



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 2, 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, A.S.I. President 3:17 PM

B. Roll Call:

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| Diana Chavez | President | Present |
| Ma Ledi Ham Loot | Vice President for Administration | Present |
| Kayla Misa | Vice President for Finance | Present |
| Analiz Marmolejo | Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement | Present |
| 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 |
| | College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep. | |
| 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 | |
| Ryan Yoo | Chief Justice | Present |
| 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, July 2, 2020

❖ Discussion:

➤ None.

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| Offered By: | Ma Ledi Ham Loot | Seconded by: | Gabriel Avila | | | |
| Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 2, 2020 | | | | | | |
| Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 2, 2020 - Consensus reached | | | | | | |
| All in Favor | All | Opposed | 0 | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

D. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, June 18, 2020

❖ Discussion:

➤ None.

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| Offered By: | Kayla Misa | Seconded by: | Ma Ledi Ham Loot | | | | |
| Motion to approve the minutes from Thursday, June 18, 2020. | | | | | | | |
| 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. ASI Civic Engagement Officer

i. **Brooke Reilly Mero**

ii. **Sathya Naidu Raminani**

- Sathya: I'd love to build relationships with local politicians and leaders so they may come speak to students.
- Ledi: How would you engage students?
- Brooke: I was thinking about this a lot. Partnering with local organizations would bring more people. It's hard to adapt these ideas to online learning. Townhall's and forums as Sathya mentioned.
- Sathya: I think it's important to engage all students. Engaging students through social media seems the most effective. Also marketing in classrooms.
- Gabriel: How will you adjust you schedules to fit the needs of this positions.
- Brooke: I'm willing to adapt my schedule.
- Sathya: I'm also able to change around my schedule if needed.
- Analiz: The issue is that Brooke said her class schedule conflicts with the meetings that she would sit on.
- Brooke: I changed one class so that I have Tuesday's and Thursday's are now available.
- Analiz: I'm giving my recommendation to Brooke because I feel that she would be a good candidate for this position.
- Ledi: I give my recommendation to Brooke, she will be a good civic engagement officer due to what I've seen from her.
- Gabriel: I want to consider that some candidates apply to several positions because they really want to make a change.
- Analiz: I know Sathya keeps applying and applying but I couldn't find a clear answer to what he has done in his previous positions. He did not host many events, and I believe where there is a will there is a way and he could have done more.

b. ASI Diversity & Inclusion Officer - **Alexis Iheanyi Obinna**

- Alexis: I'd like to have this position because it is not enough just to stand in solidarity, we must show action and implement what makes the students and faculty feel safe.
- Ledi: How will you ensure you are representing the entire school population?
- Alexis: I want to show community within different groups. *Alexis explains how she wants to engage all students and make them feel safe.*
- Analiz: I'm not going to give a recommendation. I do appreciate that she applied to another position. She never really gave direct answers and wasn't sure where to place her energy specifically. I'm hoping to keep this position open.
- Brajohn: I am in favor of Alexis. She can differentiate between equity and equality. I think Alexis would be a strong fit.
- Gabriel: She is able to say she wants to be a part of this but I have seen comments from her about not making certain positions. Is this a person who is going to be a team player?
- Ledi: I understand both sides. *Ledi describes why she believes Alexis should be given a chance.*
- Diana: At the end of the day I want to see ASI thrive.
- Analiz: I do believe she can do the job, but there are other characteristics that the candidate needs.
- Gabriel: If you really want to be a leader, you have to put in the work to show that you are a leader.
- Brajohn: I saw her comment on the ASI Instagram and the pushback she gave. I do think that is also part of the position in order to get voices heard.
- Analiz: The scheduling may be a conflict depending on if she gets an internship.

c. Graduate Academic Senator – **Anaid Villa**

- Anaid: I really want to be an advocate for graduate students. I just graduated from CSULA for my bachelor's and am continuing on with my master's. *Anaid explains why she thinks she is fit for the position and lists previous experience she has.*
- Ledi: What motivates you?
- Anaid: With everything going on at the moment, I feel like many students do not feel heard. Also, starting Fall online won't let new freshmen find friends who they may ask questions. *She continues to explain her motivation to help other students.*
- Gabriel: I spoke with Anaid yesterday and she is incredible. She said that her students and love of education is what motivates her. I highly recommend her and feel she will add to our community.
- Ledi: As a previous graduate senator, I support her because she really wants to advocate for students.

d. Associate Justice – **Milton Joseph Han**

- Milton: I find it interesting that associate justices can sit on other committees and contribute and give their ideas. It's my second year at CSULA and I want to get involved. *Milton explains why he would be a good fit.*
- Ryan: Milton had heard about the position from a previous associate justice and he was interested last year but had some schedule conflicts. *Ryan explains how Milton is determined and would be a good fit.*
- Ledi: Ryan, how is his schedule? Is he available?
- Ryan: I was under the impression that meeting times could be moved around?

