



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020

Time: 3:15-5:45pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Board of Directors & General Public

Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

A. Call to order by: Chair Diana Chavez, ASI President 3:16 PM

B. Roll Call:

Diana Chavez	President	Present
Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Vice President for Administration	Excused Tardy Recognized at 3:27
Kayla Misa	Vice President for Finance	Present
	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	
Gabriel Avila	VP for Academic Governance	Present
Anna Nguyen	Secretary Treasure-Rep-At-Large	Present
Rochelle Andrea Cordero	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Jazmin Ennis	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Johannakate Connally	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Jonathan Villagra Silva	College of Business and Economics Rep	Present
Lauren Diana	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Brajohn Hicks	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Kyle Misa	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep	Present
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Emily Sandoval	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Kristy Lam	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
	Campus Affairs Rep. at Large	
	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	
	Chief Justice	
Dr. Jennifer Miller	University President's Designee	Present
	ASI Interim Executive Director	
Dena Florez	Office Manager of Administration & Services	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

C. Adoption of Agenda: Thursday, June 18, 2020

❖ Discussion:

- Diana: I'd like to amend the agenda for the associate vice president time certain for after public comment.

Offered By:	Gabriel Avila	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot
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Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 18, 2020						
Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 18, 2020 - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Kayla Misa	Seconded by:	Gabriel Avila			
Motion to approve the amended agenda for Thursday, June 18, 2020						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, May 12, 2020

❖ Discussion:

- Diana: I don't have the minutes from the last BOD so I will table that to the next BOD.

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot			
Motion to table the approval of the minutes from Thursday, May 12, 2020 to the next BOD meeting.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment:

- A. This time is allotted for the public to address the Board regarding items not included on the meeting agenda. Speaker cards are available for those wanting to speak on agenda items as listed below. Those comments will be heard as the item is introduced.
- None.

III. Action Items:

- A. ASI Appointed Positions – The Board will consider action on appointing candidates to open ASI positions.
1. ASI Internal Committee Appointments: The Board will consider action on appointing candidates to open ASI internal committee positions.
 - a. Vice President External Affairs and Advancement
 - i. **Jorge Salazar**
 - ii. **Analiz Marmolejo**
 - iii. **Sathya Raminani**
 - Jorge: I have previously served in ASI. *Jorge explains the previous roles he has had in ASI and why he believes he is best fit for this position. He also describes what he would like to do if appointed to this position.*
 - Analiz: I am going into my fourth and final year. I have previously served two terms as an undergraduate senator and senator-at-large. *Analiz explains how these positions have given her skills that would help her in this position and how she plans to contribute if appointed.*
 - Sathya: I'd like to be your vice president of external affairs for next semester. *Sathya explains his previous role in ASI as a college rep and how that has given him experience with advocacy and how to communicate with administration on campus. He explains how he wants to keep students involved given the online circumstances of Fall semester and what he would like to do.*
 - Ledi: The position has a huge role in representing CSULA at CSSA, what will you do to ensure that Cal State LA ASI and students have a voice at CSSA?
 - Jorge: I have served as a special officer for CSSA and built relationships with people in CSSA and know how the organization works. I want to make sure to be very vocal, I

have noticed in the past that representatives have not been vocal at CSSA, so I want to make sure that we are bringing up different topics at the state level. *Jorge then explains the committees and groups he would talk to in the organization.*

