

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

#18-07 Special Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2017

5:10 p.m. University Union, Room 220

Voting Members Present:

Daniela Czerny- Chair of the Board

Ethan Alexander - College of Science & Mathematics

Matthew Bell - Orfalea College of Business

Mark Borges - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

James Broaddus - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Abby Cavanaugh - College of Liberal Arts

Maggie Cheung - College of Engineering

Gianna Ciaccio - College of Science & Mathematics

Mitchell Collins - College of Science & Mathematics

John D'Ambrosio - College of Engineering

Annalise Delfosse - College of Liberal Arts

Sergio Dimas - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (left at 7:04, returned 7:07)

Sarah Downing - College of Engineering

Denae Dupray - College of Engineering

Rita Elfarissi - College of Liberal Arts

John Griffin - College of Engineering

Denise Hensley - Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:00, returned at 7:07)

Adriana Le - Orfalea College of Business

Layla Lopez - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Ruby Ludford - College of Liberal Arts

Kaitlin Miknich - College of Science & Mathematics

Duncan Mitchell - Orfalea College of Business

Ana Padilla - College of Architecture & Environmental Design

James Smith - College of Liberal Arts

Harrison Tucker - College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Haley Warner - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Design, Vice Chair

Tim Wetzel - College of Science & Mathematics

Voting Members Absent:

Samantha Seems - College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Gabi Trapani - Orfalea College of Business

Non-Voting Members Present:

Riley Nilsen – ASI President (left at 6:09, returned at 6:11)

Kaelan Sobouti – Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (left at 5:58)

Brett Raffish – ASI Chief of Staff

Marcy Maloney – ASI Executive Director (left at 6:40)

Dean Kathleen McMahon – University President’s Representative (left at 5:54)

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors Advisor

Tracy Watson – Board of Directors Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Dr. Kris Jankovitz – Academic Senate Representative

Lorlie Leetham – Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Guests:

Geneva Raynaga-Abiko, Director of Counseling Services

Gerrie Kim, Director of Wellbeing

Abigayle Huntress – Cal Poly Student

Kyle Jordan – Cal Poly Student

Charles Rice – Mustang News

Aidan McGloin – Mustang News

Rob Moore – Cal Poly Student

Jasmin Fashami, ASI Executive Cabinet

Nimrah Aslam, ASI Executive Cabinet

Luke Haley, ASI Executive Cabinet

Aaron Baker – Counseling Health & Wellbeing

Alexandra Kohler, Campus Health & Wellbeing

Brandon O’Rourke, Cal Poly Student

Yukie Murphy – Student Affairs

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #18-07 was called to order at 5:10 p.m.**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
 - A. Daniela read a letter from Gianna Ciaccio, College of Science & Mathematics, with her resignation from the ASI Board of Directors effective December 9, 2017.
 - B. Roll call was taken and with 26 members present, quorum was met.
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - A. Kyle Jordan, Cal Poly student and former board member, spoke firmly about the health fee increase stating that he agrees that more health services are needed but students should not have to pay. Cal Poly has abundant resources and should allocate funds in other ways such as donors and other services. He encouraged members not to support this resolution.
 - B. Rob Moore, Cal Poly student, stated that when he was in need of services, the wait was long and he felt discouraged. He encouraged a yes vote.

- C. Brandon O'Rourke, Cal Poly student, expressed his concern that although the need for health services is important, he felt that the proposed fee adjustment is not the right way and is a financial burden to students. He stated that there has been no effort to find other possible solutions. Brandon was opposed to the fee adjustment.

v. **New Business**

A. **Action Item: Resolution #18-03: ASI Board of Directors Stance on the Proposed Health Services Fee Adjustment**

- i. **Motion #1 (Dimas/Ludford) "Move to approve Resolution #18-03 ASI Board of Directors stance on the proposed Health Services Fee Adjustment."**
- ii. Sergio stated that the Internal Review Committee reviewed the resolution and proposed changes. The authors of the resolution accepted the changes.
- iii. **Motion #2 (Collins/Smith) "Move to amend the Resolution #18-03 by striking B and adding A, by striking 800 and adding 1,000, by striking "which is better than," by striking 1-2 and adding 2-3, by striking 6 and adding 4, by striking B and adding A, and by striking 114 and adding 99 to the respective clauses as they refer to Option B."**
- iv. Mitchell clarified that this amendment would change Option B to Option A. He expressed his concern on the affordability of Option B and stated that low income students must be considered. He stated that the 1:1,000 ratios are the national best practice and would move Cal Poly to the forefront of counseling services.
- v. Members expressed concern with the amendment stating that Option A does not provide the mental health services needed and would force students to find off campus counseling in a city that is already lacking in services. A suggestion was made to use Student Success Fees; however, it is currently not available, but could potentially be available in the future. It was mentioned that supporting Option A would send a message that there is no commitment to increase facilities and would put pressure to build the facilities to support the increased services. Resolution #17-05: Resolution In Support of Increased Mental Health Resources & the Expansion of the Campus Health & Wellbeing Center approved by last year's Board was mentioned, stating that it called for 1:1000 ratios and specifically addresses mental health services.
- vi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- vii. **Motion #3 (Ciaccio/D'Ambrosio) "Move to amend the resolution by striking the third whereas clause which states "On May 5, 2017, The ASI Board of Directors approved Resolution #17-05: Resolution in Support of Increased Mental Health Resources and the Expansion of Campus Health and Wellbeing Center, which encouraged Cal Poly administrators and other relevant groups to prioritize the expansion of the Campus Health and Wellbeing Center."**
- viii. Gianna stated that Resolution #17-05 clearly states that the financial burden should not fall on the students. If this resolution passes, she strongly suggested rescinding last year's resolution to avoid conflicting messages. Members agreed this clause should not be included in the resolution.
- ix. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- x. **Motion #4 (Elfarissi/Ciaccio) "Move to amend Resolution #18-03 by inserting a 'furthermore be it resolved' clause stating, "as the official voice of students, the**

