Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

CERTIFIED

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026
Location: U-SU Board Room N/S, 303/303A
Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 2:00-4:15 PM
For Public Viewing: https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041
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, 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.

B. Call to order by: Arwa Hammad, ASI President @ 2:06 pm

C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
Gennesis Nuyens	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
VACANT	Chief of Staff	
Jocelyne Bravo	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Excused Tardy
Sophia Gamino	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	
Koi Saelee	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:17 pm
VACANT	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
VACANT	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	
Jazmine Rocha	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Yarmil Abrego	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	Excused Absence
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
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Sophia Gamino		Seconded by:	Gennesis Nuyens		
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, April 9, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Certification of the Minutes

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens		Seconded by:		Jazmine Rocha	
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, March 19, 2026 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment: 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 with the ASI staff 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.

Ashley: Shared the deadline for program proposals for the Fall is Tuesday.
Brian: Shared the U-SU collaborated on a drink for the Student Leader Elections and the Cross-Cultural Center recently opened up the new sensory room.
Sophia: Shared National Library week is April 20-24 and they want ASI just to participate at the events.
Jocelyne: Shared the Public Health department has a collaboration with Los Angeles County to provide internships, fellowships, and volunteer opportunities for students. Students just need to connect with the chair of the department to get approval.
Jeffry: Shared April is Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Awareness month and there are a lot of events happening on campus to inform and raise awareness around sexual violence and how to prevent it. Also, the Town Hall is next Thursday, April 16th.
Gennesis: Shared she attended the PBI committee meeting and they have many events coming up – Lieutenant Governor forum is on April 27, Gubernatorial forum is on May 4, and for candidates who have received 4% or higher there is a tentative mayoral forum at Fox 11 studios open to students.

III. Informational Items

A. 2026-27 Price List Approval

Erick: Went over the changes of the price list for next year 26-27. Mileage got updated to the current rate of 0.725 and we added a section to fund marketing supplies up to $150 and student organizations can ask every 2 years for funding specially for marketing.

B. U-SU Fee Increase Proposal Presentation

Dr. Megan Bell and U-SU Board Chair Brian Pham presented

The U-SU Board of Directors approved a recommendation to increase the fee by $90 per semester with CPI index added to the fee each year thereafter.

- *Factors for Student-Fee:* sustainability of current student fee structure, consulting firm B&D report, U-SU core financial components are operation/student services, debt payment ($21 million bond for the building), reserves, and building expenses.
- *Recap Current Fee:* last adjusted in 2007, $2 million cut in 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 budgets and any additional cuts will not be good. There is currently no budget to improve the building, it has to be taken all the way down to 0. With any extra money here and there has been some small updates – the sensory room and moving the game room but it is not significant changes. Currently have about $11 million of deferred maintenance based on the facility audit.
- *Assumptions for Fee Proposal:* proposal modeled through FY 37/38 (end of bond), if fee adjustment begins Fall 2027, U-SU revenue impact starting Fall 2028. Have already cut $2 million from the budget and don't want to cut more because it will start impacting the student experience.
- *If students support the increase:* the list is mostly enhancements to the building. E.g. for the 1st floor looking to add a transition + resource center and converting Sbarros to a pub/flexible entertainment venue. For the 2nd floor, one thing that emerged from the survey was more space for well-being and a potential RSO resource area that is designated for all RSOs. Also has a list of programmatic changes – adding more student jobs, expanded hours, new engagement/support programs (expanding recreational wellness, large-scale, leadership programming, micro-events: transfer students, parenting students, first-gen, etc.)

IV. Action Items

A. Acceptance of ASI Tax Form 990 for 2024-25

Bobby from Aldrich presented on the 990-tax form

Shared the purpose of the review is this is the one document that goes out to the public that anybody has the right to access. Shows the public how we are utilizing the funding so any prospective student, parent, current student, or any public agency can review to gain the understanding of who ASI is and what activities we are performing. The 990 is comprised of 12 parts and the numbers that are in here are the same numbers from the audited financial statements.

Part 3 is the place where we tell our story with our mission and what we've accomplished during the year. It list the most significant programmatic accomplishments and supporting the student community is our main focus. Part 6 is our governance and management. It's the opportunity to show how we govern the organization with some of our most significant policies. Part 8-10 are the revenue, expense statements, and balance sheets which were taken directly from the audited financial statements. Schedule O is an opportunity to expand on any piece of information that has been included within the form because the form itself has limited space to provide explanations so here we can expand further.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Gennesis Nuyens	
Motion to accept ASI 990 tax form for 2024-25 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Approval of the ASI Fee Increase Proposal

Barnaby: Shared the number decided today will be what we purpose to the student body to approve in the fall. Also, with coming up with a number we are asking for it to be tied to an annual inflationary index. Mentioned if our $54 fee was tied to an index it would have been around $110-160 now. Tying it to an index will ensure we don't have to do this whole process again, but the fee is not automatic it would need to get approved by the board and the University President every year. The board can decide if that index fee is needed for that year and the President also has the right and responsibility to say no. It is also standard practice throughout the CSU system to tie the fee with an inflationary index. Barnaby explained the different options:

- **1:** Do nothing – stay at $54 and adjust our budget
- **2:** Sustain – increase to $114 ($30 increase per semester) and this will just get us out of the red and restore some programs that have been cut
- **3:** Moderate growth – increase to $135 ($40 increase per semester)
- **4:** Growth for student experience – increase to $155 ($50 increase per semester). Both growth options allow to add more programs and services

Dena: Wants to acknowledge Sasha, a past ASI Alum and was Chief of Justice.

