



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

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Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026

Location: Career Center - Conference Room

Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 2:00 pm - 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: Ashley Bellorin, ASI President @ 2:04pm

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	Excused Tardy @ 2:39 pm
Alma Maria Alvarez	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:39 pm
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.	Unexcused Tardy
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Erick Anzu	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Kaiya Simone Crawford	College of Education Rep.	Present
Emily Webb	U-SU Board of Directors Chair	Present
Megan Bell	U-SU Executive Director	Excused Tardy
Jennifer Celaya Davis	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	Present
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guest of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Natalie Torres	Seconded by:	Jesus Corona
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 8, 2026			
Consensus reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

E. Certification of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Sophia Gamino			
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, September 24, 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.

Enrique: Wanted them to keep in mind before removing a student leader to reconsider if the rules are fair and consistent. He states that the right process/communication was not followed. Would like the board members to not proceed with the removal of the member because not enough correct evidence was presented.

Aaron (member of the public): Agrees with Enrique and would like members to ensure the proper procedures have been followed. As this person has shown constant support the all the members.

Fatima (member of the public): Agrees and supports Enrique.

Unidentified Speaker (member of the public): States they are there to dismiss the motion to remove the member as that member should be held to the standard that ASI sets. They also want ASI legal counsel to review the procedure and to clarify the attendance rule by the board.

Cinnamon: Talks about Ekiria and her background. Shares that she is the president of the Black Student Union and the Ethnic Studies Representative and the important projects she has been part of.

Accolades- Sophia: Hands one to Maria from Emily.

III. Informational Items

A. Career Services overview and Future First - Michelle Lovasz, Executive Director

Michelle: Welcomes them and wants summarize what the career center has been doing to support student. Mentions the Future first plan which has been in place for 2 years and is presented to all in coming first year/ transfer students. This is made from the employer's expectations in mind this program offers mentorship from when you become a student at CSULA to get internships which do not require experience and to help get what you want. Compared it to a checklist so student know what to do and when to do it they also stocked QR codes to the pamphlets that take students directly to resources. They think it's important for students to know about this because there are a lot of unspoken rules employers expect.

Unidentified Speaker: Shares that students are very busy and ask how they make sure students who are in their 3rd/ 4th year not feel overwhelmed if they have not started the steps and what they would advise them.

Michelle: Replies that it does not matter where they are it will direct and advise them where they are and If they need to go back.

Jazmine: Asks if there is any way students can set up a meeting with the Career Center if they have questions or wanted to know more beyond the pamphlet.

Michelle: Replies that front desk staff can help students understand where they are in the process, answer their questions, and guide them to available resources. States that when a student is ready to reach out for help, they should be attended to right away instead of having to wait for an appointment. But says if they do require a follow up appointment after that one would already be scheduled.

Quinton: Was wondering when they were planning to do the miniseries to promote the career center and the future first plan.

Michelle: Replies that the drama might come out in the spring, but they may release teasers before that. Shares that it was made by some students for the students to know what future first is and create a sense of community.

Unidentified Speaker: Is curious about how they help different students in different levels.

Michelle: Explains that grads and transfer students usually enter at Step 3, where they need to start applying for internships one year in advance. Since they are close to graduating the timeline remains the same. Their documents and career decisions are still based on their education and personal experiences, since education

helps them make the next career move. Career decision-making starts with the individual, so the same practices apply to both graduate and undergraduate students. These are the basic models.

Erick: Asked if they profit each student differently based on their major or career path.

Michelle: Replies that it is important for students to understand what employers are looking for and what they require. The first steps focus on using resources for guidance and attending engagement activities and the final steps involve attending career fairs to meet employers and learn what they expect from student. States that this process should apply to every major.

Cinnamon: Asks how they can close the gap to help students connect more with employers after career fairs, especially when students are busy or feel nervous about reaching out.

Michelle: She explains that they hold prep sessions before career fairs to help students understand what to bring and how to prepare. They also held an event afterward where students could apply for jobs or take the next steps. Some students wanted to wait until after graduation, but she let them know that they would no longer have access to the same resources or internship opportunities. States that is why she thinks it is important for student to be aware of this so they can start the process earlier.

