

Associated Students, Inc.  
California Polytechnic State University  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**#17-08 Meeting Minutes**

January 11, 2017  
5:00 p.m., UU220

**Voting Members Present:**

Riley Nilsen- Chair of the Board

Jun Bang - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:25, returned at 6:29)

Lexie Bonestroo - College of Science and Mathematics

Gianna Ciaccio - College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:25, returned at 6:31)

John D'Ambrosio - Vice Chair / College of Engineering

Kenneth Day - College of Science and Mathematics

Chase Dean - College of Liberal Arts

Cyrus Ebadat - College of Liberal Arts

Rita Elfarissi - College of Liberal Arts (left at 6:00, returned at 6:04)

Hayley Ford - College of Science and Mathematics

John Griffin - College of Engineering

Danielle Hepperle - College of Engineering

Josh Ledgerwood - College of Engineering

Jenna Rose Lee - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Tyler Lee - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Tony Lopes - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left at 6:04, returned 6:10)

Jocelyn Lu - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Jason Marks - College of Science and Mathematics

Matthew Pirtle - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Design (left 6:25, returned 6:27)

Paul Ponciano - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Hannah Poplack - Orfalea College of Business

Alice Read- Orfalea College of Business

Connor Rudolph - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:40, returned at 6:05)

Kevin Scott - College of Engineering

Haley Warner - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Design

Roman Waskiewicz - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

**Voting Members Absent:**

Matt Klepfer - College of Liberal Arts

Vacant - College of Liberal Arts

### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Jana Colombini- ASI President

Kaelan Sobouti - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board

Anthony Haddad - ASI Chief of Staff

Marcy Maloney - ASI Executive Director

Dr. Kathleen McMahon - University President's Representative

Brendan Matsuyama - Mustang News

Lindsey Lee - Board of Directors Advisor

Tracy Watson - Board of Directors Assistant

### **Non-Voting Members Absent**

Lorlie Leetham - Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Dr. Gary Laver - Academic Senate Representative

### **Guests:**

Kyle Jordan - Cal Poly Student

Camille Lethcoe - Cal Poly Foundation Student Director

Matthew Caleb Holguin - ASI Poly Escapes

Paige Reisman - ASI Poly Escapes

Nancy Clark - ASI Recreational Sports

Lauren Molyneaux - College of Liberal Arts

Danny Halprin - Interfraternity Council

Missi Allison-Bullock - ASI Events

Brayden Antonio - ASI Events

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #17-07 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
  - A. Riley read a letter from Kathryn Trujillo commending the Board of Directors on their efforts in social justice and passing Resolution #17-03 ASI Board of Directors Support Services for Undocumented Students.
  - B. She read a letter from Neals Gruther from City of San Luis Obispo Ranger Hikes, encouraging students to promote hiking.
  - C. Riley received a letter from Ryan Durante resigning his position on the ASI Board of Directors from the College of Liberal Arts. She stated that the position will be filled at a future meeting.
  - D. Roll call was taken and with 25 members present, quorum was met.
- IV. **Open Forum**
  - A. Kyle Jordan gave his perspective on the 2017-18 ASI Election Code and how the last four years, the ASI President was selected by who spent the most money. He stated that the proposal on the agenda is to add a spending limit of \$2,000. He stated that it should be in the \$500-800 range similar to other universities.
  - B. Danny Halprin, Interfraternity Council President, spoke about the Safety Enhancement proposal to be discussed at the San Luis Obispo City Council meeting.

He encouraged members to email City Council Members with a prepared statement expressing concern on the proposed Safety Enhancement Zone amendment. He encouraged members to attend the meeting, pick up a speakers card, submit to the County Clerk and express their views.

- C. Brayden Antonio, ASI Events gave an update on January events. He asked members to encourage other students to take the survey for the Spring Stampede.

**v. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes from meeting #17-07, November 30, 2016**

- i. **Motion #1 (Scott/Lopes) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #17-07, November 30, 2016."**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

**vi. Leaders Reports**

**A. Chair of the Board - Riley Nilsen**

- i. Riley stated that Brett Raffish is taking photographs of the meeting for promotional materials.
- ii. She welcomed Brendan Matsuyama from the Mustang News stating that he will be attending the board meetings during winter quarter.
- iii. ASI Programs Presentation
  - a) Riley introduced Matthew Holguin and Paige Reisman from ASI Programs and Poly Escapes. Matthew stated that Poly Escapes is a three part program including the climbing park, rental center and trips. The climbing walls include a 42' tower and a 13' boulder. Activities for the walls include free climbing shoe check-out, annual boulder competition, crate stacking activity, a slack line schedule and belay qualification courses.
  - b) The rental equipment includes low cost equipment rental of 30 types of equipment.
  - c) Paige stated that the trips include hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing plus many more. There are 20-25 trips per quarter and one to three trips every weekend. She stated that student trip leaders are extensively trained.