- Analiz: As a senator, most of the events that I ran were about advocacy and town halls. All the stories that I have been able to collect from our students at CSULA I was able to bring to legislators to explain why they should be helping our students. I'm hoping that being able to listen to the student voices and taking that to CSSA to vocalize for them will help advocate for CSULA.
- Sathya: I would like ASI to host regular town halls maybe twice a month to get input from the students and to make sure we are best serving them and able to represent them to form the best policy to help them the most. I would also like to increase recruitment to lobby corps to get students involved in areas where they can help shape policy.
- Gabriel: What or who inspires you as a leader?
- Jorge: My mom. She is hard working and came to this country to give me a better life. Everything I do is to make her proud.
- Analiz: My community. I'm very proud of where I am from and want to give back. I see how hard people work and that's what has kept me at CSULA getting my degree, doing volunteer work, and continuing to give back and learn.
- Sathya: My dad has always taught me to give everything my 100%. I'm very passionate about giving back to the community and trying to help out students as best as I can.
- Ledi: This position has a big time commitment. What is your schedule like and how much time can you dedicate to ASI?
- Jorge: My schedule is pretty open for Fall. Since Fall is online, we will have to reach out to students virtually and hold meetings virtually which is less of a time commitment. I am ready for Spring as well if things are back to normal and we have to travel.
- Analiz: It's not very time consuming when you are passionate about it, everything is more of a learning experience. I am taking 5 classes, but I have taken 6 before as well as working jobs so it won't be major. I'll be giving my full attention and time to ASI.
- Sathya: I will be taking 4 or 5 classes. I really want to do this job so I am willing to put in as much time as I possibly can.
- Diana: I interviewed all 3 candidates. This is a very tough decision. I know all 3 of them from previous ASI terms. *Diana explains the work ethic of each and what she wants from the VPEAA. She gives her full recommendation to Analiz because of her passion and genuine interest in the position and advocating for students.*
- Brajohn: Were any of the candidates a part of CSSA?
- Diana: Jorge was the CSSA alumni association. Both Jorge and Analiz have been to CSSA meetings. Sathya may have been to one.
- Gabriel: I am confident in your choice because you have experience with all of them.
- Brajohn: What are some strengths and places each candidate needs to improve?
- Diana: Analiz is very rooted with the community both on campus and in her own community. Jorge has already been in CSSA, so he knows how it works. Sathya is a great leader, but I didn't get to work with him too much. Jorge is more of a position seeker and I'm not comfortable with that. I think Jorge needs to work on empathizing with students more as opposed to Analiz who has done that.

- Ledi: Jorge does have a lot of connections, but Analiz has lended me a hand more frequently and is very passionate. It is an executive position, so we need someone who can represent us and work with everyone. I also give my recommendation to Analiz.
- Gabriel: We also have to think about our legacy as an association and what we will be leaving behind for the next administration. Analiz has proven herself.

b. Academic Senator-at-Large

i. **Anson Noland**

ii. **Alexis Iheanyi Obinna**

iii. **Merridith Chou**

- Anson: I plan to be an accessible and accountable advocate. My goal is to improve student engagement and student resources. *Anson explains how he hopes to improve and learn if appointed to this position.*
- Alexis: I come from a diverse background and have many intersectional ties. *Alexis explains how she wants to advocate for students and specific groups that are underrepresented on campus. She lists her accomplishments and how she has been involved with advocacy work.*
- Gabriel: Merridith is in class so you can look at her application on the website.
- Ledi: What qualities do you have to be able to speak up in the senate?
- Anson: I understand how it can be hard to speak up, but I am a confident speaker and willing to present my ideas.
- Alexis: I always look at the brighter side, and I believe we are a community and you can't feel small as a community. *She gives examples of times she has spoken up.*
- Jonathan: Is there a specific idea for policy you would like to see?
- Anson: Thinking about Spring, how to keep our community safe on campus. Basic safety measures for that.
- Alexis: I agree with that as well and also having more support. Also putting more money into CAPS to make students feel safer.
- Ledi: What does your time commitment and schedule look like?
- Anson: I made sure my schedule is clear for those meeting days.
- Alexis: The future is always unsure, but I should have my schedule clear those times.
- Gabriel: *Gabriel describes what he is looking for in the academic senator-at-large. He gives his recommendation to Anson because he feels he is genuine and has the potential to become an executive.*
- Brajohn: I'm more in favor of Alexis because she brought up foster youth. They are always looked over and I think it's important to represent their diversity.
- Gabriel: I do like that about her, but I am concerned her outside commitments may take up too much time.
- Anna: I like that Anson mentioned he is a confident speaker and also his schedule is open as opposed to Alexis who is unclear.
- Ledi: It is about more than just going to meetings. *Ledi speaks on her experience as a senator.*
- Jonathan: I agree with Gabriel's decision and that Anson would be effective.
- Kayla: I have worked with Anson outside of ASI and he is a good student and always gets his work done on time.

