

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

#17-11 Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2017

5:00 p.m., UU220

Voting Members Present:

Riley Nilsen- Chair of the Board

Jun Bang – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:40, returned at 6:42)

Lexie Bonestroo – College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:33, returned at 6:36)

Gianna Ciaccio – College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:43, returned at 6:45)

John D’Ambrosio – Vice Chair / College of Engineering (left at 6:20, returned at 6:25)

Chase Dean – College of Liberal Arts

Cyrus Ebadat – College of Liberal Arts

Rita Elfarissi – College of Liberal Arts

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

Jocelyn Lu – College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Jason Marks – College of Science and Mathematics

Lauren Molyneaux – College of Liberal Arts

Matthew Pirtle – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Design

Paul Ponciano – College of Architecture and Environmental Design (left at 6:47, returned at 6:54)

Hannah Poplack – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:15)

Alice Read- Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:05)

Connor Rudolph – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:35, returned 6:42)

Kevin Scott – College of Engineering

Haley Warner – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Design (left at 6:28, returned 6:33)

Roman Waskiewicz – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Voting Members Absent:

Kenneth Day – College of Science and Mathematics

Vacant – College of Liberal Arts

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jana Colombini- ASI President (left at 6:06, returned at 6:08)
Kaelan Sobouti - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board
Anthony Haddad - ASI Chief of Staff (left at 6:42, returned at 6:47)
Dr. Gary Laver - Academic Senate Representative
Lorlie Leetham - Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Marcy Maloney - ASI Executive Director
Joy Pedersen - University President's Representative
Lindsey Lee - Board of Directors' Advisor
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Brendan Matsuyama - Mustang News

Guests:

Danielle Diele - Cal Poly Student
Maggie Cheung - Cal Poly Student
Ethan Alexander - Cal Poly Student
Brittney Tierney - Cal Poly Student
Andrew Adams - Cal Poly Student
Denae Dupray - Cal Poly Student
Lluvia Santana - Cal Poly Student

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #17-11 was called to order at 5:15 p.m.**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
 - A. Riley read a letter from Matt Klepfer stating he was resigning from the ASI Board of Directors.
 - B. Roll call was taken and with 26 members present, quorum was met.
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - A. Matt Klepfer explained why he resigned stating that he is dissatisfied with Cal Poly and wishes to pursue working with others to transform the campus where students can learn and grow. He stated that he felt resigning would allow him more time to pursue other ways to make Cal Poly great. He stated that he is committed to help the Board of Directors in other ways.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Minutes from meeting #17-10, February 8, 2017**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Bonestroo/Ledgerwood) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #17-10, February 8, 2017."**
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- VI. **Leaders Reports**
 - A. **Chair of the Board - Riley Nilsen**

- i. Riley welcomed students that were in attendance for the ASI Board of Directors' Open House.
- ii. She reported that four candidates for the Cal Poly Foundation Board have been forwarded to Mr. Ronka and Mr. Swanson where interviews will be conducted. After interviewing, two names will be presented to the ASI Board of Directors and forwarded to President Armstrong.
- iii. She announced that the Academic Senate resolution for eliminating events during finals week, failed.
- iv. Riley encouraged members to reach out to students that have been displaced due to the Fremont Hall evacuation.

B. ASI President -Jana Colombini

- i. Jana gave an update on the February CSSA Conference. Topics included:
 - a) Middle Class Scholarship - Supported
 - b) Resolution Supporting Undocumented Students in the CSU - Tabled
 - c) Ethnic Studies Resolution - Tabled
 - d) Mental Health Resolution - To be voted on at the next Plenary
 - e) Resolution to support African American/Black Student Success in the CSU - Discussion in Committee at next Plenary
- ii. She stated that upcoming events include California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) and Advocacy Days.
- iii. CSSA has created new messaging with the theme #chooseCSU. The purpose is for consistent messaging for both internal and external. Marketing materials are being created including buttons, signs, cards, T-shirts, and all social media applications.

C. ASI Chief of Staff -Anthony Haddad

- i. The Lock, Lights, Life campaign posters have been distributed all over the city.
- ii. He reminded members to share the People of Poly on social media.
- iii. He announced the Mental Health Awareness Week on March 6-9.
- iv. Anthony stated that the It's On Us project has been approved and will be the first week of April.
- v. Other potential events include Earth Week and a neighborhood barbeque.
- vi. He reported that the Cultural Club round table was insightful.
- vii. He reminded members to meet with their mentees.

D. Chair of UUAB -Kaelan Sobouti

- i. Kaelan reported that UUAB traveled north for their annual facilities trip. They were able to see the Academy of Sciences Museum, Apple Headquarters and San Francisco State University. He stated that they were able to look outside of the box and get ideas for our current facilities.
- ii. UUAB accepted the Mid-Year Budget Report.
- iii. Other topics to be discussed:
 - a) Creating a Marketing & Branding Ad hoc Committee.
 - b) Discuss space in the University Union and how we can maximize it by looking back at the referendum and the requests for more collaborative space.

- c) Final wrap up discussion on the facilities trip.
- d) UUAB members will present project proposal guidelines.

VII. Executive Directors' Report –Marcy Maloney

- A. ASI Annual Report – Dora Mountain
 - i. Dora shared the 2015-16 ASI Annual Report. She stated that she is new to the ASI team and with this report being her first project, she learned a great deal about ASI. The report highlights activities, how programs fit within the organization and how the money is utilized.
- B. Marcy reported that the Recreation Center is striving to increase wellness by bringing in professionals on healthy living.
- C. She stated that staff have completed mid-year coaching.
- D. Other updates included: Daren Conner will now oversee Event Management, the Children's Center now accepts online payments and there are new iPads in the classrooms to monitor children in real time.

