

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

#20-07 Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

5:10 p.m. University Union Room 220

Voting Members Present:

Nicki Butler – College of Science & Mathematics (left at 5:55, returned at 6:00)
Kylie Clark – College of Liberal Arts
Michael Davis – Orfalea College of Business
Alan Faz – Vice Chair, College of Engineering
Max Feinswog – Orfalea College of Business (left at 5:58, returned at 6:01)
Chloé Fowler – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences
Marissa Hiji – Orfalea College of Business
Julia Hizami – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences
Julia Kelley – College of Engineering (recognized at 6:06)
Brian Kragh – College of Liberal Arts
Ian Levy – College of Liberal Arts
Tess Loarie – College of Engineering
Dominique Morales – College of Liberal Arts
Armando Nevarez – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences
Paulina Nguyen – College of Engineering
Zach Noyes – College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Conner O’Neil – College of Science & Mathematics (left at 7:23, returned at 7:30)
Sam Park – College of Science & Mathematics
Genevieve Regli – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (left at 7:15)
Joe Sandoval – College of Engineering
Harjot Sohal – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:53, returned at 6:57)
Warner Thom – College of Science & Mathematics (left at 5:50, returned at 5:55)
Jack Wanner – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 5:19)
Chloe Wardrick – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Voting Members Absent:

None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Rob Moore – ASI Chair of the Board
Mark Borges – ASI President
Elizabeth Roseman – Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (left at 6:53, returned at 6:58)
Shayna Lynch – ASI Chief of Staff (left at 6:40, returned at 6:41)

Marcy Maloney- ASI Executive Director

Dean Kathleen McMahon - University President Representative

Andrea Burns - Cal Poly Corporation Representative (left at 7:35)

Dr. Gary Laver - Academic Senate Representative (left at 7:34)

Lindsey Lee - ASI Board of Directors, Advisor

Tracy Watson - ASI Board of Directors Board, Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

None

Guests:

Jeffrey D. Armstrong - University President (left at 5:55)

Jen Haft - Administration & Finance

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - A. Meeting #20-06 was called to order at 5:10 p.m.
 - i. Rob began the meeting by recognizing that we are occupying indigenous yaktiṭu tiṭu yak ṭihini Northern Chumash land.
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Letters & Roll Call**
 - A. The Chair read an email from Manmit Singh Chahal regarding the proposed election spending limit. He stated that not everyone is socioeconomically privileged, and he felt that by approving a spending limit of \$1,500, you are telling them that they are not welcomed into ASI. He hopes that the Board will consider lowering the spending limit.
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - A. None
- V. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #20-06, November 15, 2019**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Sandoval/Kragh) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #20-06, November 15, 2019."**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iii. **Motion #2 (Faz/Fowler) "Move to suspend section 7.3.1 of the Standing Rules as it pertains to Student Leaders Reports."**
 - iv. Alan stated that by suspending the rules will give enough time for our special guest.
 - v. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and passed unanimous standing vote.**
 - vi. Warner asked to seek recognition and was recognized at 5:19 p.m.
- VI. **Leaders' Reports**
 - A. **Chair of the Board - Rob Moore**
 - i. Rob reminded members of Winter Kickoff on Saturday and to schedule their one-on-one with him.

- ii. He commended the External Affairs and Recruitment and Elections Committee's for their hard work on upcoming civic engagement efforts and ASI Elections.
- iii. Rob Introduced special guest President Jeffrey D. Armstrong.
 - A. President Armstrong gave updates on the following topics:
 - a. The Cal Poly budget was approved, and money was earmarked for salaries, benefits, mandated costs, and Graduation Initiative 2025.
 - b. The Cal Poly Opportunity Fee helped admit 277 new Cal Poly Scholars, mostly transfer students and will increase to 350 in the fall. An advising center is in place to benefit all students.
 - c. New faculty was hired with funding from the Cal Poly Opportunity Fee, Student Success Fee Allocations, and the Graduation Initiative 2025.
 - d. Dr. Jozi De Leon is moving forward on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
 - (a) Dr. Damon Williams will be on campus for the CPX Distinguished Speaker Series.
 - e. He is attending the investiture of the new president at Humboldt State University and is serving on the search committee for the new Chancellor.
 - f. Other administration searches included the Provost, Vice President of Development, and Executive Director of Cal Poly Corporation.
 - g. Facility updates included the Frost Center, Vista Grande, and the volleyball courts.
- iv. Rob thanked President Armstrong for taking the time to come to the Board to give updates.