- Lauren: Alexis definitely had the passion. I don't think we should punish her for all of her other commitments. I praise her more than see her as having a problematic schedule.
 - Diana: Did you make sure her schedule is clear?
 - Gabriel: She did say she could fix her schedule, but it didn't seem like she was willing to do whatever it takes.
 - Lauren: Could you talk more about Meredith?
 - Gabriel: She was the last person to contact me. *He explains why he thinks she isn't the best candidate for the position.*
 - Jonathan: As far as policy and bylaws...*he asks a question regarding eligibility.*
- c. Graduate Academic Senator – **Cristian Flores**
- Cristian: I previously held this position the last academic year and hope to continue the work I started. *He explains what he wants to work on and improve if appointed to the position again.*
 - Gabriel: What inspires you?
 - Cristian: Knowing that I am making a positive difference and wanting to change the world.
 - Ledi: How do you react to committee members that don't agree with you?
 - Cristian: I remind them that they are handling 26,000 students. I have had to call out administrators in the past reminding them that they are going to be affecting students.
 - Anna: What did and did not work for you in ASI last year?
 - Cristian: I want to do a lot more outreach. I value the ability to have town halls and hope to continue that.
 - Jonathan: What's an idea for a policy you would like to implement?
 - Cristian: A continuation and development of the grading policy given the pandemic and online classes. A lot of students were advocating for universal grading.
 - Gabriel: I feel confident that he wants to continue his work. He did get academic senator of the year last year. I give him my recommendation but want to look out for consistency.
 - Brajohn: I am in favor of Cristian. *Brajohn explains why he recommends him.*
 - Ledi: You should have a good relationship with the office of graduate studies in this position. *Ledi explains her previous experience with Cristian and some negative comments she has heard about him from students.* My recommendation is to keep this position open.
 - Diana: I did work with Cristian. He did his work nicely. There are some things outside of ASI that I don't agree with, but in ASI he does have a good work ethic.
- d. Chief Justice – **Ryan Yoo**
- Ryan: I believe I'm the best candidate mostly because of my experience and knowledge of Robert's Rules. *Ryan explains his comfort with Robert's Rules.* I have some unfinished business from last semester. I'm also good at analyzing policy and have the ambition to serve CSULA.
 - Gabriel: What inspires you?
 - Ryan: The biggest thing that inspires me is bringing positive change.
 - Diana: I interviewed Ryan and I recommend him. I worked with him last year and he did get a lot of work done. *Diana explains what Ryan said he wants to do this year in the position of chief justice.*
- e. Elections and Outreach Commissioner – **Elysse Natalie Caballero**

- Elysse: I think I am qualified for this position because I believe in using social media to try and connect with students. *She mentions how she worked with the previous elections and outreach commissioner.*
- Ledi: What community activities were you involved in before?
- Elysse: Currently I'm involved with my community in South LA giving out free groceries. In high school, I facilitated a lot of events and was a commissioner.
- Jazmin: If elected, what goals do you have?
- Elysse: I would want to do the ranking system for voting again. I want to make more connections with the students in the Fall so that they vote in the Spring.
- Ledi: She created a project to let students know about ASI. She also worked with the previous elections commissioner and had many great ideas. *Ledi explains how Elysse would be a good fit for the position. I give her my recommendation.*

