

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

#18-12 Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

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

Mitchell Collins - College of Science & Mathematics (left at 5:47, returned at 5:50)

John D'Ambrosio - College of Engineering (left at 5:48, returned at 5:50)

Annalise Delfosse - College of Liberal Arts

Sergio Dimas - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:12)

Sarah Downing - College of Engineering (left at 5:57, returned at 5:59)

Denae Dupray - College of Engineering

Rita Elfarissi - College of Liberal Arts

John Griffin - College of Engineering (left at 5:56, returned at 5:58)

Denise Hensley - Orfalea College of Business

Adriana Le - Orfalea College of Business

Layla Lopez - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Barrett Lo - College of Science & Mathematics

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

Samantha Seems - College or Architecture & Environmental Design

James Smith - College of Liberal Arts

Gabi Trapani - Orfalea College of Business (left at 5:49, returned 5:52, left 7:20, returned 7:22)

Harrison Tucker - College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Haley Warner - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Design, Vice Chair (left at 5:23, returned at 5:27)

Tim Wetzel - College of Science & Mathematics

Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Present:

Kaelan Sobouti – ASI President’s Designee (left at 6:55, returned at 7:00)

Dani Diele–Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Designee

Marcy Maloney – ASI Executive Director (left at 5:57, returned at 6:15, left at 7:25, returned 7:28)

Dean Kathleen McMahon – University President’s Representative (left at 6:55)

Lorlie Leetham – Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors Advisor

Tracy Watson - Board of Directors Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Brett Raffish – ASI Chief of Staff

Dr. Kris Jankovitz – Academic Senate Representative

Guests:

Matt Eaton - ASI Poly Escapes

Kat Lane – ASI Poly Escapes

Colleen Richards – ASI Poly Escapes

Sabrina Pascua – Mustang News

Gavin Sakamoto – ASI Poly Escapes

Brody Swanner – ASI Poly Escapes

Garrett Perkins - ASI Poly Escapes

Shane Aiayvilla – Cal Poly student

Kathleen Lupe – ASI Poly Escapes

Haley Sund – ASI Poly Escapes

Brian Gounod – Cal Poly Student

Mara Niesyl – ASI Poly Escapes

Halim Choucair – Delta Sigma Pi

Hames Hayes – Mustang News

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #18-12 was called to order at 5:10 p.m.**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
 - A. None
 - B. Roll call was taken and with 27 members present, quorum was met. Sergio Dimas was recognized at 5:12 p.m.
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - A. Brian Gounod, Cal Poly student, expressed his concern for the Opportunity Grant stating that the \$900 technology portion is excessive and that as a History major, is not needed. He asked that this be taken into consideration as many majors would not need the technology.

v. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Minutes from Meeting #18-11, February 21, 2018**

- i. **Motion #1 (D'Ambrosio/Borges) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #18-11, February 21, 2018."**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

vi. **Leaders' Reports**

A. **Chair of the Board - Daniela Czerny**

- i. Daniela thanked members for their time and dedication this quarter.

B. **ASI President -Riley Nilsen**

- i. Absent.
- ii. Daniela stated that Riley was attending the CSU Advocacy Day. She is advocating on behalf of students on the potential CSU-wide tuition increase.

C. **ASI Chief of Staff -Brett Raffish**

- i. Absent
- ii. Daniela read Brett's report stating that upcoming events include a four-day It's On Us campaign on sexual assault. Brett wanted to express his gratitude to members for their support during fall quarter and he looks forward to working with them on many events spring quarter.

D. **Vice Chair of UUAB -Danielle Diele**

- i. Dani reported that the planning meetings for the UU Neighborhood are continuing with discussions on price estimates, locations, concepts and ideas. Upcoming meetings will include focusing on getting action items completed to have a solid plan.
- ii. She stated that UUAB is collecting student feedback on the Timoi art piece and where to put it.
- iii. She reported that UUAB passed the Green Wall Proposal, the Little Free Library Proposal, and the Doerr Family Field Policy.

vii. **Executive Directors Report -Marcy Maloney**

A. Marcy reported that many staff members will be attending the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) conference.

