



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 23, 2018
 Time: 3:15pm-6:00pm
 Location: U-SU Board Room. 303
 Attendees: Board of Directors committee, General Public
 Type of Meeting: Special

I. Organizational Items:

- a. Roll Call to order by: Nia Johnson, A.S.I. President @ 3:17 pm
- b. Roll Call

Nia Johnson	<i>President</i>	Present
Jesus Mora	<i>Vice President for Administration</i>	Unexcused Absent
Jacquelyn Acosta	<i>Vice President for Academic Governance</i>	Present
Aaron Castaneda	<i>Vice President for Finance</i>	Present
Veronica Garcia-Martinez	<i>Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement</i>	Present
Jennifer Martell	<i>Secretary/ Treasurer</i>	Present
Rashad Freeman	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Jocelyn Vargas	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Christopher Koo	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Present
Jose Abarca	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Unexcused Absent
Alysin Green	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Unexcused Absent
Isai Amaya	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Present
Raul Rodriguez	<i>Charter College of Education Rep.</i>	Excused Tardy
Raymond Peter	<i>Charter College of Education Rep.</i>	Present
Smitkumar Patel	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Present left @4:20
Edgar Chavaz	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.</i>	Present
Fritza Plasencia	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Davona Watson	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Nataly Aviles	<i>Community Affairs Representative at Large</i>	Present
Krystal Rubio	<i>Campus Affairs Representative at Large</i>	Unexcused Absent
Nia Allen	<i>Chief Justice</i>	Unexcused Tardy
Jennifer Miller	<i>University President's Designee</i>	Excused Tardy
Intef W. Weser	<i>Executive Director</i>	Present
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Government Affairs & Leadership Programs</i>	Excused Absent
Dena Florez	<i>Office Manager of Administration & Services – RS</i>	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Adoption of Agenda for Thursday, August 23, 2018

i. Discussion:

- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: I want to amend the main motion to strike action B and C because there was no agenda last meeting.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: Motion by Jocelyn Vargas second by Christopher Koo.
- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: I understand why but the discussion is final. Again, the member is already being remove.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: The members is already notified about their removal process. The new chief justice is already on board. Also remember who wasn't there at the training due to their internship but then again there are people in the committee board who as an internship too and they still manage to attend the training.
- ◆ Davona Watson: Take in consideration that there was a lack of communication.
- ◆ Intef W. Weser: Whatever acting you guys take today start posting it.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: I want to rescind the motion.
- ◆ Nataly Aviles: I want to amend to add "Up to Us" under a discussion item A.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: Do you have any documents?

Offered By:	Nataly Aviles	Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda.			
Motion to add discussion amendment "Up to Us" under discussion item A. Motion received ALL votes and passed.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Isai Amaya			
Consensus to approve the agenda of Thursday, August 23, 2018 . - Consensus reached. Motion received ALL votes and got consensus.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

d. Adoption of Minutes for Thursday, July 19, 2018

Offered By:	Aaron Castaneda.	Seconded by:	Rashad Freeman			
Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, July 19, 2018 . Motion received votes and passed.						
All in Favor	13	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- a. This time is allotted to members of the public to address the board.

III. Action Items:

- a. **a. Appointment for Vacant ASI and Campus Committee Positions** - Board of Directors will appoint individuals to the following vacant ASI and student committee positions.

i. ASI Associate Justice

- ◆ Nia Johnson: Applicants have withdrew.

ii. Internal Committee Appointment(s):

- a. Raul Rodriguez (Funding Ad Hawk):

1. 1 Minute speech:

- ◆ Raul Rodriguez: I feel like I qualify for this position because I'm interested in the betterment for the student. I always wanted to do this for a while now. Now that I get to sit in the board I wasn't to be a part of the strategic planning and I have been a part of the clubs. I want to build on my foundation.

2. Two Questions:

3. Discussion:

- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: Recommendation, I interview Raul Rodriguez, he have passionate on the referenda for funding for student org. He is a member for student organization on campus. He wants to raise that and so we need to figure it out how to promote that. I do recommend him for the Ad Hawk Committee.

Offered By:	Davona Watson	Seconded by:	Nataly Aviles			
Motion to appoint Raul Rodriguez as the alternative funding to the Ad Hawk Committee. Motion received ALL votes and passed.						
All in Favor	15	Opposed	0	Abstained	none	Motion: Passed

b. Dayana Sota (Finance committee):

1. 1 Minute speech:

- ◆ Dayana Sota: My name is Dayana, I am a staff for ASI and as i start working more and more closely I have interest. I am qualified because I've done thing with budget. I can also work closely because I have the same relation as me. I become more and more passionate because I have this type of environment in my career.