VIII. Old Business

- A. **None**

IX. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Proposal to Amend ASI Background Check Policy**
 - i. **Motion #2 (D'Ambrosio/Lopes) "Move to approve amendment to the ASI Background Check Policy."**
 - ii. John stated that the Business & Finance Committee recommended a do pass. He stated that the amendment is to align ASI policy with CSU policy.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Endorsement #17-02 California State Student Association: Resolution in Support of Fully Funding the CSU System and in Opposition of a Potential Tuition Increase**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Bonestroo/Elfarissi) "Move to approve Endorsement #17-02 California State Student Association: Resolution in Support of Fully Funding the CSU System and in Opposition of a Potential Tuition Increase."**
 - ii. Members stated that students struggle to pay tuition and encouraged them to support the CSSA resolution
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- C. **Action Item: Endorsement #17-03 Senate Bill 3542 (Graham) – BRIDGE Act**
 - i. **Motion #4 (Ciaccio/Dean) "Move to approve endorsement #17-03 Senate Bill 3542 (Graham) – BRIDGE Act."**
 - ii. The endorsement is to show support for the Senate Bill which would provide temporary relief from deportation and employment authorization to individuals who are eligible as childhood arrivals, students and veterans who grew up in the United States. The BRIDGE Act would ensure that these people can continue to pursue their studies and work.
 - iii. Members stated that a yes vote would emphasize our support as allies.
 - iv. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- D. **Action Item: Endorsement #17-04 Cal Poly Academic Senate Resolution: Request for Outside Review**

- i. **Motion #5 (Dean/Elfarissi) “Move to approve endorsement #17-04 Cal Poly Academic Senate Resolution: Request for Outside Review.**
- ii. Chase explained that the resolution is in response to the lack of diversity among Cal Poly’s faculty and staff and the low retention rate of members belonging to underrepresented groups.
- iii. Members were in strong support.
- iv. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

E. Action Item: Creation of Ad Hoc Committee on College Student Councils

- i. **Motion #6 (Waskiewicz/D’Ambrosio) “Move to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on College Student Councils.”**
- ii. Roman explained that the ad hoc committee would be tasked with conducting research and creating a structure for all college councils and collaborating with the Deans. The committee would investigate and develop a recommendation to the Dean’s Advisory Council and would highlight a potential structure that would best meet the needs of today’s students and campus culture.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

x. Representatives’ Reports

A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Kathleen McMahon

- i. Dr. McMahon commended University Housing staff who worked tirelessly during the evacuation of Fremont Hall. The evacuation and the tree work were executed strategically and methodically. She announced that Fremont Hall is closed for the rest of the year to ensure the safety of students. A town hall meeting was held to inform students about resources and information for parking, moving off campus, faculty flexibility, etc.
- ii. She reported that the university will send information regarding clubs and organizations obtaining contracts and insurance. In order to be in line with CSU practices, students will need to provide their own contracts and insurance.
- iii. She stated that the university is working with ASI and Greek organizations to collaborate on how to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day safely. She stated that City Council voted against the amendment to the Safety Enhancement Zone Ordinance to include St. Patrick’s Day and they trust students will make good decisions. Students need to prove themselves by celebrating safely. Kathleen stated that if “they blow it,” the amendment to the ordinance will likely pass.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Gary Laver

- a) Dr. Laver reported that the Academic Senate is discussing resolutions on exit interviews, pluralism and units towards degrees. He stated that the resolution on eliminating events during finals week died.
- b) He stated that he attended a conference on Closing the Achievement Gap with a focus on graduation rates, global initiatives and raising awareness on the achievement gap.
- c) He reported that the Academic Senate completed their nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for Academic Senate next year.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Lorie Leetham

- i. Lorie announced that the dining survey has been sent out and she asked members to encourage constituents to take the survey and to sign up for focus groups.
- ii. She reported that presentations were made for the University Store on outsourcing resources and/or adding additional services.

- iii. She stated that recruitment for student representatives on the Corporation Board of Directors will begin soon. Recruitment will be for two students to begin July 1.
- iv. Lorlie stated that the Corporation is reviewing 16 budgets during the budget planning process.
- v. She announced that the contract for Shake Smart is in negotiations.

XI. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business and Finance - John D'Ambrosio

- i. John reported that the committee will review the New Projects & Initiatives Policy, specifically the threshold limit.

B. ASI External Affairs - Haley Warner

- i. Haley reported that an open house will be held for Assemblyman Cunningham on February 23.
- ii. She announced the "Let's talk Tuition" event will be held on February 28.

C. ASI/UU Internal Review - Cyrus Ebadat

- i. Cyrus stated that the committee reviewed the CSSA endorsement on the potential tuition increase and made recommendations, however, but did not take a stance on the endorsement.

D. ASI Outreach and Communication - John Griffin

- i. John thanked members for helping with Date on Dexter. The event was a success.
- ii. He stated that Flapjacks & Chat will be held on March 2.

E. ASI Recruitment and Development - Lexie Bonestroo

- i. Lexie stated that filing for ASI President and ASI Board of Directors ends on February 24. She asked members to encourage students to file. She stated that a mandatory candidates meeting will be held on March 2 for Board candidates and March 3 for Presidential candidates.

F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons - Hayley Ford and Connor Rudolph

- i. Connor reported that there is \$39,605 left in Club Funding and \$123,000 has been allocated.
- ii. Haley Stegall presented the Cal Poly Dance Marathon that received co-sponsorship funding. She stated that the event is in support of the Children's Miracle Network and has raised \$15,000 so far and has 400 students registered.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:18 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

ASI Secretary

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Submitted by: _____
T. Watson - March 8, 2017