



Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
 Time: 4:30- 5:45 pm
 Location: Zoom
 Attendees: Executive committee, General Public
 Type of Meeting: General Public

I. Organizational Items:

Call to order by: Chair Diana Chavez ASI President @ 4:36

b. Roll Call

Diana Chavez	President	Present
Ma Ledi Ham Loot	Vice President for Administration	Present
Jocelyn Vargas	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Josue Montenegro	Vice President for Finance	Unexcused Tardy @4:48
Analiz Marmolejo	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Unexcused Tardy
Brajohn Hicks	College of Arts and Letters Representative	Present
Anna Nguyen	Secretary Treasure-Rep-At-Large	Present
Ryan Yoo	Chief Justice	Present
Carol Roberts-Corb	University President's Designee	Present
Dena Florez	Office Manager of Administration & Services	Present
Vacant	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present

c. Adoption of Agenda:

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Ledi Loot
Motion to Approve Agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 Consensus to Approve Agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2021- Consensus Reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Ledi Loot
Motion to amend the agenda and include student concerns regarding remote learning and professor feedback Consensus to amend the agenda and include student concerns regarding remote learning and professor feedback - Consensus Reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

d. Approval of Minutes (action):

Offered By:	Ledi Loot:	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas
Motion to table Minutes of March 2, 2021 Consensus to table Minutes of March 2, 2021- Consensus Reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained		Motion: Passed	

II. Public Forum

- a. This time is allotted to members of 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.

III. Discussion Items

- a. **ASI Bylaws Policy 001- The committee will continue their discussion from BOD on the special requirement for the office of the President**
- i. **Diana Chavez:** I think that most of BOD is fifty-fifty on this policy and I wanted to talk about having the word preferred and what you think.
 - ii. **Ledi Loot:** I would recommend having the requirement of one semester for the person who will be serving as the ASI President, and the preferred term is usually used in HR but in elections it is the student body that is going to vote and not ASI. I get the intention but I don't know how that would look like in an election.
 - iii. **Diana Chavez:** If we add preferred in the ballot we can add which candidate for president was in ASI before but I don't know if that is a conflict of interest or an advantage.
 - iv. **Dena Florez:** I agree with Ledi this is an elected position. Now to put the incumbent I don't think that would be a conflict of interest but I would have that checked out.
 - v. **Diana Chavez:** Is there a way we can compromise?
 - vi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** I was going to say like what Ledi was saying about the word being for screening the candidates and they will still be able to apply regardless so even if we added preferred it would be on the basis on whoever wants to apply. So, why we are doing this is to protect the organization so I don't know about a compromise and I am not trying to comprise either.
 - vii. **Dena Florez:** If there are other campus's that do this, do they have wording that speaks to it.
 - viii. **Diana Chavez:** It is exactly the same wording I added here.
 - ix. **Dena Florez:** If someone was to challenge, we have to have backing up documentation.
 - x. **Anna Nguyen:** I also agree, I don't think there will be room for a compromise and the word just doesn't fit with this position. But I do like the clause that was mentioned.
 - xi. **Jocelyn Vargas:** For me I just want to make sure that ASI is protected and its future and we need someone that knows who Carol is and others and I also agree with Anna with having the clause.
 - xii. **Ledi Loot:** We can add a clause that states that in the event where no one eligible applies then we can open it to the students at large.
 - xiii. **Diana Chavez:** I have an idea, If we don't have someone that has applied by the original deadline and in the extended deadline it would open to the students at large.
 - xiv. **Dena Florez:** Honestly I was just thinking that if that is how other CSU's have it then that is it and it is already too complicated and this won't affect this years election and it is not limiting people to apply people because the most I seen apply is three and one dropped out in seven years.
 - xv. **Diana Chavez:** The way I see it is that it is better to be safe than sorry, so what happens when we have no applicants?
 - xvi. **Dena Florez:** Then the line of succession steps in or you have a special elections.
 - xvii. **Diana Chavez:** Where is that policy?
 - xviii. **Dena Florez:** In your bylaws.
 - xix. **Ledi loot:** The thing about that is what if the VPA is not an incumbent.
 - xx. **Dena Florez:** They are an elected, if the VPA is not an incumbent then that is what you are saying. You're saying if you don't have a qualified candidate by the initial date then you will open it to students at large. But if you want to be safe that is fine.
 - xxi. **Ledi Loot:** In CSUN it states that the person has to be a regular ASI member and it doesn't define what that is.
 - xxii. **Diana Chavez:** **Diana edits the policy and included a clause.** Diana states the new clause with the help of Ledi and Dena. How do you all feel about that? Ryan how do you think Sasha will feel?
 - xxiii. **Ryan Yoo:** He will like it a lot more, but he will be oppose to the restriction overall.
 - xxiv. **Ledo Loot:** What we can do is research all of the CSU's wordings and present.
 - xxv. **Diana Chavez:** I can do that this weekend and then present it to the board. If we come to consensus on this revision then this is what I'll present to BOD, but I think I will have to go back to discussion and not action item.
 - xxvi. **Dena Florez:** If you make this change doesn't it go to bylaws? And then it would go to BOD unless they say no and kick it back to you to make some changes. And just to let you know in the bylaws article five section one talks about the line of successions.
 - xxvii. **Diana Chavez:** Lets picture that it is 2022 and the policy is into effect in the elections past the deadline for the uncontested president then it would have to include this wording.

