



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 16, 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 @ 2:07 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	Excused Tardy @ 2:27 pm
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.	Excused Tardy at 2:37 pm
VACANT	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	
Victoria Sandoval	College of Education Rep.	Present
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Gennesis Nuyens	Civic Engagement Officer	Excused Tardy @ 2:27 pm
Yarmil Abrego	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	Excused Tardy @ 2:15 pm
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	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 16, 2025			
Consensus reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

E. Certification of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	Erick Anzu	Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz			
Motion to certify the minutes for October 2, 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.

III. Informational Items

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

Barnaby: Shares that the survey will close in a couple of days, and this will help with statistical findings. They are going to gather all the information and find things so they can take USU and ASI higher.

B. ASI Town Hall

Jeffry: Shares things that are in works such as having open conversations for events students and they want coming for the next semester and mentions that there are things already in the works with the help of River moving forward to the next semester for this event and shares and at the end they will finalize and share all questions and suggestions they will receive and share with them.

Jocelyn: Thinks it is a great idea but asks if this is an accruing event like monthly or yearly.

Jeffry: Shares that he is aware this was of an event they've had, but yes, they would want this event to happen again and more often.

IV. Action Items

A. Undergraduate Academic Senator Appointment

Jeffry: It has been a long and difficult search, but now I have someone to appoint, and she was a really good candidate for this position.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to appoint Jazmin Rocha as Undergraduate Academic Senator Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Committee Appointments

Erick: Shares the interviews he has had for the filing of the Student Rep at Large position and unfortunately, they were not chosen.

Gabriel: Shares his recent interviews and how that's going.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Gabriel De La Rosa			
Motion to appoint Jocelyne Bravo to ASI Finance Committee and Shared Governance Council Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

C. Appointment of Fee Advisory Committee

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to appoint Erick Anzu and Jeffry Umaña Muñoz to Fee Advisory Committee Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Officer Evaluation

Arwa: Speaks on conversation as they are doing their job by being exec's and establishing a long steady position and make sure everyone is doing right by them and aren't getting behind and making sure, they are doing a good job and hoping to do something like we do for Barnaby's evaluation they do questions on how they are doing at their positions and getting feedback.

Jeffry: Shares they want to make sure ASI is working on their own thing but also make sure to support each other and everyone's working towards their goals.

Gennesis: Shares if this is something for everyone, not just exec, feels that both should be considered.

Dena: Agrees with Gennesis that this should be a collaboration within everyone and gives examples of what the pro staff does, except Barnaby, they have a self-evaluation, a self-evaluation is good for self-reflection.

Arwa: Like the idea, but also shares that by the next meeting, she and Gabriel will have the questions prepared and will go over them for revisions and interest.

Jocelyne: Wants to add that it is important to add what is going on and what people are doing such as passion projects but also make it a team and share how we can all volunteer and help people's projects and events from her experience and can be anonymous, and they are feeling supported.

Arwa: Agrees and yes, it will be anonymous, and feedback is being gathered and more.

B. University Strategic Planning Updates

Arwa: Shares briefly who she has been meeting with for the strategic planning and shares the committee's also with other people too, alongside herself and more people, shares the assignments that they are doing, such as how CSULA can be better and etc. There are 2 teams, and they turn in different surveys on different topics, but within it all and meetings for it all. Has been sent messages on ASI's Slack from all updates, such as an upcoming lunch that they can join, just let her know. But next meeting, she will have better notes for everyone.

Erick: Shares briefly about the facilities they met and talked about. They met two weeks ago and discussed introductions, with assistance from someone who had created master plans for other campuses, such as Fullerton. They also heard about what people want on campus, including relaxation areas, and plan to meet on a biweekly basis to discuss these ideas. Brian is also attending this meeting.

Jocelyne: Asks what Arwa prefers to wear at lunch, and Arwa answers polos.

C. Starting an ASI Substack Account

Jeffry: Shares him and Barnaby have been thinking ways to engage conversations with students for the forum and explains why this would be a good idea, trying to incorporate more engagement on things happening on campus but would like a space on what we are working on for the students and have them attend more things such as meetings as well, but would like to expand the platform to also make students knowledgeable on everything going on with ASI. It is a topic of content ideas they have in mind and funding policies, including all other ones.

Gabriel: Asks regarding names for the podcast.

Jeffry: Wants it to get attention, but also, this is something separate from the university, so we don't want to add anything like that.

Jocelyne: Shares her ideas and names.

Blanca: Shares her thoughts and ideas for connecting with students and allowing documentation, and hopefully, it makes an impact and grows.

D. Advocacy to preserve university budget for student needs- Senate Resolution

Jeffry: Jeffry shared updates from the recent campus budget meeting he and Arwa attended. Each division is being asked to take up to a 5% budget cut, raising equity concerns. The Senate Chair suggested ASI support a resolution urging the university to prioritize protecting core instructional costs and student services. However, ASI executives decided to first issue a "Dear Colleague" letter instead of a formal resolution to encourage dialogue and request more budget transparency, specifically, details on where funds are going and whether reallocations are possible.

Jocelyne: Asks if this is a formal letter and to whom this is being addressed.

Jeffry: Both, write a letter sent to the president and faculty, but this is to record on budget and not necessarily ask for a letter back, but maybe a meeting or dialogue.

Arwa: Thinks it is a good idea but wants background from what she has heard from both sides, and everyone is trying to do the right thing, but it is tough since this is money, but shares things she has heard from Sonoma, such

as the new administration here on campus, and others. Also appreciates that the president has held to deal with things such as wildfires and ICE being round campus, and these times, and she has done a great job since she started.

Jeffry: Understands and shares what he has heard from the provost, such as looking closely at students and being a campus of opportunity, and we also provide it for them to remake it, and sometimes we spend money on things to be similar to others, but then at another section we aren't funding it enough and increase support.

E. Fee Advisory Committee and Student Success Fee Transparency

Arwa: Wants to focus more on the Student Success Fee, which is about \$200 or more, and share ASI has concern on what the fee is being used for and shares the documents that campus posted, the fee largely funds salary and advisors within certain departments like which is scary that a fee is relied on a funding salary which is something that should be coming from the university and goes through the summary which is concerning and deserve transparency.

Jeffry: What could be helpful is sharing that they show where the allocation goes and think maybe if they can go ask those offices if they do get that allocation.

Arwa: Agrees

Erick: Shares his input on the fee since it has been over a decade but is clear that this is not something we want to get rid of, but making sure it is true.

Barnaby: Briefly gives some information on documents and proposals, and shares that they are showing less information now.

F. Filling at-large student seats on committees

Jeffry: Would like to fill all seats available for at-large positions, share he wants to work with that and still feel they are incorporated, and maybe have student outreach or work with other orgs or CSI on reach out across the colleges and have them filled soon and for next year

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

B. ASI Chief of Staff

Gabriel: Shares events he has been to recently, still looking for reps and interviewing people for two weeks.

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

Erick: Shares his current meeting with the provost about programs and things they can improve on.

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

Diana: Shares information on herself and her role and shares how she was able to have Dr. Webber come to campus, and it is finally happening.

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 16, 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 30, 2025.

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