



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025

Location: Board Room N/S - USU Room 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: General

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 @ 2:04 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
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
VACANT	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	
Victoria Sandoval	College of Education Rep.	Present
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Excused Absence
Gennesis Nuyens	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	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
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:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 2, 2025 with the stipulation of removing Action Item A. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Certification of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Gabriel De La Rosa			
Motion to certify the minutes for September 18, 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.

Erick: Mentioned it would be helpful if there was microwaves in the U-SU, so students don't have to walk all the way to King Hall.

Brian: Answered - there is microwaves and a fridge in the Cross-Cultural Centers that students can use.

Jeffry: Mentioned with President Eanes coming to board today, don't know how many folks are aware around the recent subpoena that the campus was issued around university employee's data. Recognizing that other schools, including Berkeley, have faced subpoenas for student information. As an executive team we could find out what the process of responding to a subpoena is going to look like for this campus. We were a campus that had an encampment and some things that have come out from the federal government around student data, especially if we have been around claims around anti-Semitism and related investigations. I know subpoenas are legally binding documents but would be great if our campus could find some ways to challenge subpoenas, if possible, especially when it comes to student data.

Arwa: Mentioned a student did ask about this at the Town Hall about what if they did get a subpoena for student data and administration said this was not possible.

Jeffry: Shared in the event that this happened to our campus that we can find our position as ASI on these matters because as the government body our mission is protecting student data as much as possible. Hopefully, President Eanes is right, but it has happened at other campuses. There is a lot of fact finding and it is important to be knowledgeable and know what our position could be. This is also an issue that's impacting students across other campuses so thinking about our collaboration with CSSA or the idea of collaborating more so with other LA City schools, it's important for us to understand the student position.

Barnaby: Mentioned this might be a legal question and we can ask the campus attorney or our attorney to give us a better perspective on it.

Amanda: Mentioned there is a public comment on Zoom.

Student - Brenda Drew: President of the Black Student Union and a second year Pan African Studies master student. She met with Jeffry earlier this week and had an amazing conversation on the potential having a collaboration for a black student summit. Another note, wanted to bring the attention to several flyers and posters that have posted on campus for something called the Preacher Boys and under that calling, it says for the armies of the Lord Jesus Christ wanted tough, feisty, poor fellows to fight the forces of evil. Communism woke LGBT lies and Satan right and then it has a brief Bible verse that is in reference to two Timothy 2/3 which says something like join me in the suffering like a good soldier of Jesus Christ. On the flyer there is a link to an Instagram for an individual calling for this and on there is some concerning tattoos, right. She wanted to bring it up because this is concern for the community, for the safety of some folks especially, you know that that part about woke LGBT lies. There are several flyers of this and one or two folks have taken them down and they pop right back up.

Arwa: Shared she will certainly take it back with our team and is worried since we are a public university and with the concept of free speech but if they are making threats to like specific groups of people and is alarming for some folks. It's certainly something we need to consider and look within the time, place and manner policies and within it regulates the use of free speech when it's not threatening others.

Brian: Mentioned there has been some elevator permits that have expired in King Hall and in the Library and can make students feel safe if the permits are valid and some other elevators have been out of order.

III. Action Items

A. Undergraduate Academic Senator Appointment

This item was removed from the approved agenda and was not discussed

IV. Informational Items

A. Updated on the joint ASI-U-SU consultation with B&D

Barnaby: Shared an email went out with the survey link. This is the critical point of our research project with the B&D to get the student voices. To hear what's important to the student body, questions about your involvement, and what you want to see on campus. There will be more remainder emails sent out, we are tabling; we want to get as much student feedback on this as possible. This is how we set kind of the future of offerings for the USU and ASI, and really the whole campus and how we serve students so. The survey goes into the 16th and after that, we will review the data and information. Mentioned, everyone will be involved both ASI & U-SU boards and setting the course of action.

