Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

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Date: Monday, July 27, 2026
Location: Zoom
Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 5:15 pm – 6:00 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: Ashley Bellorin, ASI President @ 5:22 pm

C. Roll Call

Ashley Bellorin	President	Present
Sophia Gamino	Executive Vice President	Present
Natalie Torres	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Jazmine Rocha	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Jesus Corona	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Bryan Alvarado Chavez	Vice President for Finance	Present
Alma Maria Alvarez	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Cinnamon Leggett	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Hermione Farrah Hsu	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Maria Garcia	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Erick Anzu	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	
Emily Webb	U-SU Board of Directors Chair	Present
Megan Bell	U-SU Executive Director	Present
	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	
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	Present
Guests of the Gallery	Enrique Curiel – Engagement Commissioner	

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha		Seconded by:	Cinnamon Leggett		
Motion to approve the agenda for Monday, July 27, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Certification of the Minutes

Offered By:	Maria Garcia Marroquin		Seconded by:		Sophia Gamino	
Motion to certify the minutes for July 13, 2026 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment

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. CSSA Report

Natalie: Describes it as an orientation where they learned about unity, committees, and organizational structures. They also had the opportunity to partner with others and network with different people.
Ashley: Let's them know that Natalie sits on System Wide Affairs, Legislative Affairs, and Audit committee while she sits on the Board of Directors.

B. University-Wide Committee Appointment

Jazmine: Informs the committee that she had an Interview with an undergraduate student named Steven Wells who sat on the student affairs committee under the collage of NSS last year. He also received a recommendation from the NSS chair to re-appoint him for the upcoming year. In their interview they talked about his experience and goals for the role. He mentions that his main focus would be to help students find scholarships and future employment. States that he is going to be given the spot on the student affairs committee.

IV. Action Items

A. Accept the Annual Auxiliary Controls Self-Assessment Report

Dena: Let's them know that this was discussed the previous meeting now they are voting on it.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha		Seconded by:		Sophia Gamino	
Motion to accept the Annual Auxiliary Controls Self-Assessment Report Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Student Leader Removal for Unexcused Absences

Ashley: Reminds them that in the rules and expectations for their roles which they signed it stated that if they have more than 3 unexcused absences, they must be put up for removal to the board.
Barnaby: Further explains the process for someone with more than 3 absences. Explains the Board has the authority to remove someone if they have 2/3 majority vote. In this case Bryan who is the Vice President for Finance has more than three absences.
Sophia: Shows the committee the letter sent to Bryan regarding his absences, which refers to the Handbook and lists the dates and meetings he was absent from.
Cinnamon: Has questions about the language in the policy regarding absences and asked if this is the appropriate time to bring it up.
Barnaby: States if would be best to discuss it later so it can be put on the agenda to be reviewed by the committee. Asks Bryan if he has any statements or comments regarding his absences.
Bryan: States that he has a 5-hour commute to campus while having another job on the side to pay for housing making it hard to attend meetings on the regular. Says he is prioritizing his other job to have a stable income and afford to live in LA. Believes that once the semester starts and he is living on campus everything will settle down allowing him to be more present. Also states he would ask Jesus for rundowns of the meeting and any important

details that were brought up. Hope they can understand him and his situation as he still wishes to be in his position.
Cinnamon: Thanks, him for sharing his side and asks how this will change when they go into regular school session.
Bryan: Responds since he will be on campus everyday it makes it easier for him to attend regularly and be more involved.
Alma: Thanks, Bryan, for sharing and shows understanding of where he is coming from. Believes that Bryan genuinely wants to be attentive to his position.
Ashley: Wants them to know that the summer is meant to train them for the upcoming school year, so they start with the tools and knowledge they need for their roles which is why summer meetings and assignments are strongly pushed onto them.
Jazmine: Asks Bryan if he has met with any of the pro staff like Dena and Amanda to have a one-on-one meeting about his position and responsibility.
Bryan: Shares he met with Dena to talk about the budget and the referendum but hopes to have a meeting with Amanda soon.
Hermione: Asks for clarification is the unexcused absences are because he did not inform anyone beforehand or because he did not attend.
Ashley: Responds to this case it's because the person did not inform anyone of their absence.
Hermione: Asks if the two meetings that were held on the same day would count as separate absences.
Ashely: Response yes, they would count as two separate absences.
Ekiria: Asks whether the purpose is for Bryan to then provide a written explanation for his absences and for them to vote on it later or if they will be voting on it this meeting.
Ashely: Let's her know they will be deciding this meeting.
Ekiria: Shares that she relates to Bryan but also believes often communication is key especially when they know they cannot make it to a meeting. As receiving information from another member is not always reliable as they may leave out key details or information concerning their role.

