



# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

**DRAFT**

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Location: Zoom, <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>

Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For Public Viewing: Same as location

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: Jeffry Umaña Muñoz, ASI Vice President for University Affairs @ 10:09 am**

**C. Roll Call**

Arwa Hammad	President	Excused Absence
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Excused Absence
Gennesis Nuyens	Vice President for External Affairs	Excused Tardy @ 10:17 am
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.	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 Absence
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Present
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

**D. Adoption of the Agenda**

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, May 26, 2026						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

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

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, May 7, 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.

**III. Informational Items**

**A. Congratulations to our ASI Graduates!**

*The committee congratulated those who graduated and walked in Commencement last week.*

**B. ASI Impact Report 2025-26**

**Jeffry:** Explained that the ASI President every year compiles a report on everything we’ve accomplished this year, how we served out students across the different areas, both individually within specific positions but also how collectively we came together for the students. Also, mentioned the impact is currently being finalized and will be shared with the new board in the Fall.

**Barnaby:** Mentioned both informational B & C - ensure your transition folder is uploaded and complete as we don’t want to miss out on any work that was accomplished this year. Shared the impact report is a legacy document that shared what we did this year as a team, what ASI accomplished in service to the student body. The transition folders and impact report leaves next year’s group in a good solid foundation.

**C. Transition Folders are due!**

**Jeffry:** Shared the importance of completing your transition folder so next year’s members can have a strong start. We did a lot this year across many different areas that pushed the limits for students about what we could do in planning events on campus, holding space on campus, and advocating for students. Also encouraged the board members to set up a meeting with their successor to provide them insights on how to navigate the position, how to communicate with other partners on campus. It is important to create pipelines of leadership that are sustainable in ASI.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Appointment of Student Leaders for 2026-27**

**Ashley:** Shared the next few students show passion and commitment to becoming student leaders. Their interviews went incredibly well and impressed by their thoughtful responses, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout the process.

Continued, wants to appoint Sophia Gamino as the Executive Vice President. Sophia throughout this year in ASI show she would be great for this specific position as she is a current college representative.

**Sophia:** Shared she would love the opportunity to assist Ashley and work with the college representatives and the vice presidents to ensure we can achieve what we plan.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to appoint Sophia Gamino as Executive Vice President						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**Ashley:** Interviewed a few candidates for the Vice President for University Affairs positions and wants to appoint Jazmine Rocha. She has been in ASI for a bit and has had firsthand experience with a bit of what the role of VP UA does.

**Jazmine:** Shared she appreciates the opportunity to take on this role and to be in ASI again this year. Wants to connect more with the student organizations because they also want to connect with ASI. Also, excited to focus on the shared governance on campus.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Jocelyne Bravo			
Motion to appoint Jazmine Rocha as Vice President for University Affairs Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**Ashley:** Shared she wants to appoint Alma Alvarez as College of Business and Economics Representative, during her interview she has much enthusiasm and wants to do a lot for the college.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Sophia Gamino			
Motion to appoint Alma Alvarez as College of Business and Economics Representative Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**Ashley:** Shared for the College of ECST Representative she wants to appoint Erick Anzu; he is currently in ASI and now wants to get more involved with his college.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to appoint Erick Anzu as College of Engineering, Computer Science, & Technology Representative Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**Ashley:** Shared for this next position, usually the VPUA is the one that appoints the senators but this person has really shows their passion for wanting to be in ASI for continuous years and they are also apart of our Screaming Eagles team. Wants to appoint Byron Ajpop Sotero as Academic Senator At-Large.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Sophia Gamino			
Motion to appoint Byron Ajpop Sotero as Academic Senator At-Large Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**B. 2026-27 Recommended Advocacy Agenda**

**Jeffry:** Shared this was approved at the final Legislative Affairs Committee and the purpose is to establish main areas of priority and goals that Legislative Affairs envisions as being the top priority for next year’s committee. In the committee they discussed what challenges that students are facing and how the committee could make the most tangible impact.

The first goal is to restructure and rebuild the committee by improving the efficiency and reach of the Legislative Affairs committee to train, empower, and advocate for students. Want to fill all of the at-large seats on the committee to make sure conversations and discussions are rooted and grounded in the experience of our students in their day-to-day life. Students can provide an outside lens of someone who is not super plugged into student leadership the way that ASI officers are. Want to engage them in a strong, robust training program and includes working with PBI and other local elected officials to develop training materials and workshops through our campus-based student government and through CSSA.

