



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, August 22, 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, San 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 @ 2:04 pm**
- **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Caitlin Jane Calica	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
VACANT	Vice President for Finance	
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Santhosh Kumar	Vice President for University Affairs	Unexcused tardy
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Excused Absence
Valerie Canizales	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Business & Economics Rep.	
Victoria Gragasin Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Preet Jadhav	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Unexcused Tardy @2:07
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
VACANT	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	
Natasha Booka Raghu	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Excused Tardy
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 Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

➤ **Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Briana Goytizolo	Seconded by:	Ananya Sharma			
Motion to approve the Agenda for Thursday August 22, 2024. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Caitlin Jane Calica			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, August 1, 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 general public.
  - Michelle Lovasz shares events coming up on campus. She is interested in a partnership with ASI from the Career Center, on how to increase the visibility of the job fairs to students.
  - Student talks about her goals with the organization she became president for and that she is recruiting for members to the organization.

**III. Informational Items**

- **ASI President Welcome Remarks**
- **Office of the Dean of Students Presentation**
  - Dr. Isis Stansberry gives a presentation on the Office of the Dean of Students.
  - Ananya Says something inaudible.
  - Isis shares information on Cal-fresh.
  - Ananya says something inaudible.
  - Isis answers her question.
  - Valerie asks about where you can use an EBT card.
  - Isis shares that it requires and discussion because it is complex to bring EBT to the campus. She then continues going over her presentation.
  - Ananya shares something inaudible.
  - Isis talks about emergency housing and how the resource helps.
  - Santhosh asks how they deny applications.
  - Isis gives him an answer.
  - Blanca adds additional information about the different factors that are reviewed when receiving applications. Also, shared that Dr. Frangelo Ayran will set up a meeting with the student to discuss their application.
- **ASI Textbook Scholarship**
  - Barnaby shares about why ASI isn’t doing the Textbook Scholarship this year due to teaming up with the Library for the SCORE program. The SCORE Program is for faculty, students cannot apply to this program; this program is for faculty to convert their courses to no or low-cost solutions. Additionally, we are working on a better solution with the University to reduce the cost of learning materials for a much broader portion of the student body.
- **CSUnity 2024**
  - Yahir talks about what happened at CSUnity and what CSUnity is. Additionally, Yahir, Cindy, Arwa, CJ, and Valerie go through their presentation and discuss what each workshop they attended.

**IV. Action Items**

- **Bylaws & Codes of Procedure**
  - Barnaby goes over Policy 017- CEO and the changes.
  - Santhosh asks why so much attendance.
  - Yahir shares why the change was made.
  - Santhosh shares a wording change to weekly or as needed.
  - Cindy shares the reason why the change isn’t reasonable.

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Caitlin Jane Calica			
Motion to approve the ASI Policy 017- Community Engagement & Outreach Committee (CEO) Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	1	Motion: Passed

- Barnaby talks about Policy 012 and the changes that happened.

Offered By:	Victoria Gragasin Montoya	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to approve revisions made to Policy 012- Environmental Policy Committee Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

- Barnaby goes over the change of Policy 018.
- Santhosh ask why it is not the direct report is not the one that leads the committee.
- Dena explains why it works that way.
- Yahir thinks it redundant to bring on the chair to the exec committee is the direct report is already in the exec committee.
- Barnaby shares that if they change it now, they have to change the exec code.
- Dena shares why she thinks they set it up that way.

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Santhosh Kumar			
Motion to approve revisions made to Policy 018- Cabinet of College Representative Code of procedure with the stipulation of removing subline item G from section 3. Discussion						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ananya shares her opinion which was inaudible.</li> <li>- Santhosh makes suggestion of a different change.</li> <li>- Cindy shares how his recommendation is redundant.</li> <li>- Barnaby ask for him to clarify his change.</li> <li>- Santhosh clarifies.</li> </ul>						
Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

➤ **2024-2025 ASI Advocacy Agenda**

- Arwa talks about the agenda and asks for all to share of anything she should add onto the agenda.
- Cindy shares that concerns from previous meetings have been added.
- Yahir expands on the purpose of the agenda.

**VI. Reports**

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Victoria Gragasin Montoya			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:11 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 22, 2024, 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, September 5, 2024.

Prepared by:

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Kaina Orozco (Jan 29, 2025 15:04 PST)

Kaina Orozco- Recording Secretary

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Cindy Nguyen (Feb 4, 2025 08:37 PST)

Cindy Nguyen- Chief of Staff

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