

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

#18-14 Meeting Minutes

April 18, 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 (left at 8:06, returned 8:13)

Maggie Cheung - College of Engineering

Mitchell Collins - College of Science & Mathematics

John D'Ambrosio - College of Engineering (left at 8:00, returned 8:05)

Annalise Delfosse - College of Liberal Arts

Sergio Dimas - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Sarah Downing - College of Engineering

Denae Dupray - College of Engineering (left at 8:15, returned 8:22)

Rita Elfarissi - College of Liberal Arts (left at 6:40, returned at 6:41)

John Griffin - College of Engineering (left at 6:33, returned, 6:35, left 8:05, returned 8:12)

Denise Hensley - Orfalea College of Business (left at 8:29)

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 (left at 8:15, returned 8:17)

Ana Padilla - College of Architecture & Environmental Design (left at 8:30, returned 8:32)

Samantha Seems - College of Architecture & Environmental Design (left at 8:32, returned 8:40)

James Smith - College of Liberal Arts (left at 8:20, returned 8:27)

Gabi Trapani - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:46, returned 6:50, left at 8:37, returned 8:42)

Harrison Tucker - College of Architecture & Environmental Design (left at 6:44, returned 6:46)

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

Tim Wetzel - College of Science & Mathematics

Voting Members Absent:

Vacant – Orfalea College of Business

Non-Voting Members Present:

Riley Nilsen – ASI President's

Kaelan Sobouti–Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (left at 8:02, returned 8:06)

Brett Raffish – ASI Chief of Staff

Marcy Maloney – ASI Executive Director (left at 6:52, returned 6:56)

Jeffrey D. Armstrong – University President's

Dan Banfield – Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Dr. Kris Jankovitz – Academic Senate Representative

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors Advisor

Tracy Watson - Board of Directors Assistant (left at 7:30, returned 7:38)

Non-Voting Members Absent**Guests:**

Dr. Keith Humphrey – Vice President of Student Affairs

Dean Kathleen McMahon – Dean of Students

Jamie Patton – Assistant Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion

George Hughes – University Chief of Police

Dr. Joy Pedersen – Associate Dean of Student Support, Success & Retention

Dr. Kathleen Enz Finken – Provost

Jessica Darin – President's Chief of Staff

Michelle Crawford – Associate Director, ASI Programs & Government Affairs

Aidan McGloin – Mustang News

Brenda Bello – AISA/AISES

Jerell Navarro – AISA

Austin Linthicum – Mustang News

Damren Morena

Luke Dufua

Haley Stegall

Savannah Hastings

Jana Russell

Andre Walle

Kylie Clark

Maddie Parker

Jasmin Fashami

Alyssa Snow

David Murray

Marissa Tuttle-Roache

Sabrina Pasura

Dominique Morales
Hunter Helfgott
Nicole Tono
Lily Todd Kucz
Grace VanKirk
Kacey Borbeach
Lauren Peren
Clue Minsk
Maggie Mclay
Rob Moore
Jake Watkins
Anita Valazquez
Zue Zupon
Giselle Fernandez
Adam Czerny
Ryan Durante
Chris Lopez
Leor Rozen
Nelson Mackintosh
Maureen Gratchy

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #18-14 was called to order at 5:13 p.m.**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
 - A. Daniela welcomed guests and stated that due to room capacity from the Fire Marshall; only 90 people will be allowed at a time.
 - B. Daniela read a letter from Duncan Mitchell with his resignation from the Board of Directors due to academic reasons.
 - C. She read a letter from Congressman Salud Carbajal, commending the board on Resolution #18-06: ASI Board of Director's Support of H.R. 2926 - Report and Educated about Campus Hazing (REACH) Act. He appreciated hearing from his constituents regarding legislation and stated that since receiving the memo from Chair Czerny, he has become a co-sponsor of H.R. 2926.
 - D. Roll call was taken and with 27 members present, quorum was met.
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - A. **Motion #1 (Warner/Dimas) "Move to suspend standing rule 7.8.1 to extend open forum to 6:00 p.m." Daniela stated that this requires a 2/3 vote.**
 - i. **Motion passed standing vote.**
 - ii. Multiple students spoke in regards to the offensive behavior against people of color and agreed that Cal Poly must change to be made a more inclusive campus. Students do not feel safe and they feel unwelcome. This was more

