



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025
 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 @ 2:05 pm**
- **Roll Call**

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
Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Valerie Canizales	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Valerie Urrutia	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Victoria Gragasín Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Preet Jadhav	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Unexcused Absence
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Unexcused Absence
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Unexcused Tardy @ 2:10
Natasha Booka Raghu	Civic Engagement Officer	Unexcused Absence
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martínez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Excused Tardy @ 2:10
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Excused Absence
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

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve the Agenda for Thursday, January 23, 2025. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, December 5, 2024. 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 public.
 - Diego shares about the new ASI NFC scanners for ASI social media outreach.

III. Informational Items

- **Welcome Remarks**
 - Yahir gives a moving welcome speech to the board members.
- **Spring Semester Updates**
 - Barnaby gives elections updates among other things.
 - Ashley gives event updates.
 - Arwa talks about the CSSA plenary the student leaders can sign up for.
- **AOA Report**
 - Amanda talks about what AOA is about and what she has learned there. Barnaby adds about his experience and the sessions he attended.
- **Winter Retreat Updates**
 - Barnaby talks about what the goal for the retreat is and creates food and activities groups.

IV. Action Items

- **Committee Appointments**
 - Yahir appoints Valerie U to the CEO committee.

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to appoint Valerie Urrutia to CEO Committee Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

- **ASI Bylaws Policy 001**
 - Barnaby presents the changes in the Bylaws.
- **Retire ASI Policy 010- Attendance and Absenteeism**
 - Barnaby shares the reason to retire the policy since it is being merged into Policy 001.
- **Retire ASI Policy 025- Performance Expectations**
 - Barnaby shares the reason for retiring the policy that is similar to the reason Policy 010.
- **Student Leader Handbook**
 - Barnaby shares why the student leader handbook was created and what it is composed of.
- **Student Concerns**
 - Yahir talks about some students’ concerns and encourages the board to share the concerns they have heard.
 - Victoria shares the concern of the metro’s elevator.
 - Blanca Chimes in but it is inaudible.
 - CJ talks about the fires and the lack of support for the victims.
 - Diana shares some things that can happen to support the community.

- Barnaby shares another perspective.

VI. Reports

➤ **ASI President: Yahir Flores**

- Yahir goes over what he has been working on. As well as mentions the conversation of the budget deficit for the college and the college president wants to be the most transparent with the budget so that when the cuts are presented no students won't be shocked.

➤ **AVP- Dean of Students: Blanca Navarro:**

- Blanca shares the resources for students that are out there.

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Valerie Canizales	Seconded by:	Briana Goytizolo			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:16 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 January 23, 2025, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Prepared by:

Kaina Orozco

Kaina Orozco (Feb 19, 2025 12:32 PST)

Kaina Orozco - Recording Secretary

Cindy Nguyen

Cindy Nguyen (Feb 19, 2025 12:34 PST)

Cindy Nguyen - Chief of Staff