Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025
Time: 2:00-4:15 PM
Location: Board Room N/S – USU Room 303/303A
For Public Viewing: https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041
Attendees: Board Members, General Public
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 @ 2:09 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
Jocelyne Bravo	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:14 pm
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.	
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
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:	Gabriel De La Rosa		Seconded by:		Gennesis Nuyens	
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 30, 2025 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 October 16, 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. 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

Jeffry: Shares updates with meetings and on the president's coming to the last meeting and budgets

ASI Vice President for External Affairs

F. Reps at Large

1. Civic Engagement

Gennesis: River is not here, but April is the busiest month, and if we can schedule around that month, since it is packed not only for ASI but CSI too but if they can keep that in mind.

2. Diversity & Inclusion

Yarmil: Shares concerns they have heard around in rooms and what they are doing, and everyone joins in the conversation.

G. College Reps

1. College of A & L

2. College of B&E

Sophia: Shared events happening in her college and expressed the board to join the run club.

3. College of Education - Vacant

4. College of ECST

5. College of Ethnic Studies

Diana: Speaks on council members interested in the event with Dr. Webber coming up, and is working to do awards there if people collaborate with her for some ideas.

6. College of HHS

Jocelyne: Discussed upcoming spring events that Diana introduced, including bringing in a collaborator from a college. They are working with the college's Dean to create a week-long schedule of events and workshops within their programs, with plans to incorporate ASI into the activities.

7. College of NSS

Amanda *(appointed before reports)*: Brings up concerns they have heard from students and what they are doing to help them.

H. ASI Pro Staff

Dena: Reports back to Genesis and provides some advice.

Barnaby: Shares on the AI topic and what he has heard about what they have been doing on it. Shares priority registration.

I. J. AVP/Dean of Students

IV. Action Items

A. Appointment of Koi to IRA Committee

Arwa: Wanted to make it official for having Koi to the IRA Committee

Jeffry: Clarified that there are two student reps in the committee

Arwa: Koi, correct me if I'm wrong, was your committee within ECST or broader?

Koi: Committee was within ECST
Jeffry: Wanted to note ECST specifically

Offered By:	Yarmil Abrego		Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		
Motion to appoint Koi to the ECST IRA Committee Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Appointment of NSS College Rep
Gabriel: Speaks on the month-long process of being trusted with picking a representative for NSS and there was over 20 applicants for the position. He best picked Amanda for the role from Amanda's reflection.
Aisha: Asked for Amanda's introduction and major since Amanda was present for the meeting.
Amanda: Introduces herself and her major, which is studying Biology.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:	Aisha Gama		
Motion to appoint Amanda Hawkins as the NSS College Representative Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Informational Items

A. Updates on the joint ASI-U-SU consultation with B&D
Barnaby: Speaks on the response numbers, which were great and had many factors of gender, majors, and more. They will be coming to our next meeting and present recommendations they have for us and share data, and our many prizes will be notifying people to come pick them up at the office and the USU Admin for pick up. The winning college was the Arts and Letters; they had the most students from their college who filled out the survey.
Arwa: Questions about what the board can do as next steps and what the next meeting they come will entail
Barnaby: Share, they will go into all that next meeting, and we will all have conversations and questions for them and them for us and get all this to work.

B. ASI Town Hall
Jeffry: Shares the flyer made with the information of the upcoming event and gives a brief overview of what he wants to go over and what it will consist of, and issues priorities of the university and getting the most input and shares all that ASI is doing to help. Goes over the agenda plan they have made and what they will do to keep it moving and organic and get dialogue.
Sophia: Asks if the plan and agenda will be provided, and, there will be paper for notes
Jeffry: Answers yes and follows through on everything that they want to bring, such as food, but also topics they want to bring attention to, and goes through the agenda. Thanks to Koi for getting the word out.

C. CSSA Report
Arwa: Speaks on CSSA and gives a brief of what CSSA is and what goes on at CSSA.

Brief conversation about AI, covering personal opinions, campus concerns, and topics raised at CSSA.
Jeffry explained the current AI policies on campus. Aisha asked if there are better AI resources students can use. Arwa noted that CSSA highlighted issues of student reliance on AI, the need for students to understand its environmental impact, and how the USU can be more sustainable and intentional with AI. Jocelyne emphasized the benefits AI provides, such as research support and academic help, and the importance of teaching students how to use it responsibly, not for cheating. She added that AI can support equity, inclusivity, and innovation if introduced in the right way, and that many students still don't know how to use it effectively. She mentioned funding could help expand positive, scientific uses of AI. Jeffry expressed strong concerns, arguing that AI is unethical, environmentally harmful, and too costly, questioning the $17 million investment when the university is losing faculty and library resources. He believes funds should reflect what students need. Jocelyne responded that the library is doing well, while Aisha agreed with Jeffry and said that if students dislike how AI funding is being used, they should voice their opinions, since these decisions affect everyone and the future of education. Diana discussed the rapid advancement of AI and the importance of engaging students in a fun, accessible way. She

mentioned the HOPE program, which offers workshops, including one taught by a guest from San Francisco to teach what AI is and help students keep up. Koi added that Information Technology also offers AI workshops for students. Jocelyne confirmed she has attended some and found them informative and valuable.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Executive Officer Evaluation

Jeffry: They shared that they want to collect feedback from everyone to help plan future training and retreats. The goal is to better understand the needs of the entire exec team, so the experiences are more enriching and beneficial for their future. This feedback will help the execs improve communication, hiring, coordination, and overall planning moving forward.
Arwa: Asks everyone, is there anything we can help you all? Please bring it
Diana: Speaks on reports and getting support on things from reports
Jeffry: Shares on biweekly's and asks questions on there as well, and shares more insight

B. University Strategic Planning Updates

Arwa: No updates on her end.
Brian: Shares updates from what he has heard from the U-SU committee.
Jeffry: Shares the master plan topic, such as academics and enrollment, and is in contact with VP Day about that.

C. Review 2025 Goals

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Diana Rangel		Seconded by:		Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	
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 30, 2025, at Board Room N/S – U-SU Room 303/303A, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Prepared by:

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Alexis Navarez - Recording Secretary

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Gabriel De La Rosa - Chief of Staff