



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, October 17, 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:**

- **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.
- **Call to order by: Chair Yahir Flores, ASI President @ 2:07 pm**
- **Roll Call**

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| Yahir Flores              | President   | Present         |
| Caitlin Jane Calica       | Vice President for Community Engagement                 | Present         |
| Alonso Villanueva Serrano | Vice President for Finance                              | Present         |
| Arwa Mohamed Hammad       | Vice President for External Affairs                     | Present         |
| VACANT                    | Vice President for University Affairs                   | N/A             |
| Cindy Nguyen              | Chief of Staff  | Present         |
| Valerie Canizales         | College of Health and Human Services Rep.               | Present         |
| VACANT                    | College of Business & Economics Rep.                    | N/A             |
| Victoria Gragasin Montoya | College of Arts and Letters Rep.                        | Present         |
| Preet Jadhav              | College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep. | Present         |
| Ananya Sharma             | College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.               | Present         |
| VACANT                    | College of Education Rep.                               | N/A             |
| VACANT                    | College of Ethnic Studies Rep.                          | N/A             |
| Natasha Booka Raghu       | Civic Engagement Officer                                | Present         |
| Briana Goytizolo          | 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                                     | Present         |
| Guests of the Gallery     |   |                 |

➤ **Adoption of the Agenda**

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| Offered By:   | Cindy Nguyen | Seconded by: | Natasha Raghu |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve the Agenda for Thursday September 5, 2024.<br>Consensus reached |              |              |               |           |   |                |
| All in Favor  | All          | Opposed      | 0             | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

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| Offered By:   | Briana Goytizolo | Seconded by: | Victoria Montoya |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, October 3, 2024.<br>Consensus Reached |                  |              |                  |           |   |                |
| All in Favor  | All              | Opposed      | 0                | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

**II. Public Forum**

- 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**

➤ **President Berenecea Johnson Eanes**

- President Eanes: Chancellors in the process of developing Strategic Plan and university will follow suit in the Spring. They will also be working on an updated Master Plan, which is required for any building and structure development. There is a King Hall website that is available for students to provide their concerns to be addressed. There will also be planning to accommodate for the Summer Olympics (LA 2028) to ensure students are not affected or disrupted.
- Arwa: Asked if there were any updates surrounding enrollment so she can bring it back to her advisory committee.
- President Eanes: Encouraged Arwa to meet with VP Day to get data and shared that the CSU is showing decline in enrollment overall. The university has been trying to work with retaining, while also meeting the target enrollment or above. Finances are the first reason why student’s dropout, which declined with the pandemic. Basic Needs is also another reason as students aren’t aware of resources available or are too intimidated to go to those centers. There are also challenges to academic advising, DFW concerns connect straight to enrollment.
- Arwa: Asked how we can be involved in the LA 28 Committee
- President Eanes: Said she will ensure Victor establishes a communication link. Additionally, she mentioned that she is interested in bringing in volunteers for the event.
- Ananya: Asked if there were any ways to avoid cutting research courses
- President Eanes: Clarified that there can't just be course for courses sake as you must trim enrollment to fit enrollment. There is a strong narrative about "cutting courses," but there is a process to right siding the courses with the budget.
- Claudio: From the perspective of appropriate planning, courses are to be offered in coordinate with enrollment. That is why some courses are offered on a semester basis as opposed to year.
- Ananya: Clarified that it is independent research courses that she is most concerned about
- President Eanes: The dean must do scheduling for the entire college, so every course enrollment for every major must be looked at for that college
- President Eanes leaves, transition to Claudio
- Claudio Lyndo: Highlighted where all financial reports are posted on website for student's view to promote transparency. The state used to provide capital for the general repair of facilities but that is not the current system in place. However, using what we have, King Hall will have a new roof, and they are in the process of finding different areas on campus that they can provide an oasis and focus on repairing by providing irrigation, making it more attractive, and encourage students to stay for retention. With the 32-million-dollar deficit, it can't be solved by finding 32 million dollars from another source, it is by reducing costs and raising funds through work with different auxiliaries and managing funds. Taking holistic approach and those numbers will be reported to the website
- Arwa: Asked if there is an action plan to help promote CSULA to appeal to students
- Victor: Mentioned that this is an institution meant to serve the broader community and there are conversations within Strategic Communications as to how to welcome in the community
- Claudio: Explains deficit vs. structural deficit
- Ananya: Asked how we can work with local companies to bring in sponsored research or internships, etc.

