Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

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Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Location: Housing South Village: Multi-Purpose Room
For Public Viewing: https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041
Attendees: Board Members, General Public
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 @ 2:11 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	Unexcused Tardy
Bryan Alvarado Chavez	Vice President for Finance	Excused Tardy @ 2:20 pm
Alma Maria Alvarez	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:20 pm
Cinnamon Leggett	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:47 pm
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.	Excused Absence
Kaiya Crawford	College of Education Rep.	Present
Emily Webb	U-SU Board of Directors Chair	Present
Megan Bell	U-SU Executive Director	Present
Jennifer Celaya Davis	AVP for Student Affairs & Engagement	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Excused Absence
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Tardy
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guest of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Sophia Gamino		Seconded by:		Kaiya Crawford	
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, October 22, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Certification of the Minutes

Offered By:	Kaiya Crawford		Seconded by:		Sophia Gamino	
Motion to certify the minutes for Thursday, October 8, 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.

Sophia: Gave out 2 accolades
Kaiya: One of her classmates brought up that ASI's posters are not accessible. They are blind, and there was no alternative text provided for some of our posters. Bringing it to the board to see how we can brainstorm together to ensure everyone can feel involved and connected with ASI events.
Emily: Mentioned she was informed at the last U-SU board meeting when they were trying to instate the land acknowledgement into their board meetings that the land acknowledgement is not up to date and there has been discourse on whether it is appropriate to use because it leaves out a lot of tribes that are actually located within these lands. The Tongva people and the other tribes are currently writing a new one for the university.

III. Informational Items

A. Updates from the University Library – Dean Carlos Rodriguez

Dean Carlos Rodriguez: Shared one of his goals was creating spaces that aligned with the university and ensuring all students feel welcomed because the library is their space. It was important to him to have a formal space between the library, staff, and students so there are multiple opportunities throughout to seek input, bounce ideas to help shape the future of the library. This past year a formal committee structure was drafted to include all 7 college representatives to serve as an advisory group; currently it is fairly large committee with 15 members identified (ASI college representatives, ASI vice president, dean of the faculty representing the library, staff representing the library, and student at-large). He would like for the committee to start this semester. According to the committee description, the committee should be meeting twice a semester.

Continued, excited for this formal committee to continue our partnership together. Shared a previous partnership between ASI and the Library was the SCORE program – textbook affordability (zero-cost).

Emily: Asked a question – What was once project that was done this past year that boosted the morale of the library?
Dean Carlos Rodriguez: Answered – one of the things they got asked about from students was spaces that students can reserve and use for meetings, campus student projects, class projects, etc. They have been looking at all of their existing group study rooms and there are about 70 of them in the library. They are trying to create more but also update the current ones – repurposing newer furniture, replacing all the whiteboards and making them mobile so students can move them. He is tracking the usage of the rooms, and the group study rooms and the individual study rooms are the most heavily used spaces in the library. Also trying to create more quiet individual spaces – soundproof, small individual pods throughout the library.

Continued, also heard from students about the need for large spaces to fit about 15-20 people because they have a lot of one-person, two-person, 6-8 people spaces. Additionally, in the reading lounge they added a popular reading collection, a graphic novel collection, self-help books, popular magazines, career readiness books – how to write resumes, how to apply to grad school, financial literacy books.

Ashley: Asked a question – What is the construction going on in the library?
Dean Carlos Rodriguez: Answered – the construction is currently happening on the 3rd floor, which is closed, over the years there has been issued with the roof and that is where a lot of our collections are so with concerns about

leaks, they got the university to prioritize the rood replacement and replacing all the ceiling titles on the 3rd floor. The challenge of the 3rd floor being closed is that is where 60% of the group study rooms so it has been a challenge. Also, with the roof being replaced, they are looking at reopening a roof terrace reading lounge. They are looking to create outdoor spaces, and these are the things he wants ASI's input on and advocate of them with the university so they can become a priority.

Sophia: Mentioned at our town hall, some students shared specific concerns and services offered by the library that we will share.