- xxviii. **Dena Florez:** Question, lets say Jocelyn runs for president and she has the qualifications and is uncontested you would have to open up the presidency and now you have to extend it not because she is not qualified but because she is uncontested. Are you now saying that students at large can now apply?
- xxix. **Diana Chavez:** Good point. I think Dena is right in making this too complicated so I will remove this and see how it goes in BOD.
- xxx. **Dena Florez:** If it works for Monterey then maybe it will work.
- xxxi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** Also, we are in a pandemic so I don't think it will be likely to happen in the following years and like Dena said it has never happened before. I think it will still be good to have.
- xxxii. **Diana Chavez:** I think that I am going to keep it because lets say a president reapply but because we don't have in the event then when they reapply and they apply during the initial deadline and is uncontested so it will move on to the extended deadline and lets say no wants or can apply then that candidate will automatically win.
- xxxiii. **Dena Florez:** Lets say Jocelyn applies and is still uncontested then she will go on the ballot and have confidence or no confidence and you would hope that confidence will win the no confidence.
- xxxiv. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Lets say I am running and am uncontested am I allowed to that on my marketing material that I have previous marketing experience because in that case I would not have an issue with that. Another thing is when we vote on policy we maybe want to keep it and then amend it to delete it if anyone wants to.
- xxxv. **Diana Chavez:** So, you are saying leave it as is for BOD?
- xxxvi. **Jocelyn Vargas:** If anyone would want to motion to amend and add that sentence then we can do it in BOD.
- xxxvii. **Dena Florez:** For continuity and making sure this is a safe guard, do you really have to open this to students at large knowing that the voting takes place with confidence or no confidence so it will happen either way and you have succeeded in getting and experienced ASI member in there and I will have to say that Analiz is correct and we are in unusual circumstances and there wasn't any way we were able to get out there are recruit and everything was done via social media and emails. At the end of the end you want a candidate with experience.
- xxxviii. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** I think that if you add that second sentence you are weakening your argument of having a semester worth of experience.
- xxxix. **Diana Chavez:** Then I will leave it and see what happens in BOD
- xl. **Dena Florez:** Should the wording be shall have or have?
- xli. **Ledi Loot:** It should be have.

b. ASI Bylaws Policy 001- The committee will discuss the requirements to add college of ethnic studies representatives.