2. Two Questions:

3. Discussion:

- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: Recommendation, so I have the opportunity to interview Dayana last week her schedule does work out from 12- 2. She is in the position where she is working bank statement and the board budgeting statement. She was actually the one who ask in the ASI retreat for the presentation. I thought that was unique. She seems committee and she want to be involved.

Offered By:	Aaron Castaneda.	Seconded by:	Rashad Freeman			
Motion to appoint Dayana Sota as the Finance committee. Motion received ALL votes and passed.						
All in Favor	15	Opposed	0	Abstained	none	Motion: Passed

c. Rashad Freeman (Executive Committee):

1. 1 Minute speech:

- ◆ Rashad Freeman: I am Rashad freeman, I believe I qualify because my life experience I have the ability to digest the meaning. I enjoy reading about policies and this position involve me to read and that my best ability.

2. Two Questions:

3. Discussion:

- ◆ Nia Johnson: recommendation, Rashad express his interest to this position by going to meetings, also this shows how he is interested. He does have a passion when it come to the board director. Though, as for reviewing policies that another quality he have and that's my recommendation.

Offered By:	Aaron Castaneda	Seconded by:	Jennifer Martell			
Motion to appoint Rashad Freeman as the Executive Committee. Motion received ALL votes and passed.						
All in Favor	15	Opposed	0	Abstained	none	Motion: Passed

iii. University Wide Committee Appointment Report:

- ◆ Jacquelyn Acosta: So, Edgar, he is applying for physical. Also, I have appointed Isai Amaya, Raymond Peter, Nicole, Sosseh, Matthew, Nia Allen, Fritza, to the committee. Fritza withdrew her application because of her time. Also, Mathew, he applied for student policy which I have senators sitting in those spots. Sossesh already applies for a position that Jocelyn is already sitting on. She also applied to graduate position which Medrik is

sitting on that one. The students are applying in those spots that are filled because Intef assistant is not hired which cause the miscommunication. I'm burly caught up with it this week.

- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: for clarification, for Jacob is it undergraduate member?
- ◆ Jacquelyn Acosta: yes, I put him under that.

b. **Performance Review:** The Board will take action on the ASI Presidents request to remove Jose Abarca, College of Business and Economics Representative reviewed by the Executive Committee.

a. Discussion:

- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: May you explain more?
- ◆ Nia Johnson: To provide more content, I would draw attention that is in the document. So, on 6/20/18 he fails to submit his bi-weekly and there was a notification to ask if he was ok. I sent out an email, so he may realize the expectation on how to fulfill his commitment. Jose was at the event and he had not submitted anything from his work to his bi-weekly. In those emails, I showed my concern. Upon seeing these email that was sent, he responds back showing his embarrassment about his action, however, when I try to set up a phone call there was no respond.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: Is this the warning for Jose? I read one of them from Christopher Koo, which I met him he had a passion for ASI. This is a position need to have two people if Christopher need that other person to be there at all time I agree.
- ◆ Jennifer Martell: I am responsible with the bi-weekly, I talk to him about the bi-weekly and he said that he'll miss only one day but I guess his priority is his internship. I know that Nia also connected with him by saying to apply as a leader position so that Christopher wouldn't be alone.
- ◆ Aaron: I had him for the spring and fall and he was passionate, and I am very disappointment.

Offered By:	Rashad Freeman	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas			
Motion to remove Jose Abarca as the College of Business and Economics Representative.						
Motion received ALL votes and passed.						
All in Favor	16	Opposed	0	Abstained	none	Motion: Passed

c. **Performance Review:** The Board will take action on the ASI Presidents request to remove Alysia Green, College of Arts and Letters Representative reviewed by the Executive Committee

a. Discussion

- ◆ Nia Johnson: Alysia did begin her time in ASI though in the term to her email she had stated that she had an internship and committee. She said she would remain to communicate but she didn't respond to her email. She also was the first person to get appointed as the college of art and represented. So, when Isai Amaya came in, it was her responsibility to introduce him on the update. Isai Amaya himself was having trouble to communicate with her. I wanted to set a meeting with her as well so that she may work more effectively. She did respond to some email that was sent to her which she stated her experience that she had with the loss in the family. She also stated that she accepts anything that the board want to discuss.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: I am in favor of removing Alysia, she didn't read any messages that were sent, and Isai Amaya was struggling with writing the proposal and he didn't receive any answer-back. I do understand that she was going through a personal problem, but she should have stepped down.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: When I'm reading the email, so you believe she just didn't want to communicate?
- ◆ Isai Amaya: I talked to her and I understand that she was going through stuff. I didn't hear anything from her, she prioritize her target more. She basically not putting any effort to ASI.

