chair of EPC can report back to Legislative Affairs. Sustainability, climate change, environmental policies is important and should still be a focus for ASI, but it does not need to be a standing committee it should be a sub-committee. Also, brought up the idea that the library can be a sub-committee.

Gennesis: Shared she met with Barnaby and Dena and agree that EPC should be a sub-committee under Legislative Affairs and in assist with CEO when it comes to programming. Brought up the ideas that could be done in EPC. Mentioned the amount of energy that is being wasted on campus - the misused of buildings, or some buildings not being used at all.

Barnaby: Mentioned that typically for sub-committees the work done there would then get recommend to the committee and in this case, it would be Legislative Affairs and then finally it would from to BOD. For example, if EPC wanted to do an environmental agenda it could take a whole semester to go through the approval process. If it was a standing committee, it would come straight to the board after being approved at the committee. As of

now, EPC is an ASI standing committee so we would need to discuss the flow of communication/information and any changes we want to do we would need to reflect them in the Bylaws.

Arwa: Asked for a raised of hands if EPC should meet. The consensus was that the committee should meet for now.

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

B. ASI Chief of Staff

Gabriel: Mentioned the progress with the U-Pass and digital signage project. Worked with the college reps to schedule meetings with their respective deans. Also, the first biweeklies were due yesterday, and we had a good number of submissions with only a couple missing.

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs

F. ASI Vice President for External Affairs

G. Reps at Large

1. Civic Engagement

Gennesis: Shared a student concern – at an event a student who is legally blind stopped her and Sophia as he has some concerns about ODC. She wants to invite the students to the board to have them share their concerns personally.

2. Diversity & Inclusion

Yarmil: Mentioned ODC offers an app called Aira that connects people who are blind or low-vision and can help them get around campus. Asked if ASI can promote the app so more students are aware.

H. College Reps

1. College of A & L

2. College of B&E

3. College of Education

4. College of ECST

5. College of Ethnic Studies

6. College of HHS - **Vacant**

7. College of NSS

I. ASI Pro Staff

J. J. AVP/Dean of Students

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:15 pm Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on September 4, 2025, at U-SU Board Room N/S 303/303A and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Prepared by:

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