- Victor: Agreed that it is something that as an institution we need to build that relationship with those parties to allow students to benefit from it
- Claudio: There are conversations with Apple and Hulu to discuss how to bring in campus partnerships
- Victoria: Asked about statistics on Students with dependence and asked what other companies they plan on branching out to
- Victor: LA County Health and Human Services recently reached out to the campus to see how they can bring students in for internships. The Center said despite being unpaid, they hire 75% of their internships, opening job opportunities.
- Claudio: Asked us to come up with ideas on how we can contribute to this initiative to partner with the administration.
- Victor: Asked us to think about how we start a CSULA Day of Service, connects back to legacy; Started in Boston University, then became a State, then became a national, and then an international movement (across the world, people tag BUDayofService)
- Ananya: Asked how we can extend internship opportunities to international students who are unable to obtain work visas
- Claudio: Clarified that they can provide student visas but working visas is a system issue. He mentioned that he started as an international student and is aware of the struggles those students face. Stated that when the CSU agreed to have unified insurance for international students that will drop the required health insurance from \$2400 to \$1900, he was able to vote at that table to push for it. Stated while the government may have difficulty providing those visas, private companies are more easily able to provide that opportunity
- Dena: Asked if we still have partnership with local health institutions and shared idea for Taste of LA to get a buy in from local businesses to make it more of a college/university town. Mentioned Golf tournament to bring in golfers that can provide funding and partnerships, Earth Week where students are able to bring in, trade, and donate secondhand clothes, and the fashion show where students are able to showcase talent
- Claudio: Shared that those opportunities and initiatives are great and need to be amplified for action
- Victor: Shared there is a relation with Grifols that has faded overtime but is being reignited, the current golf tournament is centered for athletics as it is underfunded but there is discussion as how to expand it.

**IV. Action Items**

➤ **Student Leader Appointment**

- Yahir: Said he is waiting for interviews for 2 applicants and will not be making any appointments at this time.

➤ **ASI Locker Fee Increase Proposal**

- Amanda went over the posted proposal.
- Victoria: asked if students will still rent out the lockers knowing that the price has increased
- Amanda: said she doesn't want to speak for those students, but that can be a conversation that can be made as they come in or as it comes along in the next semester
- Caitlin: asked if this is posted on website or social media
- Amanda: clarified that it is posted and if the increase is improved, updated posts can be made, or she can email current students directly to inform them if they will continue with the increase
- Valerie: asked where the funding will be allocated
- Amanda: clarified it is not for a specific item; it will be overall distributed so that less is used from the reserves

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| Offered By:   | Arwa Hammad | Seconded by: | Alonso Villanueva Serrano |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve ASI Locker Fee Increase Proposal<br>Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached. |             |              |                           |           |   |                |
| All in Favor  | All         | Opposed      | 0                         | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

➤ **ASI Policy 023- Shared Governance Council Code of Procedure Revision**

- Yahir went over the changes to the policy
- Arwa: asked about the student representatives being in the committee and if there would be any issues with quorum
- Yahir: clarified that they would not affect quorum as they are ex-officio members that are invited to give their reports but aren't required to attend
- Barnaby: will clarify that they are non-voting in the policy
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| Offered By:   | Cindy Nguyen | Seconded by: | Arwa Hammad |           |   |                |
| Motion to approve ASI Policy 023- Shared Governance Council Code of Procedure Revision with the stipulation that non-voting language will be added to Article 2 section 1 C.<br>Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached. |              |              |             |           |   |                |
| All in Favor  | All          | Opposed      | 0           | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

## V. Reports

- **ASI President: Yahir Flores**
  - Yahir goes over what has he has been doing and the future events and meetings he will be doing.
- **ASI CEO: Cindy Nguyen**
  - Cindy Updates somethings happening in organizations and what's coming up for her.
- **ASI VP Finance: Alonso Villanueva Serrano**
  - Alonso shares what he has been caught up on since he is new and what he has coming up for him.
- **ASI VP for community engagement: Caitlin Jane**
  - Caitlin goes over some things that she has done and is coming up for her.
- **ASI VP for External Affairs: Arwa Hammad**
  - Arwa goes over the events she has attended and held and what she is working on.
- **College Representative for Natural Social Sciences: Ananya Sharma**
  - Ananya says things that are inaudible
- **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Briana Goytizolo**
  - Briana goes over her meeting and what she has been working on as well as what is coming up for her.
- **College representative of Arts and letters: Victoria Montoya**
  - Victoria talks about what she has been doing and what is coming up for her.
- **College of ECST: Preet Jadhav**
  - Preet talks about events that are coming up for him.
- **College of Health and Human Services: Valerie Canizales**
  - Valerie goes over what she has been doing and shares some concerns she heard.
- **Civic engagement officer: Natasha Raghu**
  - Natasha goes what she has been working on and what is coming up for her.
- **Program Coordinator: Ashley Foskey**
  - Ashley goes over upcoming events.
- **Administrative Coordinator: Amanda Maldonado**
  - Amanda gives updates on important dates and the ASI Office.
- **Associate Executive Director: Dena Florez**
  - Dena gives an update on the budget and other things.
- **Executive Director: Barnaby Peake**
  - Barnaby gives updates on ASI and other related things with the campus.
- **Dean of Students: Blanca Martinez-Navarro**
  - Blanca gives campus updates.

## VI. Adjournment

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| Offered By:   | Briana Goytizolo | Seconded by: | Cindy Nguyen |           |   |                |
| Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:14 PM.<br>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 October 17, 2024, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Director on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

Prepared by:

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Kaina Orozco (Jan 29, 2025 15:08 PST)

Kaina Orozco - Recording Secretary

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Cindy Nguyen (Jan 30, 2025 21:42 PST)

Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff

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