- Diana: There are some that can and some that cannot.
- Dena: *Dena goes over the schedule and discusses potential meeting time changes.*
- Gabriel: Ryan, do you believe he is capable of conducting business with the chief justice?
- Ryan: Yes.

e. Environmental Policy Commissioner

i. **Javier Moro**

ii. **Chia-I Yeh**

- Javier: I was a chair for the EPC last year. *Javier details his experience in political science, EPC, policy, and other activities that he has helped with creating on campus.*
- Chia-I Yeh: I'm the best fit because I am an environmental science major and passionate about policy. *She explains her experience, how she conserves and how she wants to help other students conserve on campus.*
- Gabriel: What inspires you the most?
- Javier: I am an environmentalist. I've been traveling around the country for events and promoting sustainability. *He explains how he is a political science major but also has a passion for the environment.*
- Chia-I Yeh: A creator in China inspires me because she sells goods made from recycled objects and sells them without making profit. *She explains why this inspires her.*
- Ledi: When I interviewed these candidates, it was so hard because their applications are so great. *Ledi discusses why she wants to keep the position open and not appoint one of the candidates.*
- Lauren: I like Javier. Has anybody worked with him before?
- Diana: I have worked with Javier previously. It's very hard to keep things both professional and personal. *Diana explains some complications ASI has had with him.*
- Gabriel: I can see why both have impressive applications, but if they cannot perform the tasks needed of them then they are not the best applicant. *He goes on about what kind of candidate is needed.*
- Diana: He just didn't use his position the way it was supposed to be used. Don't worry about this position being filled.
- Ledi: *Ledi discusses Javier's application and what she expects of each candidate.*

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**

- Gabriel: I recommend Alaysia. We talked on the phone and the discussion was refreshing and wants to be a part of the community.

2. NSS Steering Committee Member –

i. **Jasmine Shad**

ii. **Akalpit Adwait Shukla**

- Gabriel: I give my recommendation to Akalpit Adwait Shukla. He wanted me to read a statement for him. *Gabriel reads the statement and gives his recommendation.*

IV. Old Business

- None.

V. New Business

➤ None.

VI. Reports:

A. ASI President: Diana Chavez

➤ Diana: So far I have been working with Dena on the summer leadership training schedule. I want to open townhall meetings over the summer. I've been using social media more and reaching out to clubs and organizations. *Diana lists other organizations that she wants to represent and help within the CSULA community.*

B. ASI Vice President for Administration: Ma Ledi Ham Loot

➤ Ledi: I've been boosting engagement with students joining orientations to recruit freshmen to screaming eagles. I've been building report with organizations and CSI.

C. ASI Vice President for Finance: Kayla Misa

➤ Kayla: I've been attending a lot of meetings and meeting with campus administrators to see how we can collaborate. I've been working on policy and how to better support clubs. I'm also looking at different line items on the budget.

D. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: Gabriel Avila

➤ Gabriel: We have now filled all of our senate seats. I have come up with a series to maintain a sense of transparency and how we want to push our students. The best way for us to know each other is to work together. I have a list of the committees I have to fill. Personally, I want to work on being a positive role model for ASI and having transparency.

E. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: Analiz Marmolejo

➤ Analiz: I was just appointed so I haven't been up to much. I am working on external affairs and townhalls. When can I start townhalls?

➤ Diana: Whenever you are comfortable.

F. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: Anna Nguyen

➤ Anna: I'm mostly just getting everyone settled and getting in all of the paperwork for GIA's. Everyone turned in their first bi weekly's. I've also been doing orientation training.

G. ASI Board of Directors:

➤ Lauren: I'm still getting the hang of things, I'm looking forward to doing things. I'm college of arts & letters. *Lauren describes how this college has been impacted largely by covid-19 and how she wants to help with this.*

➤ Brajohn: I want to work on outreach and social media in the college. Is there any way I can do mass emails?

➤ Diana: You can focus on having office hours and reaching out to student organizations through social media.

➤ Ledi: *Ledi gives tips on her strategy for reaching students.*

➤ Gabriel: Not everyone likes social media, so hosting townhalls definitely helps.

➤ Analiz: You can even do coffee and questions with students.

➤ Diana: I do recommend reaching out to your deans and associate deans.

➤ Johannakate: I'm trying to figure out how to reach out to my students and network and form relationships.

➤ Rochelle: I signed up for the freshman student orientation to try to recruit and talk about ASI.

➤ Jonathan: I've been creative with reaching out to students. *He describes how he communicates with students by reaching out to old professors and other ways.*

H. ASI Interim Executive Director:

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- None.
- I. University Designee: Dr. Jennifer Miller, Dean of Students
 - Dr. Jennifer Miller: We're working hard to support students' needs in this pandemic. Feel free to reach out with whatever you need.

VII. Adjournment:

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| Offered By: | Gabriel Avila | Seconded by: | Analiz Marmolejo | | | |
| Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 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 July 2, 2020, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Prepared by:

Dena Florez- Recording Secretary

Anna Nguyen- Secretary/Treasurer