

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

#20-11 Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

5:12 p.m. University Union Room 220

Voting Members Present:

Nicki Butler – College of Science & Mathematics (left at 7:28 p.m., returned at 7:29 p.m.)

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

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 6:14 p.m.)

Brian Kragh – College of Liberal Arts

Ian Levy – College of Liberal Arts (left at 7:00 p.m.)

Tess Loarie – College of Engineering

Dominique Morales – College of Liberal Arts (left at 6:50 p.m., returned at 6:51 p.m.)

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

Sam Park – College of Science & Mathematics

Genevieve Regli – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (left at 7:54 p.m.)

Joe Sandoval – College of Engineering

Harjot Sohal – Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:00 p.m., returned at 7:45 p.m.)

Warner Thom – College of Science & Mathematics

Jack Wanner – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Chloe Wardrick – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mark Borges – ASI President (arrived at 5:50)

Rob Moore – ASI Chair of the Board

Elizabeth Roseman – Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (left at 6:57 p.m., returned at 6:58 p.m.)

Shayna Lynch – ASI Chief of Staff

Marcy Maloney- ASI Executive Director

Dr. Kathleen McMahon - University President Representative (left at 7:07 p.m.)

Andrea Burns - Cal Poly Corporation Representative (left at 7:07 p.m.)

Dr. Steven Rein - Academic Senate Representative (left at 5:43)

Lindsey Lee - ASI Board of Directors, Advisor

Janet Tarlton - ASI Board of Directors Board, Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Tracy Watson - ASI Board of Directors Board, Assistant

Guests:

Keyana Bouzari

Iris Kohler - Students for Quality Education

Lewis Call - CFA SLO

Sophia Florez - Students for Quality Education

Alejandro Bupara - Students for Quality Education

Amanda Tejeda - Students for Quality Education

Claire Lopez

Rosa Elena Lopez

Felipe Vallejo

Amelia Solis

Manmit Singh Chahal

Solena Aguilar

Emilio Espinal

Barrett Lo

Saraith Aispuro

Angela Espinoza

Julianna Quihuiz

Jen Haft - Administration and Finance

Athena Cole - ES Department

Alish Sinha

Alexander Silva

Lydia Dasari

Julisa Rivera

Miaya May

Angelica Macalisang

- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Meeting #20-11 was called to order at 5:12 p.m.
 - i. Rob began the meeting by recognizing that we are occupying indigenous yaktiṭu tiṭu yak tịhini Northern Chumash land.
- II. Flag Salute
- III. Letters & Roll Call
 - A. Rob read six letters addressed to the Board of Directors
 - i. Dr. Janelle Navarro wrote to support and endorse AB 1460 and encouraged the board to do the same.
 - ii. Dr. Steven Rein shared the ASCSU opposition of AB 1460 outlining the concerns with the bill as written and referenced other ethnic studies resolutions supported by the Academic Senate including AS3380, AS3397, and AS3403.
 - iii. Korynn Grenert wrote in support of Endorsement #20-05: Endorsement of A.B. 1460, CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement and the benefit to CSU's and students in future employment and social interactions.
 - iv. Cate Hastings Armstrong wrote in support of Resolution #20-05: Resolution Calling for Cal Poly and ASI as a benefit for the campus and the planet.
 - v. Katie Rose wrote in support of Resolution #20-05 to protect the environment.
 - vi. Christina Golubovich and Erica Smith wrote in support of Resolution #20-05 to create a "greener" campus and reduce waste.
 - B. With 23 members present, quorum was met.
- IV. Open Forum
 - A. Students and faculty spoke in support of AB 1460, CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement. Speakers considered this bill critically important to the student experience, retention rate, and employment opportunities after graduation. Students spoke on the benefits of the enhanced learning opportunity for Cal Poly students and that exposure to cultural experiences will provide for more well-rounded graduates entering the global workforce. Some explained the current bill is not perfect in its execution and funding, but passionately explained it was well past time to take an action.
 - B. **Motion #1 (Sandoval/Noyes) "Move to suspend section 7.8.1 of the Standing Rules to extend the limits of Open Forum until 5:50 p.m."**
 - i. Dr. Rein voiced support for the additional time for Open Forum.
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous 2/3 standing vote.**
 - C. Students continued to speak in support of AB 1460 by sharing personal experiences on the positive impact ethnic studies courses had on their development. Speakers stated that having more Cal Poly students participate in the ethnic studies curriculum will help raise awareness and empathy, and address the current racist tendencies on the campus.
 - i. Students expressed that departments and students in general have much work to be done to support students of color.
 - ii. Students commented that the California State Students Association already endorsed AB 1460.