Barnaby: Goes over the ASI future growth of programs and shows the insights and actions.

Gennesis: Explained how a student came up to her asking for the service fee and thought that it related to us. Which is not, but then asked the student why they'd opt out of it? The student said it's because they don't serve me. Gennesis then explained how she went about the situation and was able to get the student to understand the fee.

Sophia: Explains her reasoning on choosing lower on $114 and goes into marketing and how students wont agree if we start that high of a number.

Gus: Explains the marketing section.

Jeffry: With Sophia starting at $114, then increasing over the years.

Arwa: Goes over the ASI fee options with Barnaby to share with the leaders. Explains what the CSU is looking for when they consider fees increasing.

Gennesis: Asks to see the $145 fee inputted to see the change.

Ashley: Asks how we can get the University to comply with this fee.

Arwa: Explains.

Jeffry: Shares that the University doesn't comply with their fees and is not recognizing students and the power they do have, either in fee advisory meetings or just as a student, it is a reality that they aren't managing

student fees correctly, and students will come to us. We need to make sure we are doing our duty to ask them these questions.
Arwa: Agrees, then goes into the conversation of approving the ASI Fee increase.
Barnaby: Shares that if this does not get approved, this will then be a discussion about which amount we have to present again.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Gennesis Nuyens	
Motion to approve $145 for the ASI Annual Fee Consensus reached						
All in Favor	4	Opposed	5	Abstained	0	Motion: Failed

Arwa: The motion had died at $145 and $150 was brought to the table, and they discussed.
Sophia: Mentioned we need to look at our past credibility and how we have represented our students and will they continue trusting us. With most of our students being Pell Grant eligible, they chose Cal State LA because it is affordable and going with the most expensive dollar amount might cause some conflict.

Offered By:	Sophia Gamino		Seconded by:		Gennesis Nuyens	
Motion to approve the $150 ASI Annual Fee Consensus reached						
All in Favor	6	Opposed	3	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Erick Anzu	
Motion to tie the ASI annual fee of $150 to HEPI index Consensus reached						
All in Favor	0	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

C. Approval of revisions to ASI Policy 204 – Funding

Erick: Went over the changes – most of it is grammar changes or adding clarifying language to make it more clear.

- The last day to submit a funding request is the deadline, which is the Friday before not the actual last Finance meeting.
- Student organizations will now be able to request funding for 2 general meetings a semester and we included the definition of a general meeting (4.7.6)
- RSO's will now be able to request funding for marketing supplies, and it doesn't need to be tied to a specific event and as mentioned before they can ask once every 2 years. The marketing supply funding request form will be developed this summer.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Jazmine Rocha	
Motion to approve the revisions to ASI Policy 204 - Funding Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Approval of new ASI RSO Banking Policy

Barnaby: Recommended to table for the next meeting as they would like to present the 26-27 budget so at the next meeting it can be acted on. We have to get the budget to President Eanes by the end of the fiscal year for signature.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Erick Anzu	
Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Erick Anzu	
Motion to table the ASI RSO Banking Policy Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

A. Presentation of the [2026-27 ASI Annual Budget]

Dena: Shared this budget is for the next academic year 2026-27 and it is a plan for next year's administration. The budget is broken up into 4 sections – personnel expenses, corporate expenses, student government, and student & university support expenses. Student fees is what makes up the majority of the ASI budget, but ASI does have other sources of revenue – LAIF account and a small endowment where the funds gets utilized for a student leadership symposium/conference.

Dena continued, going over each section:

- *Personnel expenses:* encompass student assistant wages, staff salaries, benefits, training, payroll charges. The staff chose for 3% cost of living adjustment in lieu of professional development, and it was approved by the Personnel Committee last month. Student assistant wages are also increasing July 1st. There isn't much of an increase to the section because ASI has a VEBA trust and since it is very well funded, we will not be contributing to it this upcoming year.
- *Corporate Expenses:* this covers all of our fixed costs – we have agreements with the university to help with the accounting and IT. We have a fiscal audit yearly, monthly bank charges, and we are tenants in the U-SU and share the cost of custodial and utilities based on a square footage rate.
- *Student Government:* For GIA's a 3% increase has been budgeted as it has been a few years since they have been increased. $30,000 has been added for the referendum – this is for marketing and hiring student assistants to help.
- *Student & University support expenses:* They all pretty much stayed the same, going back to what was originally budget - $25,000 for marketing, $90,000 for programming. For RSO funding we budgeted $40,000 as we don't have much left from the $85,000, we originally got back in 24-25 from inactive clubs + GI 2025 initiative grant.
- The total revenue is $1.192 million, and the total expenses is $1.4 million so we will need to use our reserves.

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

B. ASI Chief of Staff - Vacant

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs

F. ASI Vice President for External Affairs

G. Reps at Large

1. **Civic Engagement**
2. **Diversity & Inclusion**

H. College Reps

1. **College of A & L - Vacant**
2. **College of B&E**
3. **College of Education - Vacant**
4. **College of ECST**
5. **College of Ethnic Studies - Vacant**
6. **College of HHS**
7. **College of NSS - Vacant**

I. ASI Pro Staff

J. AVP/Dean of Students

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		Seconded by:		Ashley Bellorin	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:24 pm 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 April 9, 2026, at U-SU Board Room N/S, 303/303A, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

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