



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024  
 Time: 2:00- 4:15 PM  
 Location: Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A  
 Attendees: Board Members, General Public  
 Type of Meeting: General

**I. Organizational Items:**

- a. **Land Acknowledgment:** With Great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretaker of Tovaangar (TOE-van-gar) – the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles Basin, South Channel Islands, Sand Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and our relatives/relations, past, present, and Emerging. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university’s relationship to Native peoples. By offering this land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian Peoples.
- b. **Call to order by:** Chair Yahir Flores ASI President @ 3:16 pm
- c. **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Arwa Hammad	Vice President for Administration	Present
Andrew Klein	Vice President for Finance	Present
Jenny Lucas	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Present
Santhosh Kumar	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Caitlin Calica	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Jared Blanco	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Amit Bharath	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Unexcused Tardy
Nitesh Thorat	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Jacob Ramos	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Excused Absence
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Yadira Tellechea	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Amalvin Fritz	Civic Engagement Officer	Unexcused Tardy @ 3:08
Shivani Kotian	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
Ashley Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Tardy @ 2:33
Guests of the Gallery		

**d. Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Caitlin Calica
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 8, 2024, and tabling of Discussion item B			
Consensus reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

**e. Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Jared Blanco			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, January 25, 2024 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**II. Public Forum**

- a. We will now move on to Public Comment. This time is allotted for the public to bring up comments or concerns of interest to the board. Please be advised that due to a set agenda, the board will not address the items brought up at this time but will note them down for the Executive Committee’s review and action. If members of the public would like to be followed up with directly, please provide your contact information through the QR code on the door or through the form provided on the ASI website meeting agenda. We will now call on members of the public in order of registration before moving on to the general public.

**III. Informational Items**

**a. Carmen Gachupin, Director of Parking and Transportation**

- Carmen Gachupin explains the Parking Tax in Los Angeles. She states that she receives letters from the city of Los Angeles to pay taxes and her response would be that Cal State LA was a state and entity and therefore exempt. She then shares what happened with UC San Francisco where they were not successful in being exempt from the parking tax. She then shares that the city of Los Angeles stated that Cal State LA is not exempt because of a supreme court ruling.
- She then elaborates how the taxes changed the parking cost.
- Jared shares that he appreciated her transparency and asks the estimated time it will take to pay off the loan for the new parking lot building.
- Carmen shares how the loan works and it is estimated to be 30 years.
- Dena asks about housing students and how that affects them and offers some solutions.
- Carmen shares that since the housing students are considered residents, they don’t get charged the LA parking Tax.
- Andrews shares that he has heard students complaining about the parking system. He asks if it’s possible to make the processes simpler.
- Carmen shares how it works and how it has been simplified.
- Jared asks if it’s possible to put down the parking pass prices.
- Carmen shares that the parking permits are probated, and prices change as time goes by.
- Santhosh shares that he was told that there are not enough charging stations and if it’s possible to add more.
- Carmen confirms that they are working with a vendor to get more charging stations.
- Chief Bohannon goes over safety upgrades that will be done for the parking lot.

**b. Dr. Patrick Day, Interim Vice President for Student Life**

- Dr. Patrick Day shares what he is about and what his plans are in his role.
- Yahir asks what some of the things Dr. Patrick Day is doing to increase communication with the students.
- Dr. Patrick Day explains his plans for addressing students and communicating with students.
- Yahir appreciates his upcoming plans. He also asks what his vision in collaboration with ASI is.
- Dr. Patrick Day shares his vision.

**c. Finance Committee approval of the Funding Price List for 2023-2024**

- Andrew shares the Funding Price List for 2023-2023.
- Barnaby elaborates on the Price list for 2023-2024.

**d. ASI Lease Agreement with U-SU and CSU**

- Barnaby talks about the lease agreement with the U-SU and CSU.

**e. CHESS Conference update**

- Yahir shares about the CHESS conference

**IV. Action Items**

**a. ASI Land Acknowledgement Resolution**

- Yahir shares what the land acknowledgement resolution is about.

Offered By:	Yadira Tellechea	Seconded by:	Caitlin Calica			
Motion to approve the ASI Land Acknowledgement Resolution Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**b. ASI Resolution in Opposition to the city of Los Angeles Parking tax**

- Yahir talks about the resolution and what is the goal with it.
- Andrew thinks it would be a good idea to see what other universities are doing.
- Barnaby shares that it is worth trying to make a change.
- Dena shares that it is worth looking into where the 10% is going.
- Yadira shares that there will be an open forum to talk about the council members.

Offered By:	Santhosh Kumar	Seconded by:	Nitish Thorat			
Motion to approve the ASI Resolution in Opposition to the City of Los Angeles Parking Tax. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**c. Revisions to the ASI Funding Policy-204. Recommendation from the Finance committee**

- Andrew Shares the Revisions of the Funding Policy-204.
- Barnaby further elaborates on the Funding Policy-204.
- Yahir shares that he understands why the revisions were made but ask if the changes make it accessible to the students and their families.
- Jared said that the wording is a little off.
- Cindy shares the same sentiment.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to approve the revisions to the ASI Funding Policy-204 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**d. Approval of revision to the Student Assistant Handbook. CA State law update**

- Barnaby talks about the revisions for the Student Assistant Handbook.

Offered By:	Andrew Klein	Seconded by:	Santhosh Kumar			
Motion to approve the revisions to the Student Assistant Handbook Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

**a. ASI Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip**

- Yahir shares who his co-drafters are and what the Resolution is about.
- Yadira shares that this resolution is important for the students.
- Amalvin advises on some phrase changes.
- Yadira also advises for some changes.
- Arwa shares that a ceasefire is neutral, and it shouldn't feel like it is a controversial thing to say.
- Amalvin agrees with Arwa.

**VI. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Caitlin Calicas			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:15 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 February 8, 2024, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Prepared by:

*Kaina Orozco*

Kaina Orozco (Mar 1, 2024 16:22 PST)

Kaina Orozco- Recording Secretary

*Cindy Nguyen*

Cindy Nguyen (Mar 1, 2024 17:35 PST)

Cindy Nguyen- Chief of Staff

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