Cinnamon: Asked when they have the next Career fair and would like to have a chat about how they can further help students.

Michelle: Responds that they have it in spring. Shares that the reason they have fair in fall and spring is to ensure student have enough time to get offers and submit applications.

Quinton: Asked if there was any way to send student inspirational quotes so they don't feel discouraged.

Michelle: Agrees and thinks this is a good idea because it creates community and thinks it is important to set a positive vibe. Says they can do this by informing students that they already have some career ready from their cultural backgrounds which will encourage them to start the steps.

Jesus: Suggests they can create programs/ events leading up to the career fair that can help student prepare for it.

Michelle: Agrees and states that she is happy to help and partner.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Natalie Torres			
Motion for a 3-Minute Break Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Ashley: States that she asked about help for graduate and law school applications and Michelle responded that the graduate resource center and the library are where they can get help.

IV. Action Items

A. Appointment of Graduate Academic Senator

Jazmine: Shares that she interviewed with Jenny for the role of Graduate Academic Senator and mention that she was the VP for external affairs in 2023. States that she would be great for the role given her experience with ASI and passion.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin			
Motion to appoint Jenny Lucas as the Graduate Academic Senator Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Appointments to ASI Standing Committees

1. Kaiya - Executive Cabinet and Facilities

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Hermione Farrah Hsu			
Motion to appoint Kaiya to Executive Cabinet and Facilities Committees Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

2. Alondra (Student At-Large) - Community Engagement & Outreach

Jesus: Shares that he interviewed Alondra and mentions that she has participated in events and clubs, demonstrated school spirit, and shown that she is committed and ready to join. Says that she already has set goals for her position like strengthening student engagement.

Emily: Says that she has personally seen Alondra in multiple CEO committees and has great participation, so she supports her for this role.

Offered By:	Maria Garcia	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to appoint Alondra to Community Engagement & Outreach as a Student At - Large Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

C. ASI Fee Referendum - Confirming fee adjustment amount and proposed timeline

Offered By:	Natalie Torres	Seconded by:	Jazmine Rocha			
Motion to Open Up the ASI Fee Referendum - Confirming Fee Adjustment Amount and Proposed Timeline Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Barnaby: States that they have been shown presentations about the fee proposal and now they need to know if the Board is going to move forward. Shares that he emailed them more charts regarding the proposal. Wants to know if they all support or confirm the proposal that was approved by last year's board. And asks when they plan on having the referendum. He explains that the original timeline was to have it in November but that they have been working with the Fee Advisory Committee and university leadership to get approval to move forward.

Ashley: Asked if once they get the revenue from the fees will they resurvey the students since the student will be different.

Barnaby: Replies that they could re-survey the students and let them know the year the fee gets implemented it would be collected the following year.

Cinnamon: Asks how they can make sure that the staff will pull this forward to the next board.

Barnaby: Replies that they will absolutely make sure that happens, but ultimately, it is the decision of the board at the time.

Cinnamon: Asks about the denial of the 2019, states that in 2019 the ASI president denied this referendum due to concerns of misuse of funds. And asks if they can speak on it because they were not made aware.

Dena: Says that at the time there was inconsistency in the proposal and when the conversation came up again it was at the time of the potential tuition increase so being mindful of that they decided not to go through with it. The group of students at the time had different wants and needs than the group right now.

Cinnamon: States that the article that was published at the time says that the denial was due to the concern of improper budgeting and says it sounds similar to some concerns now.

Dena: Replies that the audits/inventory are available for everyone to view. Shares that graphics had not had an update, so they were the priorities when it came to desktops.

Ekiria: States that her concern with the proposal is that she feels that they do not have enough information to vote. Believes that more transparency about their budget could help the student government get their point across. She wants to set percentages of the budget for specific departments to ensure those funds are secured and the next board knows what they felt was most important. Shares that they should have further discussion about the amount of the increase since other auxiliaries are thinking of raising their fees. She has heard concerns about how ASI funds are spent and believes they need to establish clear language justifying how their funds are spent to gain student support.

