



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 5, 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 @ 2:30 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.	Present
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 Absence
Sophia Grusnis	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
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	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
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Gennesis Nuyens			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 5, 2026 with the stipulation of removing action item A. Appointment of student leaders to fill vacancies Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Certification of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	Genesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Jocelyne Bravo			
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, February 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 some updates about the U-SU - the new game room will be completed before summer orientations and the thrift store should be opening in the next few weeks.

Erick: Mentioned for the facilities master plan, they have been tabling this week in different locations on campus to gather feedback and to talk to students to see what they would like to see in the plan, future-planning.

Genesis: Shared she has heard good feedback and comments from students regarding the Dean the Students and the basic needs services and the support they are receiving.

III. Informational Items

IV. Action Items

A. Appointment to ASI standing committees

V. Discussion Items

A. President Eanes semester updates

President Eanes: Provide some updates prior to officially starting of the meeting:

- ⇒ We have a comprehensive calendar between now and commencement - inaugural car show in April, preview day, and commencement dates have been announced.
- ⇒ Saw the visibility of the athletes at the event; they are dedicated to our strong Division II program that is growing. Cal State LA has two national championships, and we continue to support them in any way we can.
- ⇒ After 2 years, the university now has a full cabinet. The provost is in the process of getting full-time deans in every college.
- ⇒ The enrollment at Cal State LA has been going down for upwards of eight years. We have a lot of work to do - we have new relationships with ELAC for transfers, new relationships with Mt. Sac. Cal State LA needs to be a destination for transfers, graduate students, and adult learners.

Conversations were had about the Pizza with the Presidents event

Jeffry: Mentioned we can frame the town hall as a follow-up to the conversations held today because students were providing good input. One thing a few students were mentioning is Cal State LA has a lot of transfer students but there is no designated transfer center on campus. Also talked about a commuter center, a designated place where students can learn about bus routes, what does it mean to commute, and have nap pods. There is also a lot of support for a recreation and wellness center with different offerings like intramural sports, dance studios, wellness spas/massages. The student athletes raised they would like to have a sports psychologist on campus.

Additionally, students would like to see more tutoring, extended hours for basic needs services, enhancing of the Cal State LA website and procedures, expanding advising beyond academics - empowering academic advisors to be able to help students navigate campus life.

Erick: Mentioned having more food options, healthier for the late-classes after 6-7 pm because after the food court closes there is not much available to them on a regular weekday and on the weekend pretty much nothing is open or if it is it's only open until 2 pm. Additionally, more programming so they can get a sense of belonging and community within the campus and meet new people.

Ashley: Shared a student mentioned the stairs at the Metro bus stop and does know that Metro is responsible for fixing those issues but wondering if there is anything else the university can do because it does make the campus look bad when Metro is the one delaying in fixing the issues.

Arwa: Added on to Ashley's comment that the elevators are often at times down or take a while to get maintenance so the university should have some accountability with Metro to ensure maintenance is done in a timely manner and updates are given regularly.

Barnaby: Shared the U-SU is exploring the option of a transfer center as it was bought up during the B&D survey. Also mentioned a student said Cal State LA needs to enhance the social aspect to create a great environment and atmosphere for students.

Ashley: Mentioned having different languages for the Cal State LA website so current and future students can use their preferred language to navigate the website.

Provost Lattimer came to speak to the board about the academic master plan

Provost Lattimer: Mentioned for advising she has heard the concerns, strengths, and lots of questions. When the Director of Advising left a few months ago it provided an opportunity to do an assessment of what is working, what is not working, and where we can go in advising. The former dean of HSS, Ron Vogel has been meeting with students, faculty, staff, and advisors to put together a report with some recommendations that was presented to the deans and will be presented to cabinet in the next couple of weeks.

Also shared, how can we use technological tools more effectively and send out an initial response if it's outside working hours. Chatbots should be able to help provide that initial response and then set that transcript and ping the advisor the next morning so they can follow up. Too often some parts of our systems and structures need some updating and in some cases are understaffed that we are spending much time with humans doing mechanical work which takes away from the holistic human work that we need to be doing.

For the academic master plan, they have landed on 3 strategic initiatives:

- ⇒ 1. Leaning into the idea of being's LA career university - ensuring we support all of our students to pursue those future career priorities that they have and making sure that begins at their first semester and continues through with internships and work-based learning experiences. With significant engagement with employer partners - for-profit industries, government entities, non-profits, community-based organizations.
- ⇒ 2. Flexible pathways and expanded audiences - reduced credit bachelor's degrees because not all bachelor's degrees need to be 120 units, and some might need more than 120. Also, increase interdisciplinarity or modular degrees with curates set of courses. Where if a student wants to change their major, how can they continue without losing credits and time. For expanded audience, generally higher education has not done a great job serving students outside of the 18-24-year-old age range and across the country the average age is above 24. They aren't coming to our campus as much as they could because we haven't done as good a job as we should of centering those students in our practices and programs. How can we support justice-impacted communities, adult partners, better support of our veterans. How are we building pathways, academic pathways to support those communities, including providing credit for prior learning in a robust manner that recognizes the experience that people are bringing.
- ⇒ 3. Core functionality - Too many of our systems and structures are not working as well as they could. Students will leave if we don't have systems, structures, and processes that work effectively. Ensuring that we've got proactive scheduling, proactive advising, etc. For example, if a student hasn't logged into their canvas course it should alert the faculty member and advisor so they can reach out to the student.

