Cabinet of College Representatives Meeting **Minutes**

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Date: September 29 2026
Location: Alhambra Room – USU Room 305
Type of Meeting: General

Time: 2:00pm-3:00 pm
Attendees: Committee Members, General Public

I. Organizational Items:

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.

A. Call to order by: Sophia Gamino, Executive Vice President @ [time not stated in transcript]

B. Roll Call

Sophia Gamino	Executive Vice President	Present
Cinnamon Leggett	College of Arts & Letters Representative	Excused absence
Alma Alvarez	College of Business & Economics Representative	Present
Hermione Hsu	College of Health & Human Services Representative	Present
Erick Anzu	College of ECS&T Representative	Unexcused Tardy @2:03pm
Kaiya Crawford	College of Education Representative	Present
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Representative	Present
Maria Garcia	College of Natural and Social Sciences Representative	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present

C. Approval of Agenda

Offered By:	Alma Alvarez		Seconded by:		Kaiya Crawford	
Motion to approve the agenda for September 29, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Certification of Minutes

Offered By:	Hermione Hsu		Seconded by:		Alma Alvarez	
Motion to approve the minutes for September 1,2026 Censuses reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment:

III. Information Items

A. Spring Program Proposals:

Sophia: reviewed the October 9 proposal deadline, proposal review and optional meetings with River through October 16, spring calendar discussions on October 21 and 28, and CEO committee calendar approval and budget presentation on November 4. Members were directed to download the Excel proposal template, estimate attendance and costs, and submit through Canvas or email River. Incomplete drafts may be reviewed with River. Cross-college collaborations were encouraged; presentation materials, the spring 2026 calendar, and a sample proposal are available as references.

Barnaby: recommended consulting deans and associate deans about existing spring events that could benefit from modest ASI support. Funding depends on overall proposals and available budget; requests around $1,000–$2,000 have been feasible historically, while $10,000 was described as likely excessive.

B. One-to-One Meetings:

Sophia: offered individual check-ins to discuss proposals, goals, responsibilities, or challenges. Meetings count toward engagement hours; members should watch for her email.

IV. Reports

A. Members

Erick: Shared that his contact with Ian Dickinson remains ongoing and that Dickinson is open to speaking with other college representatives about potential partnerships and professional connections.

Erick: Described an opportunity through the Regeneration Field Institute (RFI) involving environmental restoration, disaster recovery, bamboo construction and community projects in Ecuador. Estimated participation costs at $1,800–$1,900, including an approximately $800 initial deposit. Said program duration and specific logistics still need confirmation.

Erick: Explained that RFI may offer a funded campus leadership position, fundraising guidance, networking and recommendations. Offered to share the organization's website and pamphlets with representatives.

Barnaby: Clarified that ASI and the university may be able to support organized donation solicitation, subject to university procedures, particularly for groups of interested students.

Ekiria: Reported an October 7 meeting with college deans, outreach to Dr. Lieberman regarding a workplace-relationships workshop, and interest in making the workshop accessible across colleges.

Ekiria: Discussed an upcoming Pan African Studies research forum and efforts to increase visibility of Ethnic Studies through panels or career-pathway graphics.

Ekiria: Shared ongoing conversations with the university library about creating a Black or African archival collection, including possible oral histories.

Ekiria: Discussed inviting a public representative, preferably Maxine Waters, for a speaker event and contacting Omar in external affairs for assistance.

Sophie: Mentioned the October 10 Archives Bazaar and encouraged collaboration and early coordination with River.

Kaiya: Discussed College of Education mission and vision sessions focused on belonging, mentorship, community responsiveness and student support.

Kaiya: Raised concerns about prolonged King Hall elevator outages, congestion and students arriving late to class. Reported contacting Risk Management and seeking clearer repair timelines and accessibility information.

Kaiya: Reported working with Project Rebound regarding inadequate and unwelcoming basement facilities. Proposed interim signage, lighting and visual improvements while advocating for a more suitable space.

Ekiria: Expressed support for improving Project Rebound facilities and recalled previous administrative discussions about alternative space.

Barnaby: Recommended speaking with the Project Rebound director and interim Dean of Students Jennifer Celaya Davis to understand prior plans and identify possible alternatives.

Hermione: Reported unreliable elevators in Salazar Hall and Simpson Tower, including a concern about elevator doors continuing to close while obstructed. Suggested documenting elevator problems across campus.

Kaiya: Supported a coordinated assessment of accessibility issues and clearer communication with students about maintenance.

Erick: Described elevator constraints in the engineering building and Fine Arts and offered to help coordinate with facilities contacts.

Barnaby: Recommended bringing elevator concerns to the Facilities Committee and gathering student experiences through a QR-code survey to support advocacy. Noted that major repairs may be costly.

Alma: Reported meeting with college leaders to identify student concerns and improve awareness of workshops, career resources and networking opportunities.

Alma: Discussed helping organize a College of Business and Economics fall event to promote community among students, faculty, staff and organizations, along with additional events and graduate-program outreach.

Maria: Reported meeting with department chairs and associate deans, with plans to meet the dean about student concerns.

Maria: Discussed preparing a student feedback survey, coordinating departmental distribution, and sharing promotional materials for a health-related seminar and a "Road to My PhD" workshop series.

Kaiya: Suggested representatives collaborate to document campus-wide elevator and accessibility problems and seek transparent maintenance plans.
Hermione: Proposed visiting affected buildings and mapping problematic elevators.
Erick: Offered to assist with facilities contacts and noted possible connections to the campus facilities master plan.
Barnaby: Suggested surveying students about missed classes and accessibility barriers, then presenting results to administration and the Facilities Committee.

Kaiya: Emphasized the need for a more welcoming, accessible Project Rebound space and clear administrative commitments.

Barnaby: Suggested exploring unused campus space and possible interim improvements, including wall graphics, while first confirming the history of discussions with program leadership.

Hermione: met with MPHSA (masters of public health student association) president and reported that grad students at down town La campus aren't allowed the resources and ask how we could help the down town LA campus

Hermione: meeting with director of master program to get the survey to the students

B. Advisors

Barnaby: Discussed possible university-coordinated fundraising for student opportunities and recommended using student surveys and the Facilities Committee to advance campus accessibility concerns.

V. Action Items

VI. Discussion Items

A. Library Advisory Committee: Sophie stated that she would email members additional information. Discussion was tabled.

B. Spring collaborations: Erick proposed working with other colleges on a Women in STEM panel, a panel addressing ethnic-background experiences, and a spring conference-preparation event.

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Ekeria Magala		Seconded by:		Kaiya Crawford	
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 pm; consensus reached; no objections.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official minutes of the ASI Cabinet of College Representatives meeting held on September 29, 2026; certification pending.

Prepared by:

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Erick Ánzu –College of ECST Rep (Vice-Chair)

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President