- ◆ Jennifer Martell: I don't know if you're looking at the email that I sent to her about her all her absentees, these are all the unexcused once.
- ◆ Raul Rodriguez: We know she submitted her schedule, which shows the commitment.
- ◆ Jacquelyn Acosta: In the email that she sends to Nia in July 3 she said she can't check her email because it wasn't the one she uses more often. What bothers me is that she can't I think this is just excuses.
- ◆ Isai Amaya: Every time I try to reach out to her, so I can get help on the proposal which I can't do that on my own.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: Understanding the recommitment that she has in ASI I don't necessarily think that it is an excuse. I have to make sacrifices at time and there are classes that I have to sacrifice for this and going through to personal tragedy.
- ◆ Isai Amaya: I am sorry for her loss but if we are talking about accountability we have to have the same accountability for everyone.
- ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: So, I know Nia mentioned that in the last discussion. She said, she understood that what the board discusses she knew she missed up. It would be cool that she continues but already said she already said I'm ok with both.

Offered By:	Jacquelyn Acosta	Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda		
Motion to remove Alysia Green as the College of Arts and Letters Representative.					
Motion received votes and passed.					
All in Favor	15	Opposed	0	Abstained	1
Motion: Passed					

IV. Discussion:

- a. **Policy Agenda Development**– The Board will review the Policy Agenda and brainstorm more policy priorities that reflect the Cal State LA student body needs.
 - ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: so, I don't if you remember that we were creating the policy agenda for CSSA for student who have the issue. This is what we created and was sent to CSSA. What we are trying to do now is pointing out more issue at CSULA. Given that we are opening up discussion if there's more issue and how we may expand more and publish it and share with the campus.
 - ◆ Nia Johnson: Give the board some information that I have for CSSA that 70 % of the student are receiving Pell grant and 41.6 % are for food and secure. We have the higher percentage of food and secure. But we still don't have the fresh food for student. I would open it up for the rest of the board for brain storming for CSULA student that are facing. If you know the problem we address it.
 - ◆ Rashad Freeman: outreach the recruitment.
 - ◆ Nia Johnson: well have to do more recruitment.
 - ◆ Aaron Castaneda: I think one thing that is challenging is the ideas and how we are going to do it. We know we have issue but how do we encourage to think critically. We are not solving the problem right now we are just pointing out. We should think of strategically and planning to solve it.
 - ◆ Nia Johnson: there's pizza of president this Friday. We want be solution oriented. Yes, we might have problem, but we should have solution as well.
 - ◆ Raul Rodriguez: Tell the student what this college offer so, it may be a great benefit to get them on campus which including minority. I know we can have further discussion.
 - ◆ Nia Johnson: To say what CSULA's basic need and we have this document to draft up solution as a student leader. What can we do base on this document, so we may collaborate?
 - ◆ Jacquelyn Acosta: In King Hall, there's a lot of traffic which is absolutely ridiculed. As for CSULA renovation, they are working on one building at a time. Realized we don't have enough money to work on all the building at once. I

have discussed with Jennifer Miller on how the building is done. There's a lot of different things but things need to reword it.

- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: Agree to what Aaron said, problem solution oriented. One of the idea that was brought up is the concern about ICE. What happen if ICE where to come on campus if we may help student with that. Maybe have a text to tell them.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: If ICE come on campus it's a federal agency, the only thing is public safety. We don't give out student information. In that point they have to give us a reasonable reason even if they are federal agency. We are providing the Rights card for student who they don't have to speak. We don't collect information of students.
- ◆ Edgar Chavaz: Following what Jacquelyn Acosta was saying priority number 3. As you know they are moving faculty, so they may finish the building. It's not easy to just build parking lots because again CSULA is up to the mountain so there more to it.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: Everyone is putting good input, priority number 2. Having more food option for campus.
- ◆ Jennifer Martell: Changing up a little bit more by having more food option on the other side of campus. I would love to see a microwave there. I see snacks but they're not healthy.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: Having more option for vegetarian and vegan student. Maybe having more food option and label for awareness for student who have special condition.
- ◆ Davona Watson: Adding on to Rashad, hot food program has requirement and we want healthy meals.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: You do have an open spot and EBT is going to be available this year. Fresh food is one thing people can buy. But we want more fresh fruit and veggies. We also have meal share with housing. Anytime you want to know what's going on contact me. We make a solution but also want to know what existing.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: Echo what Jennifer Miller, they offer us a resolution that student who have meal plan and don't use it. May they allow to give those opportunities back to the program to give the student who doesn't have it?
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: Again, we do have it, it's called the meal share.
- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: CSSA last year we introduce the emergency housing. I'm working with legislators.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: Brandon who is a staff for CSSA participate in writing letter to the local. We know how effective of how student voice can be.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: I wanted to go back to priority number 2 and say good job I know you been working hard. One of the concern when they give food form the pantry they should give out recipe.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: We are working on that too, and we are doing cooking demonstration. We have the opportunities to teach student on how to us knife property.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: Additionally, now that we have this information and how are we giving this information back to the student?
- ◆ Davona Watson: Wanting to review this information to the people as college student we are not eligibility.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: Cal fresh use the money on their EBT card. They have to have the fresh fruits and veggies. Bookstore and library are working with us.
- ◆ Davona Watson: Is it going to be prepackage?
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: They get to determine what they want.
- ◆ Davona Watson: Some students can't be eligible for hot food what can we buy?
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: We have the Cal Fresh rehabilitation.
- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: One thing we shouldn't put aside is the ADA compliances. I know some point king hall the elevator doesn't work.
- ◆ Raul Rodriguez: This information should get share?
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: Yes, we are doing that

- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: ADA today I was tabling and there was a concern student who lived in housing I don't know if we are working on, but she is having trouble to get to class because of her disability need. I suggest may be offering a shuttle.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: There is a shuttle for anyone who need those type of help for disability for their schedule just for \$1 or \$2 plan.
- ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: I wanted to say these are priority in front of us. Feel free to add on.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: That there isn't a lot more temporary parking.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: Transportation, I don't drive. It is difficult to get home after nine because it'll be too late. There's only one shuttle that take me back.
- ◆ Nataly Aviles: there's another one by biology building, it's right on the edge of the campus.
- ◆ Isai Amaya: priority number 3, a student asks me if the campus ADA compliance. He came from ELAC, he's been having trouble to get to class. The elevator was broken so he had to move his car to a different student. He stresses that he felt bad that his whole class have to move just because of him.
- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: Commute student are taking the bus. We need to work with metro and to keep the u-pases in a good price.
- ◆ Jennifer Martell: I'm going along with Aaron we need to look further beyond the parking. Too many class are schedule at that time. Class are being offer too much at that time.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: The classes are schedule now is for student who need to graduate 4 or 5 years.
- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: We need more public safety are the bus section at night.
- ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: Going back to Aaron we have metro link working with us as well as with another CSU. We want to see if we get student leader to come out sharing their experience. We'll have the metro link fair for student to know the resources we offer. It is much selected for those who are going to attend.
- ◆ Isai Amaya: Two thing, for parking situation is there only three main street ways to enter CSULA. As for priority 4 is having more safety.
- ◆ Nia Johnson: We need to build a relationship and try to build that connecting and communication with public safety. Include public safety as a whole so we may build that connection.
- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: Making academic priority.

b. Up to Us by Nataly Aviles

- ◆ Nataly Aviles: So, Luz, she told me about this event called the Up to Us. This event is about how to create programs or events to become a team, so we may create programs that improve our campus. The best ideas win and 10-thousand-dollar grant. If you are interested tell me so we may form a team.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: Who are we competing with other college?
- ◆ Nataly Aviles: Other colleges, I know grad student are able to join.
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: Outside nonprofit on how we can provide ideas, it can be anyone, but they have to be students.
- ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: Since you are forming the team is there some application or guideline?
- ◆ Jennifer Miller: That up to you.
- ◆ Intef W. Weser: When is the competition?
- ◆ Nataly Aviles: August 31