Dena: Valid points from the student perspective share that if any of them would like to do a deep dive on the budget she uses willing to do it for them and states that they recently had an unmodified audit. Let them know that out of every dollar they receive .78 cents goes towards the mission .22 cent goes to the overhead of the organization. She says that \$54 in the present is about \$150 based on the HEPI and they are trying their best to do more with less. States that the budget was presented at the beginning of the year and approved. The top priority

in the budget is the student support section, as it provides funding for programming and events. States that in order to properly support students, they need to have the resources necessary to meet their needs.

Maria: Asked if the \$150 comes with a percentage increase and how much it is.

Barnaby: Replies that it changes every year but on average it is 3%.

Maria: Ask so the year the increase is implemented the following year will also increase.

Barnaby: Responds that yes as it will prevent them from having this conversation every 5 years and mentions if they had done this a long time ago the fee would have increased gradually.

Ashley: Let's them know it will only increase if there is a need for that year.

Dena: Adds that if they meet the deadline for the referendum this year, the fees would be implemented next year but would not be used until the following year.

Maria: Asked if what she is saying that even though they are going to charge that amount that year the student won't see improvement until the following year.

Dena: Says they are building their legacy is that they passed a referendum

Cinnamon: Responds that their legacy is to represent students properly.

Maria: Asks how they are going to make sure that the next board keeps the promises these year's board is making.

Ashley: Shares that is why she thinks it is important to survey the students to see what the needs and wants are that year.

Maria: Mentions that the tuition will also increase starting next year

Moved to Informational Items: A. Career Services overview and Future First - Michelle Lovasz, Executive Director at 2:30 pm and then came back to Action Item C.

Main Motion #1:

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Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha		Seconded by:		Sophia Gamino	
Motion to approve ASI Fee Referendum - Confirming Fee Adjustment Amount and Proposed Timeline There was discussion before a vote was taken and ultimately the motion failed to create another motion						
All in Favor	0	Opposed	All	Abstained	0	Motion: Failed

Discussion:

Cinnamon: Asked If there was a way to separate the action item so they can vote on the timeline and fee increase separately.

Barnaby: Replies that they are able to do that, but they would need to deny the motion on the table first. They could also amend the motion to choose a specific timeline.

Ashley: Asked when the student leader election is.

Barnaby: Replies late March to the begging of April.

Emily: Adds that it happens the second week of April.

Ashley: Shares their 3 options for the timeline would be the beginning of March 3rd week of March or Fall 2027. Also shares that the original timeline was for Fall 2026 but was pushed back because they did not get approval from the president or SBAC on time.

Maria: Wants them to keep in mind that they are going to charge the students the \$150 plus the 3% increase the following year but students will end you paying more in their tuition because other departments are raising their fees.

Dena: Responds that they are bringing the fee up from 50 to 150 and the Index will only be charged if the president approves it.

Natalie: Wants to let the public and board know that the proposed fee is the cheapest in the CSU. Mentions some CSU who have higher fees then them continue to do referendums and CSULA has not raised their fees in 30 years.

Sophia: Asked Gus in his professional opinion which timeline he suggests.

Gus: Replies that it will depends on the board because they need help from the whole board and believes the first timeline is not doable since they have not received approval.

Main Motion #2:

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu
Motion to approve the ASI Fee Referendum - Confirming Fee Adjustment Amount and Proposed Timeline of Fall 2027 There was discussion before a vote was taken:			

Discussion:

Cinnamon: Asks if they can separate the action item since she believes some members might want a separate fee. Jazmine: States they can separate since it's the agenda already and they approved it but if they approve the action item, they can later change the fee amount.

Barnaby: Replies that they can't necessarily keep approving it because as they keep changing it the timeline moves down. And says that they can amend the action item.

Dena: Reminds them that the decision is ultimately up to them and encourages them to think about what they are discussing when asking how the next board will carry out their goals.

Unidentified speaker: Shares that her understanding is that the president is proposing a fee increase and plans to hold the referendum next semester, and someone is asking if they can separate them into different topics and Barnaby is suggesting they can amend the action item.

Amendment to Main Motion #2:

Offered By:	Cinnamon Leggett	Seconded by:	Maria Garcia Marroquin			
Motion to amend the main motion to separate the proposed fee adjustment amount and referendum timeline into two distinct issues for consideration.						
All in Favor	3	Opposed	10	Abstained	0	Motion: Failed

The amendment failed, and the Board returned to consideration of the original main motion.

