



# Executive Cabinet Meeting

## Minutes

Date: August 26, 2025  
Location: Alhambra Room - USU Room (305)  
Type of Meeting: Special

Time: 3:00 pm to 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: Arwa Hammad, ASI President @ 3:05 pm**

#### 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
Michelle Carmona	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
	Board Member Rep.	
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	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Excused Absence
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

#### D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin			
Motion to approve the agenda for August 26, 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:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz			
Motion to approve the minutes for April 29, 2025, with the stipulation to link the documents						
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

**Michelle:** No report

**Aisha:** Joined as Vice President for External Affairs, met with Arwa to speak about responsibilities as Vice President for External Affairs

**Erick:** Mentioned he's meetings with VP Lindow are going to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. On Friday August 29, there will be a meeting with Carson Fajardo to talk about the increase in student fees, and to review the budget from the year before and the year after then meet with Dena. Regarding B&D, a discussion is needed to see what type of feedback is received.

**Jeffery:** Talked about he has been working on the resolution for UCLA facing federal funding cuts and the parking initiative. For the parking initiative, it is planned to work with all the different student government in the LA City to push for LA City Council to remove the occupancy tax on university parking. Will reach out to Aisha to speak more about it. Attended an Academic Senator meeting, only 2 out of the 5 showed up. There are some scheduling issues when it comes to the meetings with the Senators. Hopefully, during the BOD meeting, there could be a discussion about what the senate and university committees do so the board members can be aware and try to fill in some of the vacancies. They are trying to give a push so more students at large to fill in those vacancies. Will be serving on the university honorary degrees committee.

**Ashley:** Mentioned she will join one of Erick's meetings to bring up the proposal of businesses selling on campus. Also going to propose a collaboration with Dr. Webber to speak on campus.

**Gabriel:** Shared about his meeting with Erick Hollins, they mentioned that they have received funding for the digital signage that was already discussed about, and they want to hear the case regarding the digital signage. And based on data for paper signage the estimated cost is \$97,615.45 per year counting parts and labor. The estimated cost with digital signage is \$81,299.50 for a one-time thing and the whole year it will cost under a grand if we charge direction for signage. Aside from this regarding the U-Pass, there is an estimate of 3,495 students that use the Metrolink, the estimates for the old ticketing system it would cost around \$400,000 a month because Metrolink would charge per station but now it is a flat rate of \$850 and should be able to get lower price which would save a lot. The Metrolink pass also has an add on which lets someone use Metrolink and Metro at the same time, which would save a lot for the students and everything in general. It can become beneficial to students and staff if it gets approved. Still looking for an HHS representative, and there is a lot of interest in being the representative.

**Arwa:** Shared that during the Sip 'n' Social event there was a common concern from a group of students, they want a space to put their scooters on campus. Brian is now the chair at the USU, not only is he ASI's engagement commissioner. Met with Blanca on Friday to discuss ideas relating to the food program that was brought up in July. As if now the idea has been accepted so an email to Dining must go out and there are plans to collaborate with Blanca and the Dean of Students, and to discuss what should be done with the access food. Another concept that was discussed was a food alert system/app, the idea stemmed from meeting with a president from CSUF where there are alerts everytime the dining hall has any leftover food. Also, met with Athletics they want Cal State LA to be a D1 school and wants to send a survey out to see what the students think. She is meeting with Katie, VP for System-Wide Affairs at CSSA and she wants to host her on campus so she can connect with Cal State LA students to mobilize system-wide advocacy. Lastly, met with Ron, Director of PGI to see how we can collaborate.

- ⇒ **Erick:** Mentioned that technically scooters are not allowed on campus because of safety reasons. See if there is a space within the U-SU for students to leave their scooter when only using the gym.
- ⇒ **Blanca:** Shared that scooters, bikes, and skateboards are not allowed for safety but we can have the conversation but keeping safety top of mind, maybe making designated pathways.
- ⇒ **Erick:** Will bring this conversation up with VP Lindow to see what he thinks and how we can safely implement the idea.
- ⇒ **Ashley:** Parking/Public Safety was having this conversation last semester to see where they can add scooter storage. The scooters are meant to be driven on the street and not within campus.