V. Reports:

a. ASI President: **Nia Johnson**

- ◆ Nia Johnson: Recently there have been a few new developments for a few programs. "Life after College" how to make sure we are collaborating with administrative to support student after college. They are working on a

program giving the students a mentor and getting the career development, so they are ready when they leave college. Link in is one way to into a workforce. They want ASI to promote that resource. The handshake is a new way to promote internship and campus job. As we know there's a new we need that information to spread it out. When spring comes we'll review what been done. Since the last board director meeting, I've met with a couple of people and discuss public safety to collaborate with them. We want to build and achieved to greater goals. We want to make a partnership with another department. We have a very diverse community we can provide a positive space with the public safety. CSSA who was alumni talking about the next term election, so we can discuss how they may support us. I'm looking forward to having a meeting with Jennifer Miller to have an event for a student who stays on campus and hosts a holiday dinner for Thanksgiving or other items for the holiday. Alumni students are still struggling and they can offer support to ASI. We should reach out to them, so we may get the support of voter registration. Lastly pizza with the president this Friday. There will be more to come. We are again student leaders who represent the student. Bring ideas to the pizza with the president so we may partner with the right person.

b. ASI Vice President for Administration: **Jesus Mora**

c. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: **Jacquelyn Acosta**

- ◆ Jacquelyn Acosta: So, I actually sat for the executive committee and they are working on problems with a professor. We were talking about the step on how the dean going on with it. I'm working on transparency my area.

d. ASI Vice President for Finance: **Aaron Castaneda**

- ◆ Aaron Castaneda: Vice-chair is back Lilly. The finance committee meeting is next week. We are working on other policy like funding policy. The student club committee is confused still on what are allow what is not. ODC which happened last week I was there giving them my ASI funding workshop. We are working with them, so it may go smoothly and I'm just saying it once. These workshop needs to be 2 hours. I hope this workshop goes well I understand the ODC is not where people want to be. We are also working on the final face internal audits and hopefully, it's done. The CSULA policy is 90 pages anyone who sits on the finance committee you'll hear everything again. Finally, we have an external audit overseeing by BFS.

e. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: **Veronica Garcia-Martinez**

- ◆ Veronica Garcia-Martinez: I had my first leg affair committee meeting and we are just working on the update with the committee right now. We have a problem with the public's policy. We are still working on the application on how to choose a student to go to the SSA. I'm working with Sasha to bring people for the board of registration date and bring support for undocumented students. Marcus mention yesterday for the library we are looking at the mailbox drop for voting address somewhere else instead of at home. Something I'm promoting to the student is that there are met and great from the student, so they may talk about the problems.

f. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: **Jennifer Martell**

- ◆ Jennifer Martell: I want to give a shout out for Sossesh and Jacquelyn Acosta for being top five to turn in the bi-weekly. Please remember to sign in. If you don't sign in you are not there. Also, the proposal to raise our GPA is approve. In the class presentation, I encourage you guys to give out the flyers and calendar. I did a table to move in for the first day this young lady walking with her mom and dad. Also, for CSUnity for one of the workshop this young gentleman for racism because we let our friend let it slide but we shouldn't do that.

g. ASI Chief Justice: **Nia Allen**

- ◆ Nia Allen: He couldn't talk because he canceled last night.

h. ASI Board of Directors

- ◆ Jocelyn Vargas: I know over a few weeks that student veteran is having problems because they are having benefit issues. That what Rashad Freeman and I have encountered.
- ◆ Rashad Freeman: The veterans are getting kicked out of class. The students have a lot to complain about. I'm also working with the student engagement for a personal statement.
- ◆ Fritza Plasencia: I was appointed the last BOD. I'm just trying to transition to this working place. I've been working closely with Davona and host career for NSS so they may know about the resource availability.
- ◆ Raul Rodriguez: We are working on the campaign and special education. The workshop is about how to work with social educator working closely with Raymond and trying to get a new law pass. Raymond is reaching out to the partnership. In my field, they only accept 6 people in the rehabilitation program.

i. ASI Staff: **Intef W. Weser and Marcus Rodriguez**

- ◆ Intef W. Weser: Sign up and work with Marcus about the program. Also, the goals we shared in the retreat we should put those goals on top of the agenda.

j. University Designee: **Dr. Jennifer Miller, Dean of Students**

- ◆ Dr. Jennifer Miller: My office is available, we are trying to be patient. I encourage you to look out for us and we are happy to be with you.

VI. Adjournment:

a. Discussion

- ◆ Isai Amaya: Please table and you'll get a great experience.
- ◆ Smitkumar Patel: Be a part of the tabling as will.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Jacquelyn Acosta			
Motion to adjournment the meeting 5:42PM Motion received votes and passed.						
All in Favor	14	Opposed	0	Abstained	none	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **ASI Board of Directors Meeting** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on August 23, 2018 in the U-SU Board Room 303 and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Prepared by:

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