B. Spring Class Schedule Planning

Ashley: Mentioned Barnaby sent an email because as ASI student leaders they receive priority registration and shared some tips on how to add a break in your schedule so only classes outside those breaks will show up and makes it easier to create your schedule.

C. 2026-27 ASI Norms Poster

Ashley: Mentioned we have the norms poster for everyone to sign after the meeting. These are the norms we established at retreat.

IV. Action Items

A. Appointment of Hermione to Academic Appeals Board

There was no discussion or questions on the appointment

Offered By:	Jazmine Rocha		Seconded by:		Bryan Alvarado-Chavez	
Motion to appoint Hermione to the Academic Appeals Board Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Approval of the 2026-27 Goals for ASI

Jazmine: Briefly read the 5 goals:

1. Join the University's efforts to develop students' career competencies through supporting internships, research, and other practical experience for all students and join in campus-wide conversations about career readiness.
    a. Student participation in the Better Teaching College Alliance this year
    b. Providing feedback on CETL's teaching methods proposals to faculty
    c. Supporting the Career Center's Future First pathway to help students prepare for their careers
2. Focus efforts to strengthen the sense of community on campus with intentional programs, fostering collaborative partnerships, supporting RSO's, and launch ASI's Substack "The Sauce" to inform and gather feedback from the student body.
3. Serve as the voice of the student body on university initiatives such as the strategic plan, facilities master plan, and important student-facing services and resources.
4. Solidify ASI's financial standing and decide on an appropriate student body fee to support the programs and services students need and deserve from their student government.
5. Create opportunities for ASI to engage with the student body regularly throughout the year through surveys, Town Halls, Pizza with the Presidents, hosting guests at ASI Board and committee meetings, and events to better understand the needs of students and how ASI can help students accomplish their academic and life goals.
    a. Filling the at-large student positions on ASI committees and university committees

Offered By:	Bryan Alvarado-Chavez		Seconded by:		Natalie Torres	
Motion to appoint the 2026-2027 Goals for ASI Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

VI. Reports

The members gave their reports and discussion in no particular order

Ashley: Shared this past weekend she attend the CSSA plenary with Natalie, and she sits on the BOD for CSSA. They approved the 2026-28 policy agenda, it can be modified throughout that time, but it is what CSSA will follow for the next two years. Also, mentioned the CSU had funding for housing projects, and it was passed for CSU SLO and wished we had more funding for our housing.

Continued, Bill SB 985 passed which is a research fund act for $750 million; this means more research opportunities for students. AB 713, which is prohibited students from getting qualified for not having work authorization – it did not pass. AB 1669 for mental health leave for student did pass. AB 2422, which is not to fine students for not having their financial aid yet did pass which is good because I know there was a lot of discourse where students weren't able to enroll in classes because of their financial aid. There was conversation about ICE rapids and encouraged us to speak with our university and to see how they plan to keep students safe without interfering federally. At the town hall, she encouraged Lydia to give a public comment at CSSA for more support to graduate students and she did and CSSA was very receptive towards it.