Arwa: Shared in other universities of changing the names of some degrees to be more marketable and more career oriented and other universities where students can choose their own degree and name it themselves.

Provost Lattimer: Shared Cal State LA is working on changing names of a couple of degrees. One is rehabilitation services, the name is kind of antiquated at this point, so they are working in partnership with the Justice Care and Opportunities division who want to support degree pathways. They are working on changing their name to reflect.

Also, been talking about badging, certificates, and micro-credentials to help students be more visible to companies when looking at their resumes.

Jeffry: Mentioned earlier this year there were difficulties surrounding the state university grant and it stemmed from the broader systemic issue of how funding was allocated to campuses. Shared the Legislative Affairs committee wants to draft a brief to have initial conversations with the board of trustees about a review on how campuses are funded.

Provost Lattimer: Shared some information she knows about it - this year the state said 11% of our students are graduate students so across the board they were going to restrict the amount of funding to 11% at each campus that could go towards graduate students. The grant funding is based on each campus FETS as well as the percentage of Pell eligible students. The challenge with this is that it does not take into the account the level of Pell eligibility. Our campus has a significantly higher percentage of students who are at the highest level of Pell determined need relative to some of the other CSU's. We had to spread it out pretty thin especially for the graduate students.

Jeffry: Asked who should we be talking to that the allocation process is hurting some campuses over others?

Provost Lattimer: Answered - for her understanding the state does allocate the state grant funding but the determination of the formula for how it is distributed is handled within the CSU System.

Yarmil: Asked about the LA career priority and how it would work?

Provost Lattimer: Answered - they are still developing ideas, but they are rethinking the Introduction to Higher Education classes to ensure they provide opportunities for academic and career exploration - community engaged learning experiences, guest speakers, panels. How can we make sure that those kinds of experiences are across all our different programs and aren't one-offs.

B. Draft changes for ASI positions and committees

Arwa: Reminded the board about the draft changes to a couple of the ASI positions and committee:

- ⇒ Civic Engagement Officer will change to Public Service Officer
 - Works closely with the Vice President for External Affairs, do legislative research, focus on external affairs, focusing on CSSA, broader CSU advocacy, LA city advocacy, be the vice chair of Legislative Affairs Committee
- ⇒ Diversity and Inclusion Officer will change to Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner
 - Will now report to the Vice President for University Affairs instead of the President as it is currently, be the vice chair of Shared Governance Council. The position will connect with the D&I Office and related departments on campus - OSD, CCC centers, Guardian Scholars, DRC, EOP, etc. Also, connect with VRC, Project Rebound, student parents, grad students, etc.
 - Help plan the town hall with the VPUA

Continued, converting the 2 positions to commissioner positions their GIA will remain the same. They will no longer be on the board leaving 13 voting members.

- ⇒ Engagement Commissioner
 - Only addition is making the position vice chair of CEO
- ⇒ Chief of Staff will change to Executive Vice President
 - Executive Vice President title reflects the role more accurately. They will also now be the chair of Executive Cabinet. Formally facilitate the transition folder process, facilitate the assessment and evaluation of the impact report.
- ⇒ Shared Governance Council
 - **Jeffry:** Been developing a shared governance framework of values, different priorities that can be benchmarks to make sure we as ASI are meeting but also the university to make sure that we're effectively bringing the student voice.
 - Continued, for membership, thinking about absorbing the cabinet of college reps into the council and having all the college reps sit on the committee. Also, exploring potentially other student leaders on campus that we should bring in, as shared governance is the one-stop shop for anything regarding student involvement, leadership, and advocacy opportunities on campus. Thinking about RHA president, student athletes' association, U-SU team.

- ⇒ Environmental Policy Committee will change to Campus Environment and Facilities Committee
 - The committee will address student concerns about safety, comfort, accessibility, and physical resources. Talked about VPF being the chair of the committee because if we look at the university facilities are under Lindow - Admin Finance.
 - **Barnaby:** Barbara Queen loves the idea and would love to have a place where she can come do presentations, provide updates, and interact with students.

C. 2026 ASI Goals

Erick: Shared he is focused on getting the referendum in motion so it can go to vote in the fall.

Jeffry: Mentioned shared gov is focused on collecting student input and getting a pulse check to see where the students are at. Shared how can we start amplifying the student voice and be recognized on campus as the main space and main voice for students where students' opinions are housed, collected, analyzed, and where we can partner with the university to move things forward.

Jazmine: Mentioned for the Public Service Commissioner position it should be working with PBI. One goal should be is having set departments the position works with, set departments that we have reoccurring events with, specific connections with legislators.

Arwa: Added on, for the position it would be good to connect with Omar and President Eanes does have connections with some LA city council members. Also, starting a broader LA University Coalition group where we can talk about LA priorities with other universities in the area.

Brian: Shared for his position to be more connected with the student organizations and being more oriented within the university community.

Genesis: Shared having more constant visibility within CSSA and more active participation with CSSA (being a chair or vice chair of a committee).

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

I. ASI Pro Staff

J. AVP/Dean of Students

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Genesis Nuyens			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:14 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 February 19, 2026, at U-SU Board Room N/S, 303/303A, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Prepared by:

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