B. She introduced Matt Eaton for the Poly Escapes budget presentation.

- i. Matt stated that Poly Escapes consists of three elements, the Climbing Rock, the store front and trips. These areas staff over 100 students including 60 volunteers.
 - a) Climbing Park
 - (1) Over 12,000 visits a year with a 25%-50% increase consistently over the past 10 months
 - (2) Events: Crate Stacking in the fall and the Bouldering Competition in the spring
 - (3) Belay classes are held regularly and Lead Climbing classes are being developed
 - b) Store Front
 - (1) All the gear you need to get outside!

- (2) Increased inventory for tents, sleeping bags, surfboards & wetsuits
- (3) Used Gear Sale – Thursday, May 17

c) Trips

- (1) 20 Trips per quarter
- (2) Reaching over 600 participants a year

- ii. Matt stated that a 2001 referendum identified Poly Escapes as one of the four priority programs including Student Government, ASI Events and Club Services. He stated that the trip income covers the cost to operate the Poly Escapes program and the rental and retail income covers 50% of the costs to operate the climbing park and the store.

VIII. **Old Business**

A. **None**

IX. **New Business**

A. **Action Item: Approval of the Selection of the Independent Auditing Firm**

- i. **Motion #2 (D'Ambrosio/Le) "Move to approve the selection of the independent auditing firm, Vasin, Heyn & Co."**
- ii. John stated that the Internal Review Committee thoroughly vetted and discussed each auditor candidate and evaluated them according to a score sheet. The selection was between four firms with the incumbent providing the best deal to the organization: Vasin, Heyn & Co is the most cost effective and provides the most overall benefits.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

B. **Action Item: Proposal for the ASI Art Acquisition and Oversight Policy**

- i. **Motion #3 (D'Ambrosio/Broadus) "Move to accept the proposal for the Art Acquisition and Oversight Policy."**
- ii. John stated that the Internal Review Committee discussed the proposed policy written by Michelle Crawford, Associate Director – University Union Programs and Services. The proposal was supported by unanimous vote.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

C. **Action Item: Composition of the 2018-19 ASI Board of Directors**

- i. Denae stated that per the ASI Bylaws, any changes to the number of Board members must be approved by the Board.
- ii. **Motion #4 (Dupray/Ludford) "Move to approve the composition of the 2018-19 ASI Board of Directors."**
- iii. Denae stated that based on the Cal Poly Registration Monitor – College Breakdown Winter 2018 Final Census, the 2018-19 ASI Board of Directors will consist of the following number of seats:
 - a) 4 Members – Orfalea College of Business
 - b) 4 Members – College of Science and Mathematics

- c) 4 Members – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
- d) 5 Members – College of Engineering
- e) 4 Members – College of Liberal Arts
- f) 3 Members – College of Architecture and Environmental Design
- iv. Mitchell stated that there is a slight issue with the mathematical calculations, however, it will not affect next year’s Board. A bill will need to be written to correct the error in the ASI Bylaws.
- v. Rita expressed her opinion stating that she hopes that a conversation regarding the composition doesn’t stop here. She stated that as seen in the number of candidates that filed, students want to get involved.
- vi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- D. **Action Item: Approval of the Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Responsibility Guide**
 - i. **Motion #5 (Warner/Alexander) “Move to approve the Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Responsibility Guide.”**
 - ii. Haley stated that the following updates were made to the ASI Chair of University Union Advisory Board Responsibility Guide:
 - a) Responsibility of being a mandated reporter under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.
 - b) A historical component as a responsibility of the chair to educate the board on past projects.
 - c) Quarterly meetings with individual UUAB members.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- E. **Action Item: Approval of the ASI Chair of the Board Responsibility Guide**
 - i. **Motion #6 (Alexander/Ludford) “Move to approve the ASI Chair of the Board Responsibility Guide.”**
 - ii. Updates and additions to the responsibility guide included:
 - a) The responsibility of being a mandated reporter under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.
 - b) The oversight of the approval of the student representatives on the Cal Poly Foundation Board.
 - c) The appointment of the Club Funding Liaisons.
 - d) Added the responsibility of education and awareness of the ASI Budget and annual Operating Budget to the ASI Board of Directors.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- F. **Action Item: Approval of the ASI Chief of Staff Responsibility Guide**