B. Pat Brown Institute Executive Director Mike Bonin

Mike: Presented on PBI – his vision to have PBI more community based, more engaged with campus, and much more engaged with students. The mission statement he is going with is strengthening, promoting, and defending democracy and it speaks to everything PBI does, but it gives it a different lens and a different focus. PBI's mission falls within three buckets - civic education, public engagement, and policy.

- ⇒ Civic Education: He wants it bigger than the city of Los Angeles, bring in into communities, go to nonprofits and service organizations and actually explain how government actually works here in Los Angeles.
- ⇒ Public Engagement: PBI has done candidate debates (i.e. Mayor candidates in 2022, Kamala Harris when she was running for Senate) and policy conferences.
- ⇒ Policy: Have focused on charter reform issues, how government works, and how government can be improved.

Now wants to do things a bit different and redefine PBI's mission:

Under Strengthening Democracy – civic education, civic dialogues, and smart policy

- ⇒ Want to bring it to a broader audience and wants to work with ASI to find ways on how to enhance and expand this idea.
- ⇒ He has an upcoming fireside chat with Mayor Bass, and the theme is civic dialogues and some of the conversation will be the handling of the fire. He is hoping to do this with Senator Padilla and Governor Newsom soon and then he will be reaching out to local elected officials.
- ⇒ Doing research on policy issues and wants to ensure anyone we study is focused on equity and justice for the people in Los Angeles and the distribution of resources. Empowering the voices if people who have lived experience.

Under Promoting Democracy – election information, candidate debates, leadership development

- ⇒ Cannot wait to partner with ASI for the midterm elections next year and see how we engage the people of Los Angeles.
- ⇒ Candidate Debates: first set will be one-on-one, solo appearances and ask them questions they are not being asked because if they are not thinking about it, they will not do anything about it. It is about reframing the conversation and reshaping the debate.
- ⇒ Wants to expand the current fellowship programs and create more fellowship programs.

Under Defending Democracy – convening leaders, community empowerment, and leadership development

- ⇒ Wants to do a youth policy conference in partnership with ASI, student organizations, and high schools and come up with topics to be discussed.
- ⇒ Upcoming programs: "On the Record" fireside chats, "Leading California" talks, Youth Policy Conference, and Podcast episodes
- ⇒ Opportunities for students: fellowships, student workers, and podcast research
- ⇒ Partnership opportunities with ASI: PBI Advisory Board, civic outreach, program development

Jeffrey: Shared we are uniquely positioned university in the city of LA to be a leader for the city, region, and more broadly. ASI is one of the greatest spaces that our current student have right now and to being to engage in policy work and understanding student and youth issues. As we continue to advance how many students' accesses and engage with PBI, how we can also turn ASI into its own incubation hub for policy engagement for civic outreach.

Arwa: Shared ASI goes to CSSA conferences and the being conference they have every year is the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) and CSSA gives us the priorities that they want us to talk about, and we go to Sacramento and lobby for those priorities. Asked if PBI can help prepare for that conference or having an PBI

student representative come with us.

Mike: Shared he loves doing training for people and would be happy to do one. Additionally, he has been talking with people in the boarder Los Angeles community and one of the things they said is that they think we should be the connective tissue between the different segments of Los Angeles and connecting students with local officials and connecting faculty who work on policy with policy officials.

Randy: Mentioned other upcoming events like a pizza movie night in Housing and the idea is doing politically themed movies in order to spark a conversation. The first movie is going to be Judas and the Black Messiah. They are working with LA Documenters to train students and go to various public hearings, it becomes public record, and they get paid to do it.

C. University Auxiliary Services Executive Director Tim Chang

Tim: Shared he oversees all dining operations on campus, they are the administrator for the Chartwells contract for housing, oversee the LA Bio Space (tech innovation lab), oversee the food at the LAFC training center, oversee the Anna Bing Children Center, and they do grants and contracts for faculty and with their research.