than just one incident or one group. It is not just Greek Life but the campus as a whole. One student stated that we cannot let administration forget about this issue, continue to fight what you believe in. One believed that Cal Poly has failed at teaching students about tolerance. They need to educate students about white privilege and tell students that we accept them. Some students commended Student Government and administration on understanding their role and how difficult it is to be an ally when you are personally attacked trying to be an ally. Students urged everyone to take action and to show love and respect for fellow community members.

v. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from Meeting #18-13, April 4, 2018

- i. **Motion #2 (Alexander/Broaddus) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #18-13, April 4, 2018.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

vi. Leaders’ Reports

A. Chair of the Board - Daniela Czerny

- i. Daniela stated that the Leadership Team met with President Armstrong to address the campus climate. An action plan matrix was created to show what has happened and what actions must be taken. ASI Student Government is making four commitments to students.
 - a) Increasing transparency of ASI Operations
 - b) Implementing campaign reform for ASI elections
 - c) Increasing outreach and recruitment activity to empower more students to run for office.
 - d) Urging administration to take action.
- ii. Daniela encouraged members to maintain ethics and integrity with the elections process.

B. ASI President -Riley Nilsen

- i. Riley genuinely apologized for the comments she made at the Town Hall meeting. She stands on the platform of students rights and will be accountable to take on the pressure and step up to the plate in support of students.
- ii. She stated that the Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee (SSFAAC) meeting was cancelled. The committee would like to give more time for divisions to write their proposals.
- iii. She reiterated the importance of bystander intervention and encouraged members to intervene if they see something happening and to protect one another.
- iv. She stated that an Alternative Consultation Committee has been formed to discuss and reflect on the past two alternative consultations and find the best way to engage with students. The committee includes one student, one faculty member and one staff member from administration.
- v. **Presentation on University Security Protocol - George Hughes, Chief of Police**
 - a) Chief Hughes congratulated students on taking the campus climate challenge seriously and applauded the work ahead of them.

- b) He spoke about what to expect at the College Republicans' event with Milo Yiannopoulos. He stated that at last year's event, the security was successful with a robust protest but no arrests or damage, and no one was hurt. He stated that looking back, he wished he had prepared the campus community for what to expect. Many were surprised with SWAT teams, K9 units, officers on the roof, etc. This year he is taking a proactive role by informing all of the campus on what to expect and that it will be similar to last year and to expect the unexpected. He encouraged members to let their constituents know that it is to provide a safe environment on campus.

C. ASI Chief of Staff -Brett Raffish

- i. Brett reported that the Executive Cabinet helped distribute over 600 renter's rights Z-cards and ordinance magnets which reached 2,500 to 3,000 students. The remainder of the magnets will be sent to on campus entities and Associated Students of Cuesta College.
- ii. He stated that the Diversity Round Table will be held on Thursday and they will continue discussion about exploring a source of diversity funding from ASI.

D. Chair of UUAB -Kaelan Sobouti

- i. Kaelan reported that the search committee for the Assistant Director of Fitness & Wellness is finishing second round interviews.
- ii. He stated that the UUAB will be voting on the proposal to increase the Cal Poly Recreation Center membership rates. Tier 1 rates would include faculty, staff and non-enrolled students. Tier 2 membership rates would include alumni, emeritus, household members and affiliates.
- iii. He announced the UUAB Chair elections to taking place at their meeting on Thursday.
- iv. At the next workshop, the UUAB will review the tech lounge results and discuss the UU Neighborhood project in greater detail.

VII. Executive Directors Report -Marcy Maloney

- A. Marcy stated that due to the long agenda, she will present the ASI Budget Series for Club Services. She explained that Club Services was formed after the 2001 referendum to provide support to clubs including management of services and club bank accounts.
- B. She reminded members to act with integrity and ethics during election season.