- i. **Motion #7 (Ludford/Alexander) “Move to approve the Chief of Staff Responsibility Guide.”**
 - ii. Updates made to the ASI Chief of Staff Responsibility Guide included:
 - a) The responsibility of being a mandated reporter under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
 - b) Professional Development for Executive Cabinet members
 - c) Grammatical and clarification adjustments
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- G. Action Item: Resolution #18-07: ASI Board of Directors’ Stance on the Proposed Opportunity Grant and Fee.**
- i. **Motion #8 (Collins/Wetzel) “Move to approve Resolution #18-07: ASI Board of Directors’ Stance on the Proposed Opportunity Grant and Fee.”**
 - ii. Mr. Collins stated that the stance the resolution currently takes does not support the Opportunity Fee and specifically does not support the allocation of fees going to the California State University (CSU) or the Cal Poly General Fund, which makes up 36% of the total fee revenue. He stated that there is a clause in the resolution that posed confusion, which stated, “The Board supports the Opportunity Grant for low income students.” We cannot support the fee when funding is going to the CSU system and the Cal Poly General Fund. Mitchell felt that an amendment is needed to clarify the confusion.
 - iii. **Motion #9 (Collins/Borges) “Move to amend Resolution #18-07 by 1) striking “Grant and” in the title, 2) by inserting a “Therefore be it Resolved” statement that reads, “As the official voice of Cal Poly students, the ASI Board of Directors does not support the Cal Poly Opportunity Fee, and”, 3) below the final Whereas clause, by striking out “Therefore be it resolved’ As the official voice of Cal Poly Students” and inserting “Furthermore Be it Resolved” in the first therefore be it resolved statement, 4) by striking “f” in “Furtherfore” inserting “m”, 5) by striking the first Furthermore Be it Resolved and inserting “The ASI Board of Directors encourages the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to submit a new fee proposal that supports low income students without providing funding for unrelated sources.”**
 - iv. Ms. Elfarissi asked that the motion be three separate amendments. Mr. Collins declined the friendly amendment. The Chair clarified that an amendment to the amendment can be made.
 - v. Mr. Collins stated that the amendment shows support of the Opportunity Grant under the Whereas clauses with positive statements and also clarifies that further action is needed. Some members agreed that the amendment gave a clear and concise action to further support students. Many members had great concern for the allocation of fees and stated that it “does not sit well with students.” Mr. Borges stated that 87% of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences College Council said they do not support the fee or fee structure. The 87% is in response to a survey by the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, in which there were 70 respondents.

- vi. Ms. Elfarissi stated that although she sees the intent of the amendment, she felt the last Furthermore Be It Resolved clause was vague.
- vii. **Motion #10 (Elfarissi) “Move to amend the amendment by striking “funding for unrelated sources” and inserting “by maximizing without it providing amount of funds to support low income students.” Ms. Elfarissi withdrew her motion to amend the amendment.**
- viii. **Motion #11 (Mitchell/Elfarissi) “Move to amend the amendment by striking “sources” and inserting “programs.”**
- ix. **Amendment failed.**
- x. **Motion #12 (Elfarissi/D’Ambrosio) “Move to amend the amendment by striking “without providing funding for unrelated sources.”**
- xi. Mr. Collins stated that by removing this statement, the authors of the proposal could come back with the same exact proposal. Ms. Elfarissi stated that this statement is redundant and is explained in two other sections of the resolution. Others mentioned that it adds vagueness, is ambiguous and should be one finite statement. Others felt that it was an important statement supporting that the biggest concern is that too many “hands are in the pot” and less than half of the income goes to low income students. Mitchell stated that “unrelated sources” could be changed to “directly benefits low income students.” Ms. Hensley stated that she was not in favor of the amendment as it marginalizes low income students.
- xii. Without further discussion, the amendment to the amendment would strike “without providing for unrelated sources.”
- xiii. **Amendment to the amendment passed majority vote.**
- xiv. Mr. Dimas stated that he cannot support the amendment that encourages the Office of Diversity & Inclusion to submit a new proposal when his constituents voiced clearly that they do not want a fee increase for out of state students at all. Ms. Ludford stated that the original point of the resolution is taking a stance on the fee and should be a yes or no response. Making an amendment convolutes the reason for the resolution. Mr. D’Ambrosio stated that if the amendment were to pass, the Internal Review Committee recommendation would be null and void. He stated that the Board should take a stance against the fee or for the fee. Our role as Board members is not to tell Administration what to do or not to do. Our role is to be the representative voice of the students and take a stance. Ms. Elfarissi stated that the amendments should be voted on individually and the Chair clarified that an amendment to the amendment must be made.
- xv. **Motion #13 (Griffin/D’Ambrosio) “Move to amend the amendment by striking out the last “furthermore be it resolved statement.”**
- xvi. Mr. Griffin stated that in order to move forward with the resolution, this statement should be removed, but could be added in a different format later. Mr. Collins strongly disagreed, stating that not sending information as to what students want, there would be no further progress in change. Mr. D’Ambrosio stated that diversity and inclusion is a priority for the President and the Administration would not stop finding a solution for the problem. Mr. Smith stated that as the voice of the students, the amendment gives us the ability to express that we want support for low income students and that we want a proposal to come back. By deleting the clause shows that