Jeffry: Mentioned if he can explain a bit more about the role UAS plays with supporting faculty grants and contracts. Is it the NIH or other institutes or private foundations?

Tim: Shared they are the contracting agency for the university. He has to understand the funding sources and ensuring the funds are being used appropriately and is within the limitations and regulations.

Jeffry: Asked how does the funding structure for UAS? Does a portion come out of the grants for administrator support?

Tim: Answered – for grants and contracts there is an overhead rate that we do charge. All of those refer to an overhead charge to help pay for the people that do processing, record keeping, report writing. The overall rate for federal grants and contracts is 46%. They tack on 46% to cover those costs, the true rate of usage is not the full 46%; our actual usage rate is around 15%.

Jeffry: Asked if UAS also gets funding from the food court, Chartwells, etc.

Tim: Answered – there is an overhead rate that is charged to each one.

Jeffry: Asked what are the challenges that UAS is facing in terms of all of the uncertainty around federal grant cancellations and is there an impact? What is the impact to potential staffing or the budgets?

Tim: Answered – they have had 15 federal grants and contracts that have been under risked. Anna Bing was approved for a 5 year, \$450,000 each year and it just got cancelled. For the next 2 years, they will be short \$450,000; they are trying to figure out how to fill in the gap.

Barnaby: Asked what new and exciting things are happening on campus.

Tim: Doing a number of different things:

- ⇒ 1. Kika just opened this week. They were on campus about five years ago and the Pandemic hit, and they had to leave for a number of reasons. When he got here, he noticed that we had an empty spot in the food court. He knows the owner and fortunately, we're able to fast track that. They got in, made some quick changes and they were able to open in two months.
- ⇒ 2. Where Café 47 was and the littler corner café by Salazar, there is a small Altadena independently women owned coffee shop; it's called Café de Leche. One of the UAS employees approached them to see if they will be interested and they were. They will be in both locations.
- ⇒ 3. The food pantry was going to be moved to the second floor of the Golden Eagle building but in talks to move it where Salazar Café is. It is equipped with sinks, stoves, cooktops, and the second floor is not and would be costly to renovate.
- ⇒ 4. The U-Club is opening back up.

Gabriel: Mentioned in the future if there is any spots open if they can consider Homeboy Industries (Homegrown Industries).

Tim: Shared he wants to split it half and have a deli sandwich shop take half and ultimate dream is having Porto's take the other half. Asked for suggestions of other types of foods, let him know what is working and what is not working. Also, when they close Salazar Café for the food pantry it will lead to not many food options on that side of campus, so they are planning to do a rotating food truck daily.

Genesis: Shared the idea of having an ice machine on campus so students can just go up and fill their cup.

Tim: Mentioned he will find out, at the last campus he worked at they did install ice machines in a couple of locations, but he will look into it.

Michelle: Mentioned the hours of operation and if they will be any adjustments so students who have later classes can grab something to eat.

Tim: Shared Café 47 is planning to be open from 7:00-7:00 and when he started here over the summer after 2 pm everything on campus closed and he is hoping the U-Club will stay open from 8:00-6:00.

D. Greetings and updates from President Eanes

Arwa: Shared some points for the preliminary fall impact report

- ⇒ Community Engagement: we have helped organized a lot of events - Campus Day, LA live, semesterly Sip N' Social Event, Drag Show, table during the Hispanic Heritage Month program. A long-term a new initiative she is working on is called Eagle Pods and with conjunction with CSI they want to group similar minded RSO's in separate pods they want incorporate shared governance across themselves. The team has logged about 80 hours of face-to-face student engagement. Hoping to host office hours on the go and meet students where they are at.
- ⇒ Advocacy: sees it more as external advocacy - shared governance. We have been proactive and listening to student feedback and working on solutions. We do have our B&D consultation with the U-SU and the survey launched yesterday.