VIII. Old Business

- A. None

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Approval of the Executive Cabinet Responsibility Guide

- i. **Motion #3 (Warner/Ludford) "Move to approve the Executive Cabinet Responsibility Guide."**
- ii. Haley stated that the following changes were made:
 - a) Added the responsibility of being a mandated reporter under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.
 - b) Add "ASI" where appropriate

- c) Clarified and strengthened the description of Executive Cabinet
 - d) Broadened the scope of possible secretary positions to accurately reflect duties outlined in the ASI Bylaws.
 - e) Broadened the scope of possible secretary positions to accurately reflect Cal Poly's existing offices and programs.
 - f) Removed the suggestions for possible subcommittees under the "ASI Executive Cabinet" portion, as it conflicted with the ASI Bylaws.
 - g) Grammar and spelling error corrections.
- iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- B. Action Item: Approval of the New Projects and Initiatives Policy Threshold Amount of \$6,000**
- i. **Motion #4 (Warner/Downing) "Move to approve the New Projects and Initiatives Policy threshold amount of \$6,000."**
 - ii. Haley stated that the Business & Finance Committee reviewed this and agreed that \$6,000 was a good amount to put on a great event. The Business & Finance Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- C. Action Item: Proposal for Updates to the Children's Center Policy Manual**
- i. **Motion #5 (D'Ambrosio/Broaddus) "Move to approve the proposal for updates to the Children's Center Policy Manual."**
 - ii. John stated that Tonya Iversen, Director of Children's Programs, presented the changes to the Children's Center Policy Manual. The Internal Review committee recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- D. Action Item: Resolution #18-08: Resolution to Acknowledge the Second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day.**
- i. **Motion #6 (Collins/Borges) "Move to approve resolution #18-08: Resolution to acknowledge the second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day."**
 - ii. Mitchell stated that this would make an important change to history. He encouraged members to vote yes and stated that the City of San Luis Obispo passed a resolution in support of Indigenous People's Day.
 - iii. John stated that the Internal Review Committee reviewed the resolution at two meetings and made recommendations to the authors. The committee recommended a do pass.
 - iv. Members stated that due to recent events, it would be a positive action to approve the resolution.
 - v. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- E. Action Item: Endorsement #18-04: AB-1961 Postsecondary Education: Student Housing and Meal Plans.**

- i. **Motion #7 (Collins/Wetzel) “Move to approve Endorsement #18-04: AB-1961 Postsecondary Education: Student Housing Meal Plans.”**
- ii. Mitchell stated that Assembly Bill 1961 would prohibit California’s public institutions that receive state funds for student financial assistance from requiring a student to have a campus meal plan in order to live in institutionally operated housing. In addition, AB 1961 would prevent California institutions that receive state funds for student financial assistance from listing their housing and meal plans jointly. He acknowledged that after speaking with Lorlie Leetham and Mr. Banfield, their feeling is that it could affect long term construction plans and potentially could cause food insecurity.
- iii. Some members felt it was important to offer an option to students so they wouldn’t be forced to spend plus dollars on items they don’t need or will not eat. Others stated that it could be detrimental to their diet and they would eat unhealthy meals without a meal plan. It was stated that housing does not provide a suitable kitchen for students to cook in their rooms and without the availability of cars for freshmen, the option to purchase meals to cook is limited. Others stated that it is important for students to have a meal plan for the social aspect of meeting other students.
- iv. **Motion #8 (D’Ambrosio/Dupray) “Move the previous question.”**
- v. Daniela stated that this motion stops debate and moves directly to a vote.
- vi. A voice vote was taken and division was called.
- vii. **With 12 in the affirmative and 15 in the negative, motion fails majority hand vote.**

x. **Representatives’ Reports**

A. **University President – Dr. Jeffrey D. Armstrong**

- i. **Motion #9 (Warner/Wetzel) “Move to suspend section 7.3.2 of the Standing Rules as it pertains to time limits.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- iii. President Armstrong stated that racism is not about one event, it is a chronic problem on our campus and in our country. He asked for advice from student leaders to find ways to recognize the pain and to help heal the pain through dialogue. He spoke of the three acts of the Collective Impact Model starting at the ground floor with climate, curriculum, recruitment & retention. Much work needs to be done and “enough is enough.” He stated that Cal Poly is not a racist institution. Students expressed their concerns and disappointment on current campus climate. It is not about one event; it was the tipping point.
- iv. He stated that he was not prepared to discuss the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant and Fee. He heard loud and clear that there are areas in the proposal that people did not like. Review of the comments and concerns will continue.
- v. He stated that he likes the idea of AB 1961 Postsecondary Education: Student Housing and Meal Plans, however the core issue is that there is not

enough financial aid to provide to students in need. He stated that Cal Poly Corporation contributes extra food via a voucher program.