Ekiria: Asked a question – do we know what the approval process looks like? Is it that they had a strategic plan, or it moved faster than ours?
Ashley: She will ask the VP for Systemwide Affairs to see how that came about. Continued with her report, she attended the SFAC meeting and there wasn't much movement so she asked VP Lindow because we had an original timeline where the documents get reviewed and get a response from President Eanes by a certain time but that has not happened. He mentioned he will speak with President Eanes and let us know at our next meeting on November 12. Additionally, she has invited Director of Parking Carmen to present on November 19th alongside commuter services to give a presentation.
Jazmine: Asked – at the last SFAC meeting the U-SU and ASI referendum were action items so was it just more discussion?
Ashley: Shared it was just more discission and surrounding if the U-SU will be doing a referendum or alternative consultation.
Jazmine: Going back to CSSA about having more scholarships for graduate students, I know that is a process and a lot of the bill agendas are for getting more funding for the CSU system. Since CSSA co-authors bills, would that be a way to support instead of waiting for a legislator to author it? Do you think that would be a way for CSSA to start?
Ashley: Shared that could be a way. The current conversation surrounding it is if CSSA could make a grant themselves to support graduate students.
Kaiya: Asked if public safety has a plan how they will protect students during those times and what that would like it? There is a lot of fear from our students.
Ashley: Shared she will invite them to one of our board meetings to ask them what their plan is.
Emily: Shared the reason the U-SU is doing alternative consultation because they run a building, so they have to keep up with utilities and bond payments. With alternative consultation, President Eanes will need to approve the fee and then it goes to the Chancellor. If the Chancellors approved, it will be binding. Also, worried if they have to do a referendum and if it is on the same ballot as the ASI referendum, both of them are less likely to pass since it's two fees. SFAC is in agreements of the U-SU doing alternative consultation.
Jazmine: Asked what is an appropriate length of time to go directly to the Chancellor instead of waiting months for a response from the president?
Megan: Answered that the fee policy says that the campus president has the authority, so she is the only one that can waive the referendum requirement and allow us to do alternative consultation. They are currently waiting for the president to give her opinion.
Emily: Shared a couple of updates about the U-SU – the Harvest Festival is next Thursday, and the Student Leadership Conference is on November 6th from 9 am – 1 pm. At the conference I will be doing a session, so is the U-SU Vice Chair Rain, Amanda and Dena are doing a session together, and River is doing a session with Heidy from CSI.
Natalie: Shared some updates from CSSA – one was for resolution on equitable wages and voter education engagement.

Megan: Responding about the ICE rapids – suggested writing the chief about the immigration response from the campus. The designated campus officials are Victor Rojas from the President's Office and the Dean of the Students office and suggested inviting them as well.
Ekiria: Shared the conversation should encompass general strategies for how to keep yourself safe. What spaces are not necessarily protected and which ones are. Students might not know what is what and what the difference is.
Jennifer: Shared to ask Victor because the campus is obligated to work with the structure of the federal government and if someone would present a valid warrant related to people on our campus. We are not at liberty to interfere. We should ask about resources are available for us to utilize now and talking with Rosa from the VRC about the resources and additional assistances available. There is often workshops set up to help students better understand their rights. Those conversations are good to have with the appropriate individuals on campus, so we are knowledgeable on what the latest guidance is and in alignment with the CSU.
Dena: Reported that the attendance task force met on Tuesday. The purpose of the task force is to review the bylaws and student leader handbook and ensure they align. The bylaws is the governing document for the organization – this is who we are, what we do. The student leader handbook is more procedure. The goal is to discuss attendance – what constitutes attendance, how late can you come into a meeting to be considered present, what constitutes how many excused or unexcused absences/tardies are acceptable.

Continued, shared that impact reports are due November 25th. The voting center opens on October 31st on campus, and it will be in the library. Also, shared the campus is working to brick back homecoming which will be February 17-20, and she is on two of the committees – Bowl out and the Homecoming Parade.
Bryan: Asked if students would be given grace from classes to attend all the homecoming events?
Dena: Answered – shared that would be up to a professor's discretion
Sophia: Shared she drafted a mini-impact report that goes over what all the committees have done, and the individual reps. Gus and Anand are working to put it on the website as a mid-year impact report to show students what we have done so far. Will also be doing a video that we be posted to our social media platforms.
Kaiya: Shared she is working on the elevator survey – trying to get up-to-date student data on how elevator challenges impact out students. Shared Cal State LA has been sued twice in the last nine years for ADA compliance issues, and both students were in the College of Education. We are the only Cal State with a rehabilitation services program focused on catering to disable individuals, yet we can't event do that consistently for our own student body. King Hall has routinely been a place that is an accessibility obstacle course. We all deserve the same quality – she should be able to go through that door just as easily as any other student.
Ashley: Shared that Sophia is the point person for the university times, she is the liaison person.
Jazmine: Shared that at Tuesday's Shared Gov. meeting, one of the senators was talking about in the Student Policy Committee that there was discussion about the elevators at the Metro stations and the need for more shading. She knows it is more related to Metro but still something we want to work on, we are going to include it in the parking and transportation report.
Ekiria: Shared that during housing move-in in tower three only one of the elevators was working and that was the only way to go up with their belongings.
Jazmine: Responded to Ekiria – that during the Town Hall it was mentioned that the elevators in housing weren't broken they had to shut them down because they were out of ADA compliance, they need to be updated. They were going to shut all of them down and only leave the stairs available but since it was move-in the inspector allowed one to stay operating.
Anthony (University Times Editor): Shared he is a UCLA graduate and a transfer from LACC and have done several stories about ADA compliance on both campuses. At UCLA, it was found that housing was overcharging disabled students. It was a year-long investigative story because they needed private room accommodation. So instead of charging their able-bodied peers, as if they could be in a dorm, they were charging them the actual rate of a private room when they're getting funding from the federal government to make those accommodations. For background, he shared he has a child who is a wheelchair user and is passionate about ADA reporting. Wants to work with Kaiya on a story and work together to create change on this campus.
Megan: Responded to Kaiya's public comment – shared anything on The Nest through Get Mobile as alternative text as a requirement. Shared students can be directed to The Nest and get alternative text. Also, shared when posting on social media – down in the bottom of the description, you describe the image and all our websites also provide alternative text.