- D. Motion #2 (Faz/Noyes) “Move to suspend section 7.8.1 of the Standing Rules to extend the limits of Open Forum to 6:00 p.m.”**
- i. **Motion passed unanimous 2/3 standing vote.**
- E. Latinx Center**
- i. Many guests spoke in opposition to the development of a proposed Latinx Center. Student guests expressed concern on the lack of transparency and communication from university administration regarding the proposed center, to be located in Sequoia Hall. There was concern the location would support first-year students, but would not engage other Latinx students on campus. Safety was also an issue that was brought up regarding the potential center location, and students proposed other centrally located areas on campus that would be more welcoming.
 - ii. Comments were also made that other existing centers were not well supported (with facilities and funding). It was shared that other institutions do a better job of providing elevated spaces for marginalized students.
- F. Motion #3 (Faz/Kragh) “Move to suspend section 7.8.1 of the Standing Rules to extend the limits of Open Forum to 6:30 p.m.”**
- i. **Motion passed unanimous 2/3 standing vote.**
- G.** Students continued to share their comments on support for AB 1460 and opposition of the proposed Latinx Center in Sequoia Hall. Students spoke passionately about both topics. One student commented that he would campaign for the removal of any board member who voted against AB 1460.
- H. Motion #4 (Clark/Morales) “Move to move New Business Agenda Item E to follow the conclusion of Open Forum.”**
- i. Joe commented that the voiced opinion in Open Forum is without precedent and the action should be moved as recommended.
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous 2/3 vote.**
- I.** Julia Kelly was recognized at 6:14 p.m.
- J. Motion #5 (Kragh/Clark) “Move to approve endorsement #20-05: Endorsement of AB 1460 CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement.”**
- i. Brian explained that AB 1460 would require every California State University to provide a course in ethnic studies as a requirement for every student. Members thanked the students who spoke during Open Forum and expressed that without this input the campus will continue to lack both inclusion and understanding of bias. Many members mentioned they’ve received constituent feedback on AB 1460.
 - ii. Sam expressed that board members and constituents have concerns with the language of the bill and endorsement. He recommended the Endorsement #20-05 be returned to the External Affairs Committee for further research and review, as the vote is not scheduled for the senate floor tomorrow.
- K. Motion #6 (Park/Sandoval) “Move to refer endorsement #20-05 to External Affairs for further review and research.”**
- i. Joe shared concerns with the format of the endorsement and believes it warrants further time in committee and should move toward transitioning into a resolution. He argued that the ASI bylaws state in section 5.2.1.2 the definition of an endorsement versus a resolution. He stated that the bylaws say that an endorsement is the weakest form of

support from the board and resolution is a stronger way to advocate the critical nature of AB 1460. He spoke on behalf of his constituents in the College of Engineering stating that adding more units to their graduation requirement would impact graduation rates.

- ii. Kylie shared that the External Affairs committee endorses this bill, and the next ASI board meeting is not until April 1, 2020, thus not allowing the committee to start review for nearly a month. She also stated that voting on an endorsement does not preclude a future resolution.
- iii. Dominique expressed that she was not concerned about how endorsing AB 1460 would reflect on the corporation and felt that it was not a risk in approving the endorsement.
- iv. Brian stated he would support a future resolution but does not support the motion to send the endorsement back to committee. It needs to be voted on so it can be sent to the legislature.
- v. Joe stated that factual and supportive language is necessary for a document to go to the legislature. The endorsement does not represent a formal statement and any changes to the endorsement once voted on will void the endorsement. He expressed that a concept of this nature should go through the Internal Review Committee prior to going to the Board of Directors.
- vi. Sam shared that this topic requires the strength of a resolution that represents the voice of the students in a factual way. He also stated that the legislature had delayed the vote and it would not be occurring on the floor tomorrow so there was not a need to rush an endorsement.
- vii. Jack recognized the number of people who were at the meeting in support of AB 1460 and supported the endorsement.

L. Motion #6 (Sohal/Thom) “Move the previous question.”

- i. Motion passed majority voice vote.
- ii. Division was called. The Chair explained that the vote was to send Endorsement #20-05 back to External Affairs committee for further review.
- iii. **Motion fails: 3 in the affirmative, 21 opposed, no abstentions.**

M. Debate on the main motion continued.

- i. Conner shared that it would be a failure of this board to not approve this endorsement and also to not pursue a resolution.
- ii. Joe restated that the amount of detail and difference of opinion highlighted the gravity of this topic and emphasizes why this should be a resolution. He lamented that even a small change in AB 1460 would void the endorsement and encouraged all board members to take that into consideration before voting.
- iii. Warner said she had two concerns with AB 1460. There is no funding associated with the bill and the increased course offerings could be overwhelming for the Ethnic Studies Department.
- iv. Ian stated that if an endorsement is voided, another can be written. Julia noted the timeliness of the bill and recommended the board voice their support before it is brought to the floor.
- v. Sam commented that there is currently a lack of support in the senate. A resolution would have provided a much stronger vehicle of the student’s voice.

