



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2020

Time: 3:15pm-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:

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	Unexcused Tardy (Recognized at 4:00PM)
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
	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	
Brooke Mero	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
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, August 27, 2020

❖ Discussion:

- Gabriel: I'd like to make an amendment. *The amendment is regarding university committee appointments.*
- Kayla: I'd like to make an amendment to the internal committee appointments. *Kayla explains why she would like to make the amendment.*

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, August 27, 2020 with the amendments						
Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, August 27, 2020 - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, July 21, 2020

Offered By:	Emily Sandoval	Seconded by:	Anna Nguyen			
Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, July 21, 2020						
Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 21, 2020 - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Approval of Minutes: Thursday, July 16, 2020

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Gabriel Avila			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 16, 2020						
Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, July 16, 2020 - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

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

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, May 12, 2020						
Consensus to approve the agenda for Thursday, May 12, 2020 - Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- II. Public Comment:** This time is allotted for the public to address the Board regarding items not included on the meeting agenda.
- Ledi: I would like to read this email from faculty at CSULA. *Ledi reads the email from faculty of the college of Arts and Letters regarding impaction of classes.*
- III. Presentation** (Time Certain 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM) Provost Jose Luis Alvarado, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Jose: I'm excited to be here and get to know Cal State LA. *Jose introduces himself and gives some background about his educational career and what he wants to do to improve education for students.*
 - Ledi: I am concerned with classes and how this might affect our graduation rates.
 - Jose: We have fewer students than last year and more faculty. There are less courses taught by lecturers and more by faculty. *Jose explains how this is a false narrative and they are working with student services and getting the classes they need.* I believe in transparency...the university is a complex place. I'm fine with having a meeting with students and talking about this.
 - Cristian: How are you taking into consideration the added number of students in classes and how that affects faculty?
 - Jose: I wouldn't ask faculty to do anything that I haven't done myself. *Jose explains the numbers and what workshops are available for faculty and lecturers.*
 - Diana: Any other questions for the provost you may email to me and I will email them to him.

IV. 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.
 - i. ECST Representative
 - i. **Diana Sarai Valdez**
 - Diana: I am majoring in industrial studies. I saw this position as an opportunity to grow a better networking system on campus and having a better relationship with my college. I want to give undergrad women in STEM a place. *Diana explains other objectives she has for being in this position.*
 - Kyle: What events would you have?
 - Diana: I would want to have panels and work with the other ECST rep to brainstorm ideas.
 - Kyle: I like that she already has ideas and plans for what she wants to do.
 - Ledi: I would also give her my recommendation. I like that she addressed the issue of women in STEM.
 - b. Charter College of Education
 - i. **Phoebe Wong**
 - Phoebe: I'm currently a third year. I've had a positive experience at CSULA and I want to contribute to that. I want to become more involved.
 - i. **Sidney Amber**
 - Sidney: I'm a third year student. Previously I served as an undergraduate senate member for ASI. *Sidney explains how she wants to help the students in her college and helping to bridge communication between students and advisors.*
 - Ledi: What kind of events will you have to help connect students and admin?
 - Sidney: We do have a club, but not many students are aware of it. I believe this is a good starting point.
 - Phoebe: There are mixers, but I think we should have more meetings to inform students. Many students are confused with the credential process so I think it would be good to have information sessions.
 - Sidney: *She explains a bit more about the confusion of the credential process and how she wants to help introduce it to students in the college sooner.*
 - Diana: I give both of them my full recommendation.
 - Analiz: I also give them both my recommendation. *She explains some work that they have done and how they would be a good addition.*
 - c. ASI Diversity and Inclusion Officer
 - i. **Nyah B. Toomes**
 - Nyah: I'm a third-year mass communication major. *Nyah explains what she wants to accomplish in this role and what she has done recently to advocate for others. She also gives a few ideas for campaigns she would like to implement.*
 - i. **Jasmine Monique Parker**
 - Jasmine: I am a transfer student. I know that resources and support services are very important to students. This is actually my last year and I want to be able to bring awareness and bring support to other students. *She has also taken part in BLM protests and activism.*
 - i. **Estrella Lopez**

- Estrella: I believe I'm best fit because I have worked for the east Los Angeles women's center. I work with them to connect them with resources. I feel like I can build a strong relationship and make a safe environment for students. *Estrella explains some events she wants to implement.*
- Analiz: What is your availability for meetings? Is there anything restricting you at the moment?
- Estrella: I'm open currently, if needed I could ask to leave work early.
- Brajohn: How would you include everyone?
- Nyah: Intersectionality is important to me. I think I would be able to include everyone by being available to everyone.
- Jasmine: I also feel the same way. Social media would be great to access students. I know civic engagement is hard right now. All of us are dealing with this and it's important that we all stick together.
- Estrella: We could create a cultural art exhibit. I feel that art is one way to connect everyone together.
- Analiz: This is a really hard choice. *She explains the focus of this position.* I give my full recommendation to Nyah. She has been present in meetings as a student and now has found a place in ASI. *She explains how Jasmine is also a good fit but for a different position.*
- Lauren: I also give my support for Nyah. We are in the same sorority and she is very vocal and would be good for this position.
- Diana: I support Estrella because I have followed her on social media for a while and see how she is really involved in her community.
- Brajohn: I'm stuck between Nyah and Jasmine. They are both so great and express themselves in different ways.
- Gabriel: My support goes to Jasmine only because her experiences seem much more inclusive to others.
- Analiz: I really want the board support for Nyah because I see Jasmine as a better fit for the lobby corps.