B. ASI President – Mark Borges

- i. Mark stated that Winter Kickoff will reflect on fall quarter and a plan for the winter and spring quarters.
- ii. He reported on committees he is serving on including:
 - A. The year-round task force with Shayna
 - B. Provost search committee with Rob
 - C. Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC) with Rob
- iii. He reported that voter registration efforts are in full force and ASI Election candidate filing will be coming soon.

C. Chief of Staff – Shayna Lynch

- i. Shayna announced Samantha Santos as the new Secretary of Leadership Development who will oversee the Executive Staff.
- ii. Upcoming events include:
 - A. Services for Students Resource Fair where there will be informational booths to help students get more involved-on campus and will include a barbeque.
 - B. Executive Cabinet will partner with Poly Escapes for an Outdoor Sustainability Week. This is a week-long event and will include a

gear repair workshop, climbing clothes and shoe swap, and outdoor advocacy panels.

- C. Upcoming Flex Your Right: Storm the Dorm events will be held at Poly Canyon Village and North Mountain.
- D. Be Present mental health awareness campaign will be held on February 3-7. Topics include, Capture the Moment, Attitude of Gratitude, Surrounding Mindfulness, and Write it Down. All these activities are centered on reminding students to not get bogged down by fears of the future, but to stay present and enjoy what life has to offer right now.

D. Chair of UUAB – Elizabeth Roseman

- i. Elizabeth reported that she, Mr. Faz, and Ms. Lynch attended the 131 Tournament of Rose Parade on New Year’s Day. The float was titled Aquatic Aspirations and won the Director’s Award for its outstanding artistic design and use of floral and non-floral materials.
- ii. She stated that second round interviews are being held for the Director of Recreational Sports.
- iii. The UUAB has begun presenting projects on the UU Neighborhood to College Club Councils and other student groups on campus. She stated that groups are engaged and interested in learning more about the University Union changes. She hopes that the presentations will increase the awareness of the role of UUAB and help with recruitment in spring quarter.
- iv. She stated that furniture was tested, and selections were made for Chumash Auditorium and the fireside lounges.
- v. She encouraged members to attend UUAB meetings or workshops on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. At the next meeting, UUAB will begin planning a Recreation Center Membership Celebration set for February and discuss the Recreation Center dress code.

VII. Executive Director’s Report – Marcy Maloney

- i. Marcy reported that the new website is in its final stages and is anticipated to launch on January 31.
- ii. She stated that staff is busy with student staff evaluations, mid-year coaching, and planning budgets.
- iii. She stated that several staff members attended the Auxiliary Organization Association Conference in San Diego.
- iv. Facility project updates included Mustang Station and the Ally project. Construction is underway with an estimated mid-January completion date.
- v. The Chumash Auditorium and University Union second floor renovation project has been delayed due to Fire Marshall approval. She stated that furniture will be moved to the Recreation Center to provide additional study space.
- vi. She reported that Intramural Team Registration for winter 2020 is Friday, January 10.
- vii. ASI Events will host an Acoustic Artist Series and Trivia Nights.
- viii. Ms. Kelley asked to seek recognition and was recognized at 6:06 p.m.

VIII. Old Business

A. None

IX. **New Business**

A. **Action Item: Approval of the Appointment of the 2019-20 ASI Alumni Council Alumni Co-Chair**

- i. **Motion #3 (Park/O'Neil) "Move to approve the appointment of Katie Blevins as the 2019-20 ASI Alumni Council Alumni Co-Chair"**
- ii. **Motion required 2/3 vote and passed unanimous standing vote.**

B. **Action Item: Amend the 2019-20 ASI External Affairs Committee Operating Rules**

- i. **Motion #4 (Clark/Kragh) "Move to amend the 2019-20 ASI External Affairs Committee Operating Rules."**
- ii. Kylie stated that the time needed to change due to a class conflict.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