ASI Board of Directors takes seriously our responsibility to properly inform students about campus affairs in order to ensure we accurately represent the students we serve. We believe that the timeline of this alternative consultation process does not warrant adequate time to receive thoughtful and careful feedback from students, and strongly oppose the use of alternative consultation in the future.”

- xi. Members agreed that many of the comments received involved frustration around the process of the alternative consultation, time allotted for student feedback and the lack of transparency. Concern was raised that opposing alternative consultation shows lack of shared governance, contradicts and weakens the resolution. It was mentioned that alternative consultation has only been used for health fee increases. Marcy clarified that the Sports Complex used alternative consultation. Members concluded they disagree about the way the process was facilitated; however, the focus is on the fee, not the process. Gianna stated that by changing the statement it will accurately reflect the student opinions.
- xii. **Motion #5 (Elfarissi/Wetzel) “Move to amend the amendment by inserting “of” after alternative, strike “does” and insert “did” after process and strike “strongly oppose the use of alternative consultation in the future.”**
- xiii. Rita stated that the amendment to the amendment properly expresses the concerns but keeps the option of alternative consultation.
- xiv. **Motion passed majority voice vote.**
- xv. Some members disagreed with the amendment stating that it takes away the frustration about how the process was handled. John reminded members that the main argument is that the resolution should focus on the health services not how the process went. Others stated that the process should be addressed in a future resolution where the focus will solely be on transparency and allowing for more student feedback. It was mentioned that the open letter and the resolution contradict each other without the amendment. Writing a future resolution will show future Boards what the reasoning behind the frustrations were and how future alternative consultations should be handled.
- xvi. **With 15 in the affirmative, 9 opposed and 1 abstention, motion passed majority hand vote.**
- xvii. **Motion #6 (Elfarissi/Wetzel) “Move to amend the resolution by inserting an additional ‘furthermore be it resolved’ clause stating, “In the case Cal Poly administrators choose to utilize alternative consultation in the future, the ASI Board of Directors requests that Cal Poly administrators inform the ASI President about this decision during preliminary discussions and prior to this decision being solidified.”**
- xviii. Rita believed that this addition enhances the previous “furthermore be it resolved” clause to solidify the Board’s stance and dissatisfaction in administration transparency. Other members disagreed stating that this has nothing to do with the health center fees and should be addressed in a future resolution.
- xix. **Motion failed majority vote.**
- xx. **Motion #7 (Mitchell/Cheung) “Move to amend the resolution by adding “which is” in the fourth whereas clause and fourth bullet after 1:1,000,”**

- xxi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- xxii. Discussion on the main motion continued with members in opposition of the resolution, stating that we have not done our due diligence as the voice of the students and students should not have to pay this increased fee and other means of funding should be found. Mark reported that at the meeting of the College of Agriculture Club council, a vote was passed to not endorse Resolution #18-03; however, no discussion followed the motion. College of Science & Mathematics voted in favor.
- xxiii. Members in favor of the resolution stated that a decision needs to be made on behalf of the students. What does a better Cal Poly look like? Providing 30% financial aid to students in need makes it affordable to everyone. No student should be turned away. Concern was expressed that if we don't trust Student Affairs, the topic will not be reviewed for another 3-5 years, however, it was stated that the issue is too large to wait an additional 3-5 years. Others stated that if it does not pass, nothing would go to the President regarding the discussion and concerns of this Board. The consequences of not including the increase are greater than not implementing the fee. It was reiterated that you cannot increase the capacity of students needing services without building the facilities. Administration must address the entire problem. Something needs to be done now, and by amending the resolution to Option A, it provides a solution and reduces the financial burden.
- xxiv. **With 19 in the affirmative, 7 opposed, motion passed majority hand vote.**

vi. **Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 ___ 2018.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous/Majority vote* on _____, 2018

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