- i. **Diana Chavez:** Last exec we were talk about this and I need help in knowing where to put that under the bylaws policy. Where do I out the addition of the new reps?
- ii. **Ryan Yoo:** Article 3, section 1, clause 1. You would just put two college of ethnic studies representatives
- iii. **Ledi Loot:** It would be letter M.
- iv. **Diana Chavez:** By adding this to the bylaws how would we go by changing our budget? This wont take effect until 2022.
- v. **Dena Florez:** You have to wait and see if you are getting the college reps, given that you don't know when Josue starts the 21-22 budget he is going to make an allowance for those two in there.
- vi. **Diana Chavez:** So we will discuss this on finance too?
- vii. **Dena Florez:** At the end of the day you will be getting the two college reps, so you put it in the bylaws and when he presents the budget he would have already added funds for that in the GIA. Depending on the positions be appointed because they can't go on elections.
- viii. **Diana Chavez:** They are still looking for a dean and the college hasn't done advertisement but I know that it will go grow.
- ix. **Dena Florez:** Are you saying you rather wait until the next administration does a change to the bylaws?
- x. **Diana Chavez:** Can you tell how college of ethnic studies is looking right now?
- xi. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** I don't.
- xii. **Ledi Loot:** I think they are functioning now because there is already a coordinator.
- xiii. **Carol Roberts:** There is an interim Dean.
- xiv. **Diana Chavez:** I am trying to say that if I were to say I was a major under ethnic studies it doesn't say that I am in the college of ethnic studies. That is what I am waiting for. I wanted to include this year because it should be up and ready later. But maybe I should wait for more clarity thank you for that.

c. Amended Discussion: The board will discuss remote learning and how professors are tackling academic dishonesty

- i. **Diana Chavez:** How are we going to tackle students concerns. *Diana goes over why the discussion is happening and reads email of a professor verbatim.* I did talk to the associated dean and they are going to discuss this issue with the professor and this professor is new to the university and this is not the only concern that has been brought up and there has been similar stories of professors being unequitable.

- ii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** I do believe that this is a equity issue and I don't think should pay out of pocket for another thing that they need. I went over the policy with my senators today but I think students should know that they should speak up and not be scared.
- iii. **Diana Chavez:** There is a bigger issue that involves that professors, how can ASI help the professors understand the concerns and needs of students in these times. Being able to inform the faculty about these things is a big thing.
- iv. **Analiz Marmolejo:** Where is this going to be accessible to students and I did the appeal and they denied my appeal twice. In student conduct there was nothing that protected my rights and where we can find that?
- v. **Diana Chavez:** Yeah, and I do hope that the professor takes the message down because it is not equitable and the associate dean will be talking to them and trying to fix that.
- vi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** What is acceptable and what is not, can the professors have us take proctored exams. What can the professor do that is acceptable?

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Analiz Marmolejo			
Motion to table reports Consensus to table reports- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained		Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Analiz Marmolejo			
Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes Consensus to extend meeting by 10- Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained		Motion: Passed

- vii. **Carol Roberts-Corb:** I met with deans council and director of faculty affairs about this and they all agree with you that it is not equitable. Students have also come to me with similar concerns and I have the same as what Diana did and talk to the college dean to talk to their faculty. The associate dean and deans can recommend and advise and strongly suggest but they can't make a requirement on how faculty teach. We should just not try to catch students cheating but prevent them from cheating
- viii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Anson did tell me that SPC is planning to write a resolution about the cameras and I am not sure if they are going ahead with it and if they don't then I would like to introduce that because I think it is something that is necessary and Analiz you are welcome to come to shared governance on Thursday and I will be discussing faculty training and I want to get every ones feedback on that. I will keep you posted what happens at SPC.
- ix. **Brajohn Hicks:** The college of business was horrible with me at least showing no competence or empathy.
- x. **Carol Roberts Corb:** My first approach is that they don't really practice that or know that some students don't have the money to do the things they ask.
- xi. **Analiz Marmolejo:** What does that mean for us to support student rights?
- xii. **Diana Chavez:** I think it has to do a lot with being aware that we can speak up because a lot of these stories goes unheard.

Reports

- A. ASI President: Diana Chavez
 - Diana:
- B. ASI Vice President for Administration: Ma Ledi Ham Loot
 - Ledi:
- C. ASI Vice President for Finance: Josue Montenegro
 - Josue:
- D. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: Jocelyn Vargas
 - Jocelyn:
- E. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: Analiz Marmolejo
 - Analiz:

F. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: Anna Nguyen

G. Anna: Office Manager:

➤ Dena Florez:

H. University Designee: Carol Roberts-Corb

➤ Carol:

II. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Josue Montenegro	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 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 Executive Committee Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on March 16, 2021, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the ASI Executive Committee on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

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