**B. Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors**

- i. Riley welcomed Camille Lethcoe to present the recruitment for the Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors Student Director.
  - a) Camille explained that the recruitment process for 2017-18 Cal Poly Foundation Student Director is being executed following Resolution #16-04 Revising the Cal Poly Foundation Student Director Selection Process that was approved by last year's Board of Directors. She explained that the Student Director serves as the voice of the student body and is a voting member of the board. She stated that the position provides a unique opportunity to interact with and learn about philanthropy from the university's key donors and volunteers. Candidates should feel passionate about excellence in education and have a strong desire to facilitate the continual improvement of Cal Poly through philanthropy. The application process can be found on the ASI jobs website and is open until January 31, 2017.

**C. ASI President -Jana Colombini**

- i. Jana stated that she sent a survey to be filled out if there are any conflicts with Universitywide or Academic Senate committees.

- ii. She reported that she and other Cal Poly students attended the City's goal planning community forum. She asked members to encourage their constituents to go online to vote for what they think are important goals for the City of San Luis Obispo.

**D. ASI Chief of Staff –Anthony Haddad**

- i. Anthony reported the Good Neighbor mailer and the Lock, Lights, Life campaign are ready to launch. These campaigns are to better serve the students and are in collaboration with SCLC, City of San Luis Obispo Police Department, and University Police Department.
- ii. He stated that the Welcome SLOme event moved due to the weather.
- iii. Applications for a vacancy on the ASI Executive Cabinet will close on Friday.

**E. Chair of UUAB –Kaelan Sobouti**

- i. Kaelan reported that the UUAB approved and recommended the Sports Complex Policy to the ASI Executive Director and will be forwarded to the University President for his approval.
- ii. He stated that he and Kate are planning a UUAB facilities trip to visit a tech headquarters campus, and the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.
- iii. He announced that the Recreation Center will celebrate their 5 year anniversary on January 17.

**VII. Executive Directors Report –Marcy Maloney**

- A. Marcy reported that she and other Cal Poly staff members attended the Auxiliary Organizations Association (AOA) Conference. The conference is for sharing roles and ideas from other CSU auxiliaries.
- B. She stated that the budget pre-work is in progress deciding how to utilize money to meet student needs.
- C. Marcy was proud to announce that the Rose Float program won the Founders Trophy award at the Rose Parade.
- D. She reported that the student leader evaluations have been completed. It is an extensive process to mentor, learn and improve the student leader's experience.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. **None**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Action Item: 2017-18 ASI Election Code**

- i. **Motion #2 (Bonestroo/Ebadat) "Move to approve the 2017-18 ASI Election Code."**
- ii. Lexie stated that the Recruitment & Development Committee reviewed the document extensively and recommended a do pass. She stated that changes included:
  - a) Student body representatives were updated from 25 to 27.
  - b) Electronic communication was updated to reflect current methods of social media
  - c) Campaign worker was updated to clarify a declared campaign worker.
  - d) Deadline for withdrawing candidacy was changed to 48-hours preceding the election.