Gus: Responded to Kaiya's public comment – Asked if she knew what specific poster was being reference because that is something he checks a lot. Shared the ASI website is in compliance with ATI standards. For posters, he runs them to check color contrast and everything before posting them. Regarding the design there's two ways to go about it – one way is incorporating text at the bottom of a posts and adding text to the post directly. Shared there was a compliancy law that every website, state website, every government website needed to change for compliance. It was extended until next year because for every website to comply is impossible, but we managed to transfer everything. The only thing we are waiting for was for PDFs, but we paid someone to change ever PDF that we have on the website to comply with standards.
Kaiya: Answered – she is not sure what poster but applauds ASI for having a budget for compliance – PDF, alternative text, etc. because OSD doesn't even have that.
Gus: Shared not everything can be accessible, for example like a postcard but as long as we provide that information in another medium for students.
Hermoine: Shared she has been in contact with a grad student from Downtown LA campus and asked what resources they are allowed to access on the main campus as they are under a different administration than we are. Technically, they are under the Cal State LA name, that is what their degree would say but they are not really Cal State LA students, and some students might not be quite aware of that. There were two instances where they tried to access the student health center on campus, and one incident was they needed a test for an internship but was turned away and the second instance was the student had a mental health crisis and went to get support from the center and they were turned away. She has been seeing what resources we could offer the students over there, but from what she learned there are limitations at the downtown campus. One being is there the lease, they have 2 floors and it is ended quite soon. Also, there is restriction to parking, their parking pass is separate and doesn't work here on campus so if they wanted to come onto campus, they would have to pay. The initiative to make resources available through the tuition process has been turned down quite a few times and she through ASI could be supplemental but that is an obstacle. She heard they are getting rid of the Downtown LA campus; they are going to shift everything online or bring the program to campus.
Ashley: Shared last year she st on the enrollment and management strategic subcommittee and there was a student representative from the Downtown LA campus, and he was involved in the conversations. From the committee, it seemed like they had the same access to us expect they were in Downtown; she is interested to see what the university leadership is going to do about it. Also, thinks it's a bit insane that their parking permit is not valid on campus.
Megan: Responded to Hermoine – shared that the students at the Downtown LA campus don't pay the mandatory category 2 fees. That is why they can't access the resources like the student health center, U-SU, and ASI. At the rec center, they have the option to pay to access it because it is not fair to give them free access if you all have to pay and they don't. She doesn't know the complications of them starting to pay them, she feels most will not want to.
Hermoine: Shared it started by wanting to create an optional opt-in where students can choose what fees they want to pay for, for example like the student health center. Since there are few students, they thought it wouldn't be difficult to add them to the system so if they show up to the center and if they ran their CIN, it would show that they paid. But after gathering information from an administrative point of view and from the student point of view, she feels the benefit is very low because they don't know how many students would actually come to campus for services.

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Kaiya Crawford		Seconded by:		Ekiria Magala	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:15 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 22, 2026, at Housing South Village: Multi-Purpose Room and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Amanda Maldonado - Recording Secretary

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President