Offered By:	Sophia Gamino			Seconded by:	Erick Anzu	
Motion to extend the meeting until 6:15 pm. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Emily: Asked how many in person meetings are left before the school year begins.
Barnaby: They have the retreat that's mandatory and executive meetings that are scheduled every week until schools start.
Emily: Wanted to know if Bryan had brought it up earlier would he have been able to attend the meetings via Zoom.
Ashely: Responds there was an option for the trainings and meetings to be done through zoom. Mentions he did attend one meeting via zoom but left early without notifying anyone.
Natalie: Asked Bryan what his solution was for the remainder of the meetings that are going to be held in the summer and if he has made any attempt to compensate for the absences
Bryan: Responds that he will work on improving his communication. He has been completing all assignments on time and attending every meeting, even asking to leave work early to attend but has not completed the assignment he missed a GIA check where already dispersed.
Natalie: Asks if he thinks his work responsibilities might interfere with his ASI responsibilities throughout the academic year.
Bryan: States that if he had to choose between going to work and an ASI meeting, he would choose to attend the meeting and notify his boss he can't make it into work.
Cinnamon: Asks what the process was after he missed the first meeting, or whether the process happened after he missed three meetings.
Ashley: Responds that she reached out to Bryan before the three absences about how the process goes and what the consequences were.
Enrique: Asks whether he is going to prioritize ASI or if he is only saying that because he is being put on the spot, and, if he is then, asks how he plans to demonstrate that commitment.

Bryan: Responds that during the summer his main focus is getting money for school but once the school year starts, he prioritizes being a student and his responsibilities at school. Since he will be leaving his jobs once the school year starts.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha		Seconded by:		Erick Anzu	
Motion to remove a student leader for unexcused absences Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	5	Opposed	7	Abstained	0	Motion: Not Passed

Offered By:	Erick Anzu		Seconded by:		Jazmin Rocha	
Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Maria: Wanted to know if he plans to leave his job once the school year begins. And points out that when they were first elected, they were told that they should not have anything conflicting with their ASI responsibilities.
Ekiria: Asks if this happens again, he is absent, will the discussion be brought up after three absences again or after one absence. Is concerned about statement that was said by Bryan about not completing the assignment he missed since they were already paid as they are important especially when meetings are being missed.
Ashley: Asked if she can make a stipulation.
Barnaby: Responds it would be considered an opinion not a stipulation. Whether they vote for or against they are setting the expectations and rules for their decision.
Ashely: Believes if they decide to vote against it that not more unexcused absences happen.
Dena: Asked Barnaby if the current motion gets voted down would they have to make an amendment and go back to the main motion.
Barnaby: Responds no because if they were to vote down the motion and Bryan remains after another unexcused absence he will be brought up for removal automatically.
Hermione: Asked Bryan if there was reason for lack of communication even when Ashely reached out after the first absence.
Bryan: States that Ashley did reach but thinks he must have skipped over that part were the consequences of having more than 3 unexcused absences was mentioned and one of the meetings was missed because he was working and thought the meeting was at a later time.

V. Discussion Items

VI. Reports

- **A. ASI President**
- **B. ASI Executive Vice President**
- **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. College Reps**
  1. **College of A & L**
  2. **College of B&E**
  3. **College of Education - Vacant**
  4. **College of ECST**
  5. **College of Ethnic Studies**
  6. **College of HHS**
  7. **College of NSS**
- **H. Advisors**
  1. **ASI Executive Director**

2. **AVP/Dean of Students**
3. **U-SU Executive Director**
4. **U-SU Board Chair**

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Erick Anzu		Seconded by:		Natalie Torres	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:31 pm Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles, held on July 27, 2026, on Zoom - https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Maria Delgado - Recording Secretary

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President