- vi. President Armstrong spoke about the state budget and if the Governor does not approve the CSU funding, there will be a \$61 million shortfall. He is optimistic that the CSU will secure funding rather than increase tuition.
- vii. Question was raised about why the United Sorority & Fraternity Council (USFC) was not suspended. Kathleen McMahon stated that the USFC is currently not high level problematic. She stated that Greek Life needs a “pause to reset.” She has confidence that the organizations will work on values and a “better Greek Life”, and will come back as a stronger community.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Kris Jankovitz

- i. Dr. Jankovitz read a statement from the Academic Senate stating that the elected representatives of the faculty on the Academic Senate want to reach out to the elected representatives of students (Board of Directors) as we consider the events of the past weeks that have been a catalyst to conversations and actions that need to be taken to make meaningful changes. The Academic Senate acknowledges that this is beyond one incident and it is painfully clear that much work must be done to realize a just, fair and inclusive environment where all cannot just achieve, but grow and thrive. The faculty members acknowledge the privilege and power that they hold on our campus. They can use that influence to support our students and our colleagues toward a more just, fair and inclusive environment. They will commit to urging and supporting our campus leaders to take the actions that must be taken to make a meaningful difference.
- ii. She stated that the Academic Senate discussed different ways that they can contribute. They talked about being better prepared to have conversations in the classroom about inclusivity, diversity, respect and dignity. They talked about empathy for students and promoting self-care. They talked about seeking clarity on how best to guide the conversations within the classroom and how to refer students to appropriate resources. They talked about a desire for our campus to raise the bar when it comes to freedom of speech and educated speech.
- iii. She reported that Academic Senate members asked to convey the request that the Board of Directors reconsider their vote on the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant. The senate will also be considering their position for their resolution.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Dan Banfield

- i. Dan stated that this meeting was the most enlightening and inspiring that he has seen.
- ii. He stated that regarding the Assembly Bill discussed, Cal Poly Corporation values the relationship with ASI. Regardless if the bill passes or not, CPC is committed to address the needs of students.

XI. Committee Reports

D. ASI Business & Finance – Haley Warner

- i. Haley reported that the committee will review the budget at a special meeting on Friday.

E. ASI External Affairs – Rita Elfarissi

- i. Rita stated that External Affairs is working on two resolutions that pertain to Governor Brown and a fully funded CSU.
- ii. She stated that the committee will discuss an advocacy campaign at the next meeting.

F. ASI/UU Internal Review – John D’Ambrosio

- i. John reported that the committee reviewed the Form 990 in an in depth technical review.

G. ASI Outreach and Communication – Mark Borges

- i. Mark stated that the committee will review the purview of the Outreach & Communication Committee (OCC) and will be changing the intent and structure of OCC.
- ii. He stated that the committee is working on educating students on what bills, resolutions and endorsements are.
- iii. He encouraged members to continue to share, like and comment on election posts and continue to inform students how to become a write-in candidate.

H. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Denae Dupray

- i. Denae announced that active campaigning has started. She encouraged members to attend the Presidential Debate, the Candidate Meet & Greet and the election announcement.

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

- i. Sergio reported that the Ad Hoc Committee conducted a SWOT analysis on the recommendations. He stated that they will continue to draft the recommendations for a preliminary presentation at Board workshop. He stated that the committee is nearing the end stage and is excited to move forward with their recommendations.

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

- i. Adriana reported that \$138,885.87 has been allocated, \$71,914.89 has been reconciled, and \$9,468.35 is still available to clubs.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 9:04 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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