The second goal is to increase opportunities for students to be involved in our Legislative Affairs committee and other advocacy activities. Developing advocacy field trips early into the years, leading up to CHESS. Also, want to host an on-campus student leadership, advocacy, and political action conference that immerses our students into

the power of local government, getting involved in the community, and being civically engaged. Additionally, building stronger relationships with student organizations that are already doing the work like Political Science Student Association, Pre-Law Society, Political Science Department, etc.

Continued, want to institutionalize monthly updates from the VP for External Affairs on legislative work that has been done during the month and what is upcoming for students.

The third goal is to prepare students to be informed throughout the 2026 election cycle. Working to create a voter guide on what students need to know about voting. Collaborating with PBI and our external government relations leadership on campus for National Voter Registration Day and other voter registration outreach events.

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Yarmil Abrego			
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 recommended advocacy agenda						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**V. Discussion Items**

**VI. Reports**

**A. ASI President**

**B. ASI Chief of Staff - Vacant**

**C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement**

**Ashley:** Shared she meet with the incoming VP Jesus and talked about role and answered his questions.

**D. ASI Vice President for Finance**

**E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs**

**Jeffry:** Shared he had a meeting with some of the college deans and faculty to review applications for the Provost's first round of seed grants. With the approved academic strategic plan the first step in implementing the plan is that the Provost had announced a pot of funding for some of the most important priorities outlined in the academic plan, including some professors are proposing 4 plus 1 degree pathways, which are changing some of our majors so that if you add an additional year, you'll graduate not only with a bachelor's, but with a master's as well. The initial meeting is to give the provost our rankings of the proposals.

Also, we turned in our final SFAC recommendation to the president - the recommendation was to approve the increases for both ASI and U-SU as both boards submitted their proposals and for the other proposals we declined those recommended increases for a variety of reasons. We asked the campus to return next year with additional information once they've done more diligence a bit more.

**Barnaby:** Spoke about the ASI proposal - we will be preparing throughout the summer with the new board to do a referendum in the Fall. We will keep moving forward and hopefully work with our U-SU partners do a joint marketing effort to promote both of the fees to the student body.

**Jeffry:** Shared we have set ourselves up to continue to push for students and make sure that students are being engaged transparently.

**F. ASI Vice President for External Affairs**

**Genesis:** Shared she has an upcoming meeting with PBI and Omar to finalize collaboration efforts.

**G. Reps at Large**

**1. Civic Engagement**

**2. Diversity & Inclusion**

**Yarmil:** Shared the great work that Jeffry did in starting the initiative for the Library Student Advisory Board and voice of the students are going to be able to grow the library and the collaboration. She is recommending more disability accessibility on campus and the potential of having two mental health days per semester.

**H. College Reps**

**1. College of A & L - Vacant**

**2. College of B&E**

**Sophia:** Shared she will be meeting with the B&E Dean to go over the Canvas page and meet with the incoming B&E representative.

**3. College of Education - Vacant**

**4. College of ECST**

**Koi:** Shared she will meet with Erick and she is wrapping up with the Dean in regards to the Canvas Page, how to take it over, and other initiatives she was working with the department chair for engineering technology.

**5. College of Ethnic Studies - Vacant**

**6. College of HHS**

**Jocelyne:** Shared she meet with Hermione the incoming HHS representative and they are setting up a meeting with the Dean to hopefully start some new initiatives. The Dean is very interested in being involved with ASI.

**7. College of NSS - Vacant**

**I. ASI Pro Staff**

**Amanda:** Shared that they will lose access to their ASI emails on Monday and ensure everything is saved on SharePoint so the incoming can start strong.

**Dena:** Shared we are starting our financial audit soon and we are currently doing the compliance audit with the university.

**Barnaby:** Shared the Bylaws that have been approved have been updated and finalized and are on the website. Some of the other policy work that we did throughout the year has been updated on the website. With the new student leaders, we will dive into the revisions of the position descriptions and the committee codes.

**J. AVP/Dean of Students**

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Genesis Nuyens			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 11:05 am 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 26, 2026, on Zoom - <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>, and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Prepared by:

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