Offered By:	Gabriel Avila	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot			
Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

f. Military Connected Representative – **Javier Alfaro**

- Ledi: I value the recommendation of the Veterans Resource Center and they recommended Javier. It's important to have a close relationship with the VRC. *Ledi explains how he has served in this position last semester and what he did for the students. She also describes what Javier said he would like to accomplish in his interview. I highly recommend Javier for this position.*
- Javier: I am very close with the VRC and am excited to continue working with them.

g. Public Relations Marketing Commissioner – **Xinyu Li**

- Xinyu: I believe ASI has a lot of impact on the student experience and I am passionate about the students having a good experience. I was PRMC briefly last semester. *Xinyu explains what she has done and what she hopes to do this upcoming semester while online.*
- Ledi: She already knows how things would work with instruction being online. *Ledi gives more background on the candidate and why she gives her recommendation.*

h. Spirit Commissioner

i. **Brian Nguyen**

ii. **Chia-I Yeh**

- Brian: I have experience with student government and have many great ideas I want to bring to CSULA. *Brian explains the ideas he has for getting students involved and bringing spirit to campus.*
- Chia-I: I am passionate about event planning. I have always been a leader when working in groups. My schedule is also very flexible and open.
- Brajohn: How would you persuade the students to be involved given we are a commuter campus?
- Brian: Using social media would grasp the attention of students more. *Brian further explains how he would get students to attend activities.*
- Chia-I: We need to provide incentives to students. *She also explains what she believes the best times to hold events are.*
- Ledi: Both are great. One of them noticed that there are many ASI events that are great but have low attendance. I give my recommendation to Brian because he has

experience with programming. He also has experience with student government and getting input from the students.

Offered By:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Seconded by:	Kayla Misa			
Motion to extend the meeting by another 15 minutes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

i. Vice Chair for Finance – **Tu (Tyler) Nguyen**

- Tyler: I was the vice chair for finance last semester. *Tyler explains his experience and what he would like to accomplish this year if appointed to the position again.*
- Kayla: I interviewed Tyler and as he mentioned, he served in this position last semester. He’s really passionate about funding policy and he went into detail about what he wants to change and workshops he wants to hold. *Kayla elaborates on what Tyler discussed in his interview and gives her full recommendation.*

j. ASI Scholarship and Awards Ad Hoc Committee – **Jasmine Shad**

- Kayla: I interviewed her and she was already looking into policy and has experience being on scholarship committees. *Kayla discusses what they talked about during their interview and gives her recommendation.*

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Kayla Misa			
Motion to extend the meeting by another 15 minutes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. University Committee Appointments – The Board will consider taking action on appointing candidates to open external university committee positions

1. NSS Resource Allocation Member – Alaysia Belin

Offered By:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Seconded by:	Gabriel Avila			
Motion to table Alaysia Belin’s appointment to the next Board of Directors meeting						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

2. NSS Steering Committee Member – Jasmine Shad

Offered By:	Gabriel Avila	Seconded by:	Kayla Misa			
Motion to table Jasmine Shad’s appointment to the next Board of Directors meeting						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

IV. Old Business

- None.

V. New Business

- None.

VI. Reports:

- A. ASI President: Diana Chavez
 - Diana:
- B. ASI Vice President for Administration: Ma Ledi Ham Loot
 - Ledi:
- C. ASI Vice President for Finance: Kayla Misa
 - Kayla:

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- D. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: Gabriel Avila
 - Gabriel:
- E. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: Vacant
- F. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: Anna Nguyen
 - Anna:
- G. ASI Board of Directors:
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- H. ASI Interim Executive Director:
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- I. University Designee: Dr. Jennifer Miller, Dean of Students
 - Dr. Jennifer Miller:

VII. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Kayla Misa	Seconded by:	Anna Nguyen			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM.						
Consensus to adjourn the meeting - 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 June 18, 2020, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Prepared by:

Dena Florez- Recording Secretary

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