d. Personnel Committee

i. **John Villagra**

- Ledi: I give my recommendation to John because he is the college of B&E rep. He reached out to me to be on this committee.

e. Finance Committee (3 BOD seats)

i. **John Villagra**

- John: Hi, this is my first semester in ASI. I have taken some business classes and I feel like I could help with some budget issues. I want to help students understand where their money is going and how it is being used.

i. **Abel Guillen**

- Abel: Hello my name is Abel. I am very interested in this committee. I want to know more about the finance side of things and see how I can help out and give my input on things.
- Kayla: Abel has a lot of energy, I appreciate that because we need that in funding. John is on our board and he has worked a little bit with finance. *Kayla gives her recommendation to both candidates.*

f. Funding Sub-Committee

i. **Abel Guillen**

- Abel: I found out about this position from Tyler. I want this position for more experience and also to help with club funding. The situation we're in right now is really tough and a lot of clubs need support. *Abel explains how he wants to help students with funding.*
- Tyler: I interviewed Abel. Like Kayla said, Abel has a lot of energy which is nice because finance can be a lot of numbers. *Tyler gives his full recommendation to Abel.*

g. Housing Representative

i. **Taylor A. Henrikson**

- Ledi: I've been trying my best to find a representative. She is a nursing student and an RA. *Ledi speaks on Taylor's behalf and explains what Taylor wants to do in this position based on the interview she had.*

h. Environmental Affairs Commissioner

i. **Hannah Faye Valliere**

- Hannah: This is my fourth year. I've been a member of EPC for the past three semesters. *Hannah says what she has done in the committee and the positions she has served.*
- Ledi: I give her full recommendation. She's been on EPC for a while.

i. Legislative Affairs Committee

i. **Ivan Angel**

- Ivan: I'm a third year political science major. *Ivan says his current commitments with internships and volunteer work. He explains what he wants to do in this position.*

i. **Nataly V. Aviles**

- Nataly: I have served in ASI before. *She lists the positions she has held. I have also worked for a non-profit organization. Nataly lists what she can bring to ASI in this position.*
- Analiz: I'm going to give my recommendation to both. Nataly has worked with ASI before and left to work on policy so I'm excited to have her back. I support Ivan as well because he gets lots of his information from social media and sometimes false narratives are told so it's important to spread information correctly through social media.

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

1. Graduate Student Services – **Marie Choi**

- Marie: I noticed a lot of problems when I was getting my master's degree. Many students in graduate programs take classes at night so many of the resources such as the graduate resource center and other services are closed. *Marie explains other issues that graduate students have.*
- Analiz: Do you have any ideas for solutions?
- Marie: I would like library hours to be extended and have social workers be available at later classes.
- Gabriel: She has a lot of issues she wants to tackle. She does have a voice and a lot of passion. I give my recommendation.
- Ledi: I do have some hesitations. The way she approaches things is more for her personal issues and if she were in this role she would have to be advocating for all.

Offered By:	Gabriel Avila	Seconded by:	Emily Sandoval			
Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

2. A&L Steering – Baltazar Mitjavila

- Baltazar: *Baltazar explains how he wants to help students become more aware of resources and be more connected within his college.*
- Gabriel: I give my full recommendation. He has a lot of experience and was concise in his interview.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Diana: As BOD members, we all have to sit on external or internal committees. Start looking into that for the next BOD meeting.

VII. Reports:

A. ASI President: Diana Chavez

- Diana: I hosted a town hall, we discussed about tuition and fees, housing, covid-19 learning. Our main priority is to lower fees. *Diana explains who else she is getting in contact with on campus.*

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

- Ledi: I had the first personnel meeting. I've been actively recruiting members to vacant positions. The military representative resigned. I also need one more BOD member on the personnel committee. I'm organizing the screaming eagles currently.

C. ASI Vice President for Finance: Kayla Misa

- Kayla: We need 2 BOD representatives for funding sub-committee. I've also connected with OSD to see how we can support them. I'm also reaching out to other organizations. I'm almost done with my personal finance workshop.

D. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: Gabriel Avila

- Gabriel: We hosted the town hall, also the cabinet of academic senators. We came up with our goals. We have a full cabinet and are going to work away at our goals for this year.

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

- Analiz: CSSA passed it's first resolution. We also had the town hall. I met with the CSSA president in regards to student fees. We also gave snacks and drinks to students that were moving in. We're waiting to get officially registered to be in the ballot bowl. We have our first events coming up.

F. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: Anna Nguyen

- Anna: Quick reminder about office hours. First priority is to get all of the new members situated. First and second GIAs were sent out this summer.

G. ASI Board of Directors:

1. Reps at Large

- i. Civic Engagement
- ii. Diversity & Inclusion

2. College Reps

i. College of A&L

- Brajohn: We met with all of the department chairs and faculty/lecturers.

i. College of HHS

ii. College of NSS

iii. College of ECST

iv. College of B&E

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- Johannakate: We are approving our first flyer for our event which is coming up soon. We want to contact everyone in the department letting them know we are here for them.

H. ASI Interim Executive Director:

- None.

I. University Designee: Dr. Jennifer Miller, Dean of Students

- Dr. Jennifer Miller: We gave out about 1,200 laptops and hot spots. We moved in 66 students to housing. I just got a grant for a drive-up food pantry. The emergency grant program is also up.

VIII. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Anna Nguyen	Seconded by:	Ma Ledi Ham Loot			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 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 August 27, 2020, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Prepared by:

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