VP Lindow: Shared about some projects that have begun this fall - they have been establishing a clear assessment of the lighting on campus and mainly outdoor lighting for safety and creating welcoming spaces. They are working with a company to help assess the cost and how to move forward with replacing the lighting and moving more to energy efficient lighting. Also, improving landscaping, creating garden spaces where students feel invited.

Arwa: Shared in relation to the Budget and Planning Committee, students are pleasantly surprised about the amount of work have been done on campus especially King Hall like the lighting and painting and they will continue to inform the students about the updates.

VP Lindow: Shared in the next couple of weeks, there will be communication about the facilities master plan, and they will reach out to us to be a part of the conversation and help reach out to students to survey their opinion.

Arwa: Shared about broader canvas beautification and about the pool on campus - it is currently only open for 2 hours a day which is not very long and was wondering what could be done to extend the hours.

President Eanes: Mentioned the pool is not quite where it should be, it does not meet the NCAA requirements. Every facility that is connected to Athletics on campus needs to be compliant with NCAA regulations and where the campus supports it or ASI supports it, we can figure it out because it needs to be competitive. Additionally, mentioned that we don't have a beach volleyball location and our girls team is traveling to practice and they need to be able to practice and play on our campus.

VP Day: Shared one thing they are looking at for growth is our recreation - we need to have intramurals and club sports. Kudos to the Kinesiology for holding something together but it needs to be a priority as it is one way for student to engage with each other and engage in competition. Intramurals also provides the opportunity for E-sports something non-athletic but still competitive. Facilities is connected, looking at the gym and figuring out how we would create that space that can work for Kinesiology, Athletics, Recreation, and intramurals. It is all about building the student experience.

President Eanes: Shared about how we are serving our community and asked how are going to be stewards of place (American association of Colleges and Universities). Our place is the community, asked what we are doing for East LA, what is Cal State LA doing for East LA.

Gabriel: Mentioned about what Billie Jean King said that the biggest thing is less of the legacy and more about the impact. Shared he is working on the U-Pass as there is a lot of concerns about it and is gathering data to meet with someone from the university and Metrolink to discuss it.

Jeffry: Shared he wants Cal State LA to be a greater hub of community, innovation, policy research, and where the East LA community can come together. Further expanded, having seasonal/recurring conferences so conversation can be held and develop a policy report that we can push together with the East LA community and have great connections with our local councils.

Erick: Shared he's ideas for the students' visions and increasing the fees.

Ashley: Shared she wants Cal State LA to be a safe space for the community, and they can come to campus and learn, such as little kids and their parents, and have interactions, since we are in LA.

President Eanes: Speaks on soccer for the World Cup and Olympics, and making sure students can be present, get tickets, and volunteer for the World Cup.

Jeffry: The main concern keeps coming is parking, and faculty pay lower and maybe if there are other ways to go about it.

Arwa: Shared on academic advising and the issues of complaints and the support, such as enrolling for classes and road map, and being told to go somewhere else.

President Eanes: Doesn't like the run around, so they need to figure it out and have a road map for every major in every college.

VP Day: It will change, and that's where the Provost and he need to discuss, since they will do college by college, but they won't fix the retention until they address this and the road map. Also, make an enrollment plan that will inform on the strategic master plan and more, and this is important.

Arwa: Appreciates that.

President Eanes: Spoke on the topic and shoes that if they want these fees and more, look at the other CSUs and look at their fees and see what they provide.

V. Discussion Items

A. University Strategic Planning Updates

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

B. ASI Chief of Staff

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs

ASI Vice President for External Affairs

F. Reps at Large

1. Civic Engagement

2. Diversity & Inclusion

G. College Reps

1. College of A & L

2. College of B&E

3. College of Education - Vacant

4. College of ECST

5. College of Ethnic Studies

6. College of HHS - Vacant

7. College of NSS

H. ASI Pro Staff

I. J. AVP/Dean of Students

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:16 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 October 2, 2025, at Board Room N/S - U-SU Room 303/303A, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Prepared by:

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