



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

**DRAFT**

Date: Thursday, May 7, 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 @ 2:02 pm**

**C. Roll Call**

Arwa Hammad	President	Present
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Excused Tardy @ 2:05 pm
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
Genesis 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 @ 2:09 pm
Sophia Gamino	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	
Koi Saelee	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
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 Tardy @ 2:18 pm
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Excused Absence
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

**D. Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Erick Anzu	Seconded by:	Genesis Nuyens
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, May 7, 2026 with amending to add Executive Director Evaluation Survey as an action item			
Consensus reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

**E. Certification of the [Minutes](#)**

Offered By:	Yarmil Abrego	Seconded by:	Sophia Gamino			
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, April 23, 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.

**Jeffry:** Shared about the parking ticket incident that over 50 students were ticketed in 1 location. For the past year students were allowed to park on the 2nd level of Structure C with their student permit but earlier that week there was a new restriction that the area is only for residents but it conflicts from what Parking & Transportation listed as a viable parking spot for students in the spring brochure. Also, there was no campus wide emails explaining the change.

**Ashley:** Shared they aren’t mandated to send out emails but they need more signage in the area, there is only a couple and they are all hidden so they are easily missed.

**III. Informational Items**

**A. Proposed Program Calendar - Fall 2026**

**Ashley:** Went through the proposed program calendar for the Fall Semester that was approved at CEO to give the next board a head start and to be able to jump in. Some major events mentioned were: Welcome Week, NVRD, RSO Workshops, Spirit Week, trips to City Hall, mid-term study events, ASI Town Hall, Golden Eagle Dinner.

**Dena:** Mentioned a lot of departments do financial wellness events and shared we should all collaborate on 1 big event.

**Jeffry:** Shared there is missing some targeted events for graduate students and that the University Club is open to closing down one of their happy hours and doing a graduate student happy hour.

**B. CSSA Report**

**Arwa:** Shared 2 resolutions were approved - one that was against the executive compensation increase of University Presidents across the CSU’s and the other was calling for more transparency regarding alternative consultation.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Executive Director Evaluation Survey**

*The committee took 15 minutes to complete the survey*

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Koi Saelee			
Motion to recess for 15 minutes Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**B. Approval of [ASI Bylaws Revisions](#)**

**Arwa:** Asked if the board had any questions, this was discussed at the last board meeting.

**Genesis:** Shared she wants to add under the roles and responsibilities for Vice President for External Affairs in section 11 - serve as the voting member on California State Student Association (CSSA) on behalf of ASI and the student body.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Genesis Nuyens			
Motion to approve ASI Bylaws Revisions with the amendment of adding CSSA responsibilities under VP for External Affairs Consensus reached						

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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**C. Approval for Non-Budgeted Year-End Purchases**

**Dena:** Shared these items are not in addition to the budget, these would be purchased with the savings we have in certain line items and since we did not fully utilize the budget. These will be items that we will use next year. Explained the items - the plushies are to be given out to students (giveaways), radios to be used during our events, swag items (screaming eagles - t-shirts). Continued, that the board is approving to not exceed \$30,500 for the items listed.

**Arwa:** Shared her opinions - does not see the worth in some of the items given the budget constraints and could reallocate the money to other sections (travel, student professional development).

**Dena:** Clarified that the money not spent here would go to the bottom line and would not go to travel (as an example) because the 2026-2027 budget has been approved. This is an opportunity to get ahead and purchase items, so we don't have to use next year's budget to purchase these items.

**Jeffry:** Asked if we allocated/approved the whole list, what would happen if the remaining reserve amount that wasn't used (about \$70k)?

**Dena:** Answered - any remaining monies would drop to the bottom and roll over to next year's budget. Shared in September that is when the board would do a realignment of the budget after the audit is completed and the board has no obligation to spend any additional money and could let the monies stay in reserves. Also, shared that during that time in September is when the board can look at travel or any other line items and see if they want to allocate any additional money.

**Jeffry:** Added that the swag items for The Sauce include t-shirts, stickers, small trinkets to promote the Substack and for those who provide content. Also, shared that if there is any additional monies remaining next year would like to see some funds go to student at-large members who sit on committees to encourage students to get involved in our committees and university-wide committees and develop a specific budget for the Town Hall to incentive students to attend and engage in conversations.

**Erick:** Shared there should be opportunities for student staff to attend conferences/professional development because us (board members) get those opportunities and should be extend to them.

**Gus:** Shared more detail about the items being requested the VIP items are nicer items for city officials, guest speakers, university cabinet.

**Jeffry:** Shared would like to give an appreciation gift to the administrative/executive assistants to the VP's and Chief of Staff Victor Rojas as a thank you and keep cultivating those relationships.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to approve the non-budgeted year-end purchases with an increase of \$1,500 for gifts for the administrative/executive assistants to the VP's						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**D. ASI Support for AB2422**

**Genesis:** Shared AB2422 was authored by assembly member Jessica Calozon student financial aid - late financial aid awards extension and focuses on the systematic mistakes that financial aid sometimes has regarding any documentation not submitted with the FASFA application and gets rejected or postponed. Which leads students to not getting financial aid, awards being late, or a lesser amount. This bill would protect students and their financial aid award letters/packages if there is internal mistakes within FASFA and undocumented students' financial aid.

Continued, on the support letter she wrote a statement about ASI/Cal State LA's support with the bill - Cal State Los Angeles currently enrolls over 21,000 students with 64% of our students Pell eligible. Cal State LA students have expressed concerns as shared experiences with financial aid application processes, challenges with required documentation and impacted award packages. For this reason, ASI and Cal State Los Angeles sponsors AB 2422, student financial aid, delayed financial aid awards extensions.

Offered By:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin
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Motion to support AB2422 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Additional BOD meeting to fill Board Vacancies**

The committee discussed what time/date would work for a BOD meeting. The next BOD meeting is May 26 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**B. Transition Folders**

**Arwa:** Shared the importance of completing the transition folder so your successor has information and can work off from it and does not need to relearn everything from scratch.

Offered By:	Genesis Nuyens		Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz		
Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**C. ASI Annual Impact Report**

**Arwa:** Shared the impact report talks about what we accomplished this year - a culmination of what we did in the fall and spring and what we recommend for next year's board. Asked the board to send her their individual report and she will compile.

**Genesis:** Shared that the following should be included: being the student voice on university-wide committees, SFAC, CHESS.

**D. [2026-27 Recommended Advocacy Agenda](#)**

**Genesis:** Shared she will be adding more information regarding internal advocacy efforts as document focuses on a lot of external advocacies. Some internal advocacy efforts will be - filling our committees and university-wide committees with student at-large members so there are more student voices on the committees and collaborating with the student organizations on campus.

**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:	Genesis Nuyens			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:20 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 May 7, 2026, at U-SU Board Room N/S, 303/303A, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Amanda Maldonado - Recording Secretary

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Arwa Hammad - ASI President