we do not prioritize the issue. Some members agreed that the resolution shows a strong “no,” which is what constituents have expressed, and by removing the clause strengthens our stance. The Alternative Consultation process clearly asks for a yes or no answer on the fee. In conversations with students, they agree with supporting low income students but are against the allocation fee. It was clearly stated that no one is against low income students. Mr. Collins strongly stated that during the open forums and presentations, the Administration was open to suggestions or alternative proposals and wanted to hear what students like and don’t like about the proposal. He felt that it is extremely important to keep the clause to make a point of change that needs to happen now. Mr. Borges stated that he is in favor of the amendment to the amendment because he feels like we are limiting ourselves by saying the fee increase is the best way to increase diversity. Some members agreed that the resolution should be in support or non-support of the fee structure not proposing change in the fee structure. The resolution would be in consideration of the Opportunity Fee only and not the Opportunity Grant.

- xvii. With no further discussion, Ms. Czerny stated that the amendment to the amendment would strike the last “Furthermore Be It Resolved” that reads, “The ASI Board of Directors encourages the office of Diversity and Inclusion to submit a new fee proposal that supports low income students without providing funding for unrelated sources.”
- xviii. **Amendment to the amendment passed majority vote.**
- xix. The Chair clarified that the amendment on the table is to strike “Grant and” in the title and as amended, the three “Be It Resolved clauses.”
- xx. Ms. Elfarissi stated that from an External Affairs Committee perspective, the CSU is proposing a tuition fee increase and the need for more funding is a much larger issue so she understands the reasoning behind the funding for the General Fund and for the CSU.
- xxi. Mr. D’Ambrosio made it clear that his constituents did not like the fee increase at all and not just because of where the money was being allocated.
- xxii. **Amendment passed by majority vote.**
- xxiii. **Motion #14 (Collins/Wetzel) “Move to amend the resolution by striking Mitchell Collins as the author of the resolution.”**
- xxiv. Mr. Collins stated that with the amendments made, it was not his original intent of the resolution.
- xxv. **Motion passed majority vote.**
- xxvi. Ms. Czerny stated that discussion will be on the main motion.
- xxvii. Ms. Hensley spoke against the resolution stating that the fee is a necessity. Cal Poly is not a single institution but part of a CSU system for Californians. The CSU system is the most affordable public university system in the United States where they are financially, socially and geographically defined by boundaries but do not include state lines. Speaking on behalf of herself and her constituents, she stands against this resolution. Ms. Elfarissi prefaced her comment by stating that this topic is single handedly the most challenging issue in her time on the Board. Choosing between out of

state students or underrepresented students is an unfair decision. She stated that she was in support of the allocation going to the CSU system and the General Fund to help with the huge deficit and is opposed to the resolution. Members agreed that support is needed for low income students, however, there has to be a better way other than making out of state students feel alienated. Many students would be unable to afford Cal Poly. Mr. Alexander stated that less than one half of the funding is going directly to low income students, however, Mr. Mitchell clarified that it is 64% to low income students but did agree that it isn't enough.