Main Motion #2 - Final Vote

Following the failed amendment, the Board proceeded with a vote on the original main motion to approve the ASI Fee Referendum - Confirming Fee Adjustment Amount and Proposed Timeline of Fall 2027. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. 2026-27 ASI Annual Budget Revision - Recommendation from Finance Committee

Ashley: Shares the finance committee did some revision for the 26-27 Budget and is being brought up to them for approval or suggestions.

Barnaby: Let's them know this is the budget breakdown they were asking for.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to approve the 2026-27 ASI Annual Budget Revision - Recommendation from Finance Committee Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Ekiria: Believes that they need a more detailed breakdown of the budget.

Dena: Lets them know if they would like more details they can sit and discuss it with her.

E. Officer Removal Due to Absences

Ashley: Acknowledges that this is a sensitive topic and explains the steps of the process. Sophia will first explain the letter and what is happening, then the member will have an opportunity to explain their absences and then the committee can ask questions.

Sophia: Explains the letter sent to Ekiria which explains the rules when it comes to absences and her 3 absences, which were 2 committee meetings and 1 full day of retreat. Mention, once Ekiria gets a chance to explain her absences they will then decide to keep or remove her.

Ekiria: Thanks, the people who showed up to support her and feel like if not all her questions were answered adequately when she reached out to Barnaby and Sophia. Mentions she got a lawyer's opinion, and they are certain things have to be considered before this happens. Is asking ASI to dismiss or table the action item until ASI attendance rules are clarified. Shares that she had a conversation with Sophia and Barnaby they said that they have to apply the same rules they did to Bryan and that they don't follow the rules word for word. Says the wording

about which semester the absences accounted for need to be changed or clarified. Shares that the bylaws say that they get 3 excused and 3 unexcused absences before removal. Believes, they need to have a conversation about changing the bylaws before they consider a removal of a member. Explains that members are supposed to receive a warning after two unexcused and two excused absences, but she never received one. She states that the first day of the retreat was counted as an unexcused absence, even though she communicated that she was moving into housing that day and did not have a car. She was told that her absence for the morning portion would be excused so she doesn't understand how the whole day counts as unexcused. She also acknowledges that she made a mistake in the message she sent to Ashley about arriving in an hour as she miscalculated how long it would take to get to Big Bear.

Offered By:	Kaiya Simone Crawford	Seconded by:	Jazmine Rocha			
Motion to extend the meeting until 4:30 pm Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Ekiria: States that the definitions of excused and unexcused absences need to be clarified and shares information about how other CSUs word their policies. Adds that other members have had absences and the same standard was not applied to her. Explains that she was originally supposed to be in Congo conducting research for her thesis and had a follow-up trip through a fellowship when the date for the retreat was set but chose not to go so she could attend the retreat. Raise concerns about being described as intimidating and stand-offish. She also feels that the action item is too vague and feels rushed. States that the bylaws need to be applied equally to everyone.

Jazmine: States that she would feel like a hypocrite if they voted to remove Ekiria given the discrepancies discussed. She also asks whether Ekiria would be brought up for removal again if she received another unexcused absence.

Ashley: Would like to have the Bylaws changed and clarified first before they make any decision but does not remove the two unexcused absences.

Jazmine: Also agrees that they should revise the Bylaws before making a decision.

Cinnamon: Agrees that they should go over the Bylaws to make sure they are matching what they are doing. Also requests that the executive staff get a retraining in how to handle the student leaders and these situations as she does not find it okay that staff who have been here for a long time never pointed out these discrepancies.

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha	Seconded by:	Cinnamon Leggett			
Motion to Remove Action Item E. From the Agenda, Revise the Bylaws and Student Leader Handbook, and a discussion about personal issues being discussed. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Jazmine: Asked for clarification if someone is unexcused again after being brought up for removal.

Ashley: Replies that the easy fix for now is try not to have an unexcused absence. Asks for the members to communicate when they cannot make it to a meeting.

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
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:	Sophia Gamino			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:25 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 October 8, 2026, at Career Center - Conference Room and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Prepared by:

Maria Delgado - Recording Secretary

Sophia Gamino - Executive Vice President