- ⇒ **Gabriel:** Mentioned about the app idea, it would be better to integrate it with an existing one so students don't have to download a separate app.
- ⇒ **Arwa:** Shared that they do want to consolidate all the apps into a general one.
- ⇒ **Barnaby:** Shared that we can throw in a question about Cal State LA being a D1 school into the survey. Also, shared that it is a huge financial commitment to the students to become a D1 school.
- ⇒ **Jeffry:** Mentioned students would probably prefer to prioritize investments in another area on campus. Asked a question to Blanca about food insecurity – Is the grocery equity gift card program coming back this year?
- ⇒ **Blanca:** Answered – It is a developing program, and it was very successful last year as it is an alternative option for students who are not eligible for the CalFresh Program. Funds for that program has expired but looking into other options as it was launched as a pilot program last year. Shared about the collaboration between ASI and the Food Pantry – the use of the ASI lockers where students who cannot make the food pantry hours can pick up their bags from one of the designated ASI lockers and it has been very successful.

## **B. Advisors**

**River:** Shared there will be an involvement fair with all the clubs and ASI has a table in the involvement fair (B&D), the main goal is to advertise the self-funding workshop and to talk about the way ASI interacts with clubs and organizations. On the 11th of September there will be a drag show.

**Barnaby:** Shared in the involvement fair there will be another table from ASI that will interact with students to ask them what their ideal college experience would be, what would they love to have, what is missing, what do they enjoy. There is also hiring for a new front desk assistant, and the design team is getting more experience as they work on big projects with the university.

## **IV. Informational Items**

### **A. Biweeklies**

**Arwa:** Mentioned the first biweekly is due next Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. For execs, your direct reports biweeklies will go to you for approval, but everyone's biweeklies will get sent to Gabriel and cc' Amanda. Anything that is not your committee responsibilities count towards your biweekly (meeting with students, attending/volunteering at an event, meeting with administration/deans, office hours).

**Gabriel:** Asked a question – how does the process work of not signing off a biweekly and resubmission?

**Arwa:** Answered – you would decline to sign the biweekly and then meet with your direct report.

**Barnaby:** Clarified that it is not just an approve or declined, you can ask your direct report to add or clarifying something if needed and then they can resubmit the biweekly.

### **B. CSSA process & funding availability**

**Arwa:** Shared that Aisha will be our main representative at CSSA. She wants to email Omar for extra funding for CSSA as she wants to send more reps to CSSA; it is a great way to connect with other campuses. The ask is for \$6,000 and is also going to ask Katie about funding options. Wants to at least send all the execs to CHESS.

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **A. Environmental Policy Committee structure**

**Jeffry:** Mentioned there is a committee with committee members and they can meet even if it is a wind down year/semester so they can discuss the future for the committee. Have also thought about the other issues that keep coming up in our conversations which is Parking and Immigration concerns, and the possibility of creating committees for those concerns.

**Arwa:** Mentioned it would be easier to keep EPC this year and then reconsider it next year as we already do have the committee members for the position. There is a lot the committee can do like the Environmental Advocacy Plan. This can tie into the university's facilities plan, recreation/beautification plan.

**Barnaby:** Shared we can establish core values and if sustainability is one of them and then you can figure out which committee/committees it will go out (ex. programmatic = CEO, advocacy = Leg. Affairs). Have to determine if that is a concern to ASI and if a committee is needed.

### **B. Student concerns**

### **C. B&D Consulting**

### **D. Use of Canvas**

**Barnaby:** Shared we still have access to canvas, but we have decided to not submit biweeklies on canvas since we have to route for signatures for now, but we can explore to see the possibilities. Maybe for important documents we use canvas, so they stay in one place and doesn't get lost in the communications (Slack). Canvas is a tool we can use throughout the year.

**Aisha:** Mentioned ASI can send announcements on Canvas since students are on the platform already.

**Ashley:** Mentioned majors have a Canvas, for example her major is Criminal Justice and there is a Canvas page for all the students within that major and they are always posting events that are happening, internship opportunities, etc.

#### **E. U-SU Board Rep**

### **VI. Reports**

### **VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:28 PM 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 August 26, 2025, at U-SU Alhambra Room 305, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Executive Cabinet on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Prepared by:

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Jael Almaraz - Recording Secretary

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