- xxviii. Mr. Dimas stated that the Latinos in Ag club spoke in strong opposition of the fee at the college club council meeting. Members feared an increased stigma in associating low income with diversity even if they are not the one that is receiving aid from the grant. Minority students already struggle with stigmas and biases; the fee would give out of state students with a bias against minorities a greater reason to hold bias. He stated that the fee is a band-aid and fails to acknowledge the fact that the reason diversity is struggling on this campus is student comfort and feeling of belonging. He stated that the fee carries too much risk of creating an environment where students of diverse backgrounds can be unfairly targeted and that biases are "alive and well," but this fee is not the answer.
- xxix. Members in support of the resolution stated that out of state students are already paying state taxes through already increased tuition, why should they have to pay more? The funding going to the General Fund could cover the potential budget crisis, however, the root cause is the fact that the Governor is not making education a priority. With elections coming and a potential new Governor, and the potential tuition increase, the timeliness of this fee is bad. Members agreed that they did their due diligence by talking to their constituents to hear their comments and concerns, and the general consensus from students is that they are opposed to this fee. Concern was expressed that low income students could be worried knowing that out of state students are subsidizing their education without being able to contribute to the fund themselves.
- xxx. Members in opposition stated that California is expensive and it is not too much to ask of out of state students for an outstanding education. Concern was expressed that low income or middle class students will suffer by not receiving the funds and the support needed to keep them here until they graduate. Students are not going to stay if we do not continue to move forward with changes in diversity efforts. Concern was expressed that the CSU system was created to serve the community around it and some local students from Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo are unable to attend Cal Poly. They cannot access their own local public state university because of the high cost of living and tuition.

xxxii. **Resolution #18-07 passed majority vote.**

x. **Representatives' Reports**

A. **University President's Representative - Dean Kathleen McMahon**

- i. Dean McMahon left at 7:00 p.m. No Report.

B. **Academic Senate Representative - Dr. Kris Jankovitz**

- i. Absent.
- ii. Daniela read her report.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Lorie Leetham

- i. No Report.

XI. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business & Finance – Haley Warner

- i. Haley reported that the committee will review the Responsibility Guides for UUAB and Executive Cabinet, Vice Chair of UUAB and Vice Chair of the Board at a Business & Finance Special meeting on March 12.
- ii. Next quarter the committee will be reviewing the budget and funding allocations.

B. ASI External Affairs – Rita Elfarissi

- i. Rita reported on the week long advocacy campaign geared towards providing support for undocumented students. Over the course of the week, over 90 pins were placed on the map of student origin and over 75 letters were collected.
- ii. She stated that committee members had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Senator Kamala Harris' State Director. They discussed federal issues that have a direct impact on students and ASI's political advocacy efforts of the past years.
- iii. Rita stated that the committee will be working on coordinating an advocacy campaign to represent students amidst a potential CSU-wide tuition increase.

C. ASI/UU Internal Review – John D'Ambrosio

- i. John reported that the committee recommended a do pass on the ASI Art Acquisition and Oversight Policy, Resolution #18-07 stance on the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant & Fee and the selection of Vasin, Heyn & Co. as the auditing firm.

D. ASI Outreach and Communication – Mark Borges

- i. Mark encouraged members to take photos while on vacation holding the ASI pennant. He asked that members like and share information on all social media platforms.

E. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Denae Dupray

- i. Denae reported that at the close of elections filing, there were 70 candidates. She stated that the mandatory candidate meetings went well and upcoming events are being finalized.
- ii. Recruitment graphics for UUAB and Executive Cabinet membership are in the design process.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion – Sergio Dimas

- i. Sergio reported that the Ad Hoc Committee is completing the research phase and shifting into the trial and error phase for developing a final recommendation to the Board. Much of this transition has focused on discussions on the tangible recommendations that could be made. At the last meeting, the group used the time to work together and developed a pro/con list on the ideas generated from the collected research.

G. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Adriana Le and Ruby Ludford

- i. Adriena reported that \$122,490.87 has been allocated, \$24,018.30 still available and \$51,713.66 reconciled.

xii. **Announcements**

xiii. **Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 8:07 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

ASI Secretary

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