Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Meeting **Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Location: Alhambra Room – USU Room 305
Type of Meeting: General

Time: 10:00 am – 11:15 am
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: Natalie Torres, Vice President for External Affairs @ 10:07 am

B. Roll Call

Natalie Torres	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Emily Webb	Public Service Commissioner	Present
Andrew Chang	Diversity & Inclusion Commissioner	Excused tardy (10:42 am)
Ashley Bellorin	ASI President	Present
Jazmine Rocha	Vice President for University Affairs	Excused absence
Maria Garcia	College of Natural and Social Sciences Representative	Present
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Representative	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused absence
Guests of the Gallery		

C. Approval of Agenda

Offered By:	Emily		Seconded by:		Ekiria	
Motion to approve the agenda for September 30, 2026 Consensus reached: Yes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Certification of Minutes

Offered By:	Emily		Seconded by:		Ashley	
Motion to certify the minutes for September 16, 2026 Consensus reached: Yes						
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 committee. 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 through the QR code on the door 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

III. Information Items

A. CSSA Plenary 09/2026

Natalie: Ashley and Natalie attended CSSA plenary last week as mentioned in last Leg Affair committee meeting. Will be attending next plenary at Chico State.
Emily: Asks for a summary for the committees
Natalie: Audit committee reviewed and approved the audit report for FY 2025-26. Systemwide affairs discussed campus safety, student conduct, DEI, and education policy. Legislative affairs discussed campus collaboration effort for the civic challenge, federal one pager to promote student needs, started discussion for CHESS, general midterm elections for ballot bowl and connecting with local communities.
Ashley: BOD meeting didn't have a heavy agenda; main item was the policy agenda and to let her know if you have any comments to bring up about this. Finance committee presented for BOD for any suggestions about the CSSA budget. Last item was about affordability for campuses to travel for plenary meetings so more people can attend

B. NVRD Voter Fest Result

Natalie: NVRD voter fest was successful, and she is checking to see our statistics for ballot bowl
Emily: Adding that there were multiple news station and Natalie and her were both interviewed
Natalie: Explains what NVRD is and encourages to keep registering as it has not closed yet
Ashley: Encourages to check Cal Kids for potential funds

C. Ballots & Burritos Event

Natalie: Ballots and burritos, collaboration with PBI, had around 100 students and Cal Matters came to present
Emily: Agrees that the event went well and herself along with other students were interested for the entirety of the event

IV. Discussion Items

A. ASI-LAAC Survey

Natalie: Has started a draft for a survey ASI-LAAC survey which could be a general leg affairs survey
Emily: Asks if this is for the whole student body and if its specifically for Leg affairs committee
Natalie: Promoting at town hall potentially and we need to start the campaign for the at large seats but wanted to do the survey first so we can focus on what students want to see changed. Tried to keep it broad
Barnaby: Add another option for the questions
Ekiria: Asks about Title IX awareness since it is "bare bones" and the school talks about it and does training but very rarely action is taken in due time or before student graduation and be considerate on how to phrase a question about title IX
Barnaby: There are vacancies and there has been a change in leadership
Ekiria: Title IX was brought up at a board meeting for the CSU system in general
Barnaby: There was an external review for the CSU, and it didn't go well so there was funding set for title IX from the CSU and there was supposed to multiple new positions filled but it never happened. It would be a good to shed some light on that issue and can go the president, cabinet members, or legal aid for further investigation, which should be happening on a regular basis
Emily: Had a close friend and nothing came of it the only action taken was an interview and any action taken otherwise was from the people involved
Ekiria: She wanted to file with them, but a friend filed so she decided to wait and because no action was taken for her friend she decided not to file
Natalie: Decided to add this onto the survey since there's not enough awareness about the office. Reminder that the survey is supposed to be broad and it's not fully ready, which is why she's bringing it to the committee and asking for ideas
Ekiria: asks if the survey's are anonymous
Natalie: it depends on what the committee decides, suggests that we should ask for demographic information and not personal information
Ekiria: suggests asking a question about student conduct in general
Barnaby: if a complaint from a student isn't being heard that is an issue
Ekiria: in housing the staff handles the complaints and in result complaints are fully addressed or dealt with properly
Natalie: the committee can shorten it or lengthen it
Ekiria: Asks how we should edit it
Natalie: Can add comments or write directly on it and asks for final questions
Barnaby: Great starting point and suggests anon for personal but include demographic information but only if it's relevant to the purpose and goal of the survey
Ekiria: Asks if there's any questions about what ASI does and who we are