C. **Action Item: 2020-21 ASI Election Code**

- i. Conner expressed gratitude to the Recruitment & Elections Committee for their hard work thus far. This document will be the governing document for ASI Elections.
- ii. **Motion #5 (O'Neil/Morales) "Move to approve the 2020-21 ASI Election Code."**
- iii. **Motion #6 (Kragh/Noyes) "Move to change Article 10, Section 2 to strike \$1,500 and insert \$1,000."**
- iv. Brian stated that he has serious concerns on the spending limit and could cause huge barriers to low economic backgrounds and could expose inequities. He stated that Cal Poly has the highest spending limit in the California State University system.
- v. Members stated that as a Board we should trust the decision from the Recruitment & Elections Committee. Lowering the limit to \$1,000 will still be too high for low economic backgrounds. By using available resources, you can still run a successful campaign and not spend a lot of money. It was stated that lowering the amount is a scapegoat for a bigger issue of distinguishing donations from the money out of pocket. Focus on educating candidates on how to raise the funds.
- vi. **Motion #7 (Nevarez/Regli) "Move previous question."**
- vii. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and failed with 12 in the affirmative and 10 in the negative.**
- viii. **Motion #8 (Regli/Fowler) "Move to approve to limit debate to one debate per person per one minute."**
- ix. **Motion requites 2/3 vote and failed with 14 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and 2 abstentions.**
- x. Debate continued on the amendment stating candidates can be creative without spending money. Members agreed that focusing on the spending limit will not get to the real issue and the need to make ASI more assessable. Discouragement was stated that this amendment was not brought to the committee earlier and pushed the issue until the end. The committee worked hard, and their work has been pushed aside. Members should trust in the committee's decision and further change can be made in the future.
- xi. **A vote on the amendment failed by majority hand vote.**

xii. **The vote on the main motion passed by majority voice vote.**

x. **Representatives' Reports**

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

- i. Dean McMahon reported that Canvas is now available, the ITS mobile application will be released on February 10, and the virtual computer lab is open.
- ii. She announced that Campus Health & Wellbeing is offering transgender replacement therapy.
- iii. She reported that students will soon be able to indicate their pronouns and preferred names in the CSU student information system. Once updated, pronouns will display on classroom rosters.
- iv. She announced that \$650,000 was received to enhance the Basic Needs Initiative.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Gary Laver

- i. Dr. Laver reported that the Academic Senate has appointed multiple task forces including:
 - A. Online Teaching & Learning task force
 - B. Double Major Policy task force
 - C. Course Renewal task force
- ii. He stated that the Academic Senate Committee passed a resolution on Updating the United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Criteria.
- iii. He reported that Assembly Bill 1460 would require the California State University to provide for courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. He stated that the bill is contentious not in having the requirement, but how they are going about implementing it.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns

- i. Andrea reported construction has begun on the fireplace area of Mustang Station.
- ii. She stated that Poly Access launched and course material was available on day one.
- iii. She announced the upcoming Pentathlon National Olympic Qualifier event and stated that volunteers are needed during the weekend.

i. **Committee Reports**

A. ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz

- i. Alan reported that the committee will review a position proposal, the Employee Handbook updates, Club Sports Allocation request, and the ASI Publicly Available Pay Schedule in the upcoming weeks.

B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Dominique Morales

- i. Dominique reported the committee is focusing on goals for winter quarter.

C. They are discussing the importance of using inclusive language and will create an Inclusive Language Campaign.

D. ASI External Affairs – Kylie Clark

- i. Kylie reported that the committee will have a busy quarter with upcoming primary elections and the census. Upcoming events include:
 - A. Make Sense of the Census to educate the campus on the importance of the census
 - B. Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum for district five competitors Debbie Arnold and Ellen Beraud
 - C. Debate & Donuts event for each of the four presidential primary debates
- ii. She encouraged members to attend the San Luis Obispo City Council meeting.

E. ASI/UU Internal Review - Joe Sandoval

- i. Joe reported that two new members have been added to the committee, Chloe Fowler and Zack Noyes.
- ii. The committee reviewed fall quarter training what to look for in documents.
- iii. The Form 990 and a potential resolution will be reviewed at the next meeting.

F. ASI Recruitment & Elections - Conner O'Neil

- i. Conner thanked members for the discussion and voting on the 2020-21 ASI Election Code.
- ii. He stated that the committee is currently reviewing the candidate packets.
- iii. He reported on the College Cup presentation that will take place at Winter Kickoff.
- iv. Conner announced that candidate filing opens on Friday, February 3. He encouraged members to recruit candidates.

G. ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc - Nicki Butler

- i. Nicki stated that the committee will meet for the first time on Friday, January 10.
- ii. She announced members and stated that at their first meeting, introductions, discussion of operating rules, and training will begin.

H. ASI Club Funding Liaisons - Nicki Butler and Brian Kragh

- i. Brian reported that \$85,800.00 has been allocated for ASI Club Sponsorship, and \$12,992.50 for Event Co-Sponsorship. \$27,705.81 has been reconciled, and \$3,715.26 is remaining.

I. Announcements

II. Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:59 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 ___ 2019.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous/Majority vote* on _____, 2019.

ASI Secretary