- e) The outcome for failure to remove campaign materials by the deadline was changed from placing a hold on the student's records to further action as determined by the Disciplinary Subcommittee.
  - f) A presidential campaign spending limit of \$2,000 was added.
  - g) Article X. Financing Campaigns, 5 was removed to reflect the elimination of the filing fees.
  - h) The authority of discipline was changed from the ASI Recruitment and Development Committee to the Disciplinary Subcommittee to provide clarification.
  - i) Article XI. Item 6 was removed to reflect the elimination of the filing fees.
  - j) Article XI. Item 7 was changed to remove language that included the filing fee.
  - k) Minor grammatical corrections.
- iii. **Motion #3 (Ciaccio/Dean) "Move to amend the Election Code, Article 10 to strike \$2,000 and insert \$1,500."**
  - iv. Gianna explained that she served on the Recruitment & Development Committee and research showed that other CSU's had a much lower campaign spending limit. Lexie stated that this year the goal was to set a limit, to improve events and to create processes. Some members were concerned that it would still deter potential candidates due to the expense. Others agreed that it is a progressive movement shouldn't be rushed to make rash changes. It should be reviewed at the end of the election season and a recommendation to next year's committee can be made if additional changes should be made. Jana added that, "speaking from someone who spent her own money, it is the best campaign that wins not the one who spends the most money." She stated that the research done lacks voter turnout statistics.
  - v. **Amendment fails**
  - vi. **Main motion passed majority voice vote.**
- B. **Action Item: 2017-18 ASI Election Timeline**
    - i. **Motion #4 (Bonestroo/Scott) "Move to approve the 2017-18 ASI Election Timeline."**
    - ii. **Motion #5 (Bonestroo/Rudolph) "Move to amend the timeline by striking "submitted electronically to candidate statements."**
    - iii. Lexie stated that the candidate statement will be submitted electronically with the other forms in the candidate packet.
    - iv. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
    - v. **Main motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
  - C. **Action Item: ASI External Affairs Operating Rules**
    - i. **Motion #6 (Warner/Ebadat) "Move to approve the updated ASI External Affairs Operating Rules."**
    - vi. Haley stated that having their meetings on Fridays was not efficient and made it difficult to have needed documents in by the deadline. She stated that the committee will meet on Wednesdays, from 4-5 p.m.
    - vii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

## X. Representatives' Reports

- A. **University President's Representative - Dr. Kathleen McMahon**
  - i. **Motion #7 (D'Ambrosio/Bonestroo) "Move to suspend section 7.3 of the ASI Standing Rules as it pertains to Representatives' Reports."**

- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- iii. Dr. McMahon shared a presentation on free expression and campus climate at Cal Poly. She explained that the mission is to empower students in a safe and inclusive way. With the College Republicans bringing controversial speaker, Milo Yiannopoulos to campus, Cal Poly's goals are to educate the community on freedom of expression, understand Cal Poly's legal and ethical obligations and explore how the university can improve understanding of the campus response to controversial events, protests, and protected speech.
- iv. She read the Campus Administrative Policy (CAP) 141.2 stating that freedom of expression is a cornerstone of a democratic society and is essential to the educational process. Kathleen explained what types of speech are protected and not protected and stated that Cal Poly can only resist if there is a true threat, physical harm or violence. She reviewed university policies Time, Place and Manner Policy (CAP 140), Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policies (Executive Orders 1095-1097), Student Conduct Code (Executive Order 1098), and Employee Discipline (Education Code/CBAs).
- v. She shared some upcoming events during Diversity and Inclusivity Week.

**B. Academic Senate Representative - Dr. Gary Laver**

- i. Absent

**C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative - Michael Albright**

- i. Absent

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. ASI Business and Finance - John D'Ambrosio**

- i. John reported that the committee will begin the budget process and review the Personnel and Fiscal Policy manuals.

**B. ASI External Affairs - Haley Warner**

- i. Haley thanked members for approving their operating rules and is proud of the ideas that the committee set forth last quarter. She stated that the strong foundation has set them up for great events and campaigns for winter quarter and the rest of the year.
- ii. She reported that the committee will host Coffee and Chat on January 26 and write letters to the newly elected officials.
- iii. Haley reiterated the importance of taking the survey for the City Council budget planning and encouraged members to tell other groups and organizations to vote on what they feel is important to them within the city. Lighting has always been a concern of students.

**C. ASI/UU Internal Review - Cyrus Ebadat**

- i. Cyrus stated that the committee is creating goals to be more efficient in their meetings.

**D. ASI Outreach and Communication - John Griffin**

- ii. John reported that the outreach booths will be held during UU hour and Flapjacks & Chat will be held on January 19.

**E. ASI Recruitment and Development - Lexie Bonestroo**

- F. Lexie reported that the committee has been working hard on the Election Code. A special meeting will be held to review the candidate packets with corrections as approved in the Election Code.

G. **ASI Club Funding Liaisons - Hayley Ford and Connor Rudolph**

i. No report

XII. **Announcements**

XIII. **Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

**CERTIFIED** As the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2017.

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous/Majority vote*** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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ASI Secretary

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*Submitted by:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*T. Watson - January 25, 2017*