Natalie: Was planning on adding that already but is trying to focus on the content
Emily: Campus food pantry and snap benefits should be a priority on the survey (as brought up by Ashley and Ekiria last meeting) and doesn't foresee any crazy difficulty instating snap and other food assistance programs
Ekiria; explains there are people on campus who can help fill out forms for CalFresh
Natalie: Will be sending the survey to the committee for revisions

B. Student Service Review

Emily: SNAP benefits are underfunded by the government and important to let students know ASI is here for them. Mentions Eddie eats program, but it can affect financial aid
Ekiria: The school is no longer offering Eddie Eats on a month-to-month basis and semester Eddie Eats is limited and they are no longer accepting applications at this time
Ashley: Jazmine and Jennifer are working on this issue
Barnaby: Shows concern they have already run out of funding
Natalie: Opens the floor for any other discussion for any basic needs concerns or any resources for students
Ashley: Asks for us to promote Career's Center Future Mentorship program
Natalie: Was a part of that program and it was great
Ekiria: Mentions the career center closet, it is free and cute clothing, they have suits, business, casual, etc.
Barnaby: social media campaign featuring different services on campus and thinks it would be a good idea to do a video for the career center closet
Andrew: Also mentions Eddie Eats (Did not hear the rest of the conversation because of tardy)

C. LA Facilities Master Plan

Natalie: Facilities masterplan
Emily: explains at the last BOD the facilities masterplan committee came to present, and I made it a point to prioritize king hall since the elevators are out of order constantly and it's an out-of-date building. They had discussed taking down the old bio building and placing those students into Salazar Hall since it's underused. They also said the parking structures are underused, and I mentioned students say parking is difficult to find, even though students have mentioned otherwise
Barnaby: there are a lot of spaces, just not in the places students park due to efficiency and closeness to campus. Explain asbestos are in building before 1950's and a not dangerous unless disturbed. Agrees maintenance should be addressed for King Hall, however.
Emily: Continues discussing the facilities masterplan and why I was presented to ASI
Ekiria: inaudible
Barnaby: suggests looking up the reports about where asbestos is on campus

D. Social Media Campaign

Natalie: Working with Gus to promote a social media campaign for voter registration, as well as a vote plan, and mentions ballot bowl. It will be a non-partisan campaign. Suggests making students aware about the mid-term elections
Barnaby: Start with why. Tell students about what may affect them directly like taxes and help them learn about it and naming the propositions and reps
Andrew: recommends speaking with Jazmine about events PSA might have to promote for ballot measures
Natalie: Has already been speaking with Jazmine and Jesus
Ekiria: Erick and Josh may be good for funny content to bring students in
Natalie: Responds with the more student leaders the better
Andrew: Since josh is on the marketing team, he would be good to include

E. Civic Calendar Review

Natalie: Encourages registration
Ekiria: Suggests adding the secretary of state link in our link tree on Instagram

V. Action Items

A. LAAC Priority List

Natalie: Wants to approve our advocacy agenda for the year
Ekiria: Suggests adding how to call your legislator and other low effort ways to be engaged and get involved
Ashley: Asks if we can support specific bills, mostly ones that deal with higher education
Barnaby: Run it through the ASI attorney and bills have more leeway, especially ones that deal with higher education since they are less political
Emily: Suggests posting on personal social media

Barnaby: Agreed with Ekiria about providing a toolkit for advocating local and statewide and we can put it directly on the ASI website
Ekiria: We can organize a "power hour" where we tell the student body and ASI for higher education bill
Natalie: Would we be able to take a vote on providing a toolkit
Barnaby: Since it's a new idea suggests tabling it for now as we work on it

Offered By:	Ekiria		Seconded by:		Ashley	
Motion to table action item a – LAAC Priority List Consensus reached: Yes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Schedule Revision

Natalie: The reason Jazmine has not been present is due to a new internship and if we would be open to either moving our meeting time to 4 pm or accommodate Jazmine's schedule
Andrew: Accommodating is great idea since internships are important
Natalie: Asks for ideas on this issue
Andrew: Would not be able to attend 4pm or later meeting
Ekiria: Would not be able to attend 4pm or later meeting
Maria: In support of changing the meeting time and suggests ideas
Barnaby: Priority registration for ASI is to avoid having to move meeting times, but we can move the meeting time it just might be difficult and maybe we can do a poll.

Offered By:	Emily		Seconded by:		Ashley	
Motion to table action item b – Schedule Revision Consensus reached: Yes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

VI. Reports

A. Members
B. Advisors

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Ekiria		Seconded by:		Andrew	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @11:15 am Consensus reached: Yes						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on September 30, 2026, at Alhambra Room – USU Room 305 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Emily Webb – Vice Chair

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President