N. Motion #7 (Loarie/Noyes) “Move the previous question.”

- ii. She provided an update on the UU Neighborhood project and the alleyway's grand opening on Friday.
 - iii. Rick Craig was announced as the new Director of Recreational Sports.
- VII. Executive Director's Report – Marcy Maloney
 - i. ASI Events is sponsoring the Cal Poly Rodeo and announced that Carly Pearce will be performing. She thanked the students for the debate on AB 1460 and as a collective whole you are stronger.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. None
- IX. New Business
 - A. **Action Item: Approval of a New Regular Position: Maintenance Tech I.**
 - i. **Motion #9 (Faz/Clark) "Move to approve the New Regular Position: Maintenance Tech I."**
 - ii. Alan explained that the Business & Finance committee reviewed the proposal and Dwayne Brummett and Carol Brizendine provided background in committee. After discussing proposal, the Business and Finance committee recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
 - B. **Action Item: Approval of the Publicly Available Pay Schedule**
 - i. **Motion #10 (Faz/Park) "Move to approve the Publicly Available Pay Schedule."**
 - ii. The Business and Finance committee conducted a thorough review of the document which is required by the California Code of Regulations for CalPERS calculations. The committee recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
 - C. **Action Item: Proposal to update the ASI Employee Handbook**
 - i. **Motion #11 (Faz/Kragh) "Move to approve the updates to the ASI Employee Handbook."**
 - ii. The Business and Finance committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the ASI Employee Handbook on February 3 and 24 and provided comment and feedback. After committee recommendations were incorporated in the handbook, the Business & Finance committee recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - D. **Action Item: 2020-21 Endorsement #20-04: House of Representatives Bill 3267 (Fudge) – END ALL Hazing Act**
 - i. **Motion #12 (Clark/Nevarez) "Move to approve Endorsement #20-04: House of Representatives Bill 3267 – END ALL Hazing Act."**
 - ii. Kylie shared that the External Affairs committee wrote the endorsement after the California State Student Association endorsed the bill. The bill is a federal bipartisan bill that has an institutional approach to tackle hazing.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
 - E. **Action Item: Endorsement #20-05: Endorsement of AB 1460, CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement.**

- i. Action Item was approved by the board to be moved to follow Open Forum in a previous motion.

F. Action Item: Resolution #20-05: Resolution Calling for Cal Poly and ASI to Transition to 100% Recycled Paper and a Paper Reduction Campaign.

- i. **Motion #13 (Clark/O'Neil) "Move to approve Resolution #20-05: Resolution Calling for Cal Poly and ASI to Transition to 100% Recycled Paper and a Paper Reduction Campaign."**
- ii. Kylie requested support for this resolution. She expressed the Sustainability Advisory Committee is requesting support for this resolution. She explained that if the resolution call to action is adopted, the cost of paper would increase but when paired with a paper reduction campaign could result in a lower cost of paper overall. Both the university and ASI would be asked to participate in this effort.
- iii. Joe stated that the Internal Review Committee reviewed and vetted the resolution, the majority of the committee recommended a do pass with the 3 in the affirmative and 2 against.
- iv. Genevieve asked how much this would cost. Kylie shared that the university currently spends \$111,000 on paper and there would be an increase in cost to \$140,000, but could be offset as it should encourage less printing.
- v. Nicki did not feel it was thoroughly vetted in committee as it only spent 20-30 minutes reviewing.
- vi. Sam suggested a friendly amendment to change the memo from unanimous to majority.
- vii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

x. Representatives' Reports

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

- i. Absent

B. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns

- i. Absent

C. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Steven Rein

- i. Rob read the report which stated that the Academic Senate welcomed President Armstrong at the last meeting and he shared that students in Italy and Korea study abroad would be coming home due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He also mentioned that the Chancellor's office is limiting travel to Italy and Korea due to the outbreak.

xi. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz

- i. The Business and Finance committee will hold a special meeting March 30, 2020 to discuss business items on the ASI Scholarship policy as requested by student's members.

B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Dominique Morales

- i. Dominique explained that the Basic Needs programs are coming next week in collaboration with Interhousing Council. Volunteers are still needed for the events.
- ii. She shared campus shoplifting updates and the concerns voiced about conduct when students were found shoplifting.

- C. ASI External Affairs – Kylie Clark
 - i. Kylie gave an update on events sponsored by the ASI External Affairs committee. She mentioned that there will be a census booth on April 1 and there will be no regular External Affairs Committee meeting. She explained that she and other committee members met with Verdin Marketing and the County of San Luis Obispo to share Census marketing materials.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Joe Sandoval
 - i. Joe reported that the committee received training and met in closed session. Joe has recused himself from the closed sessions.
- E. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Conner O’Neil
 - i. Conner announced updates on the College Cup.
 - ii. He reminded the group on the difference between “pre-candidate” vs “candidate” and explained that the Student Government office is a neutral zone and ASI cannot endorse any candidate.
 - iii. He shared that the committee calculated the board composition for next year based of the enrollment data for winter 2020. The board composition for next year will remain the same.
- F. ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc – Nicki Butler
 - i. Nicki reported that all students are welcome to participate in sharing feedback on club funding.
- G. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Brian Kragh
 - i. Brian announced that funding for Club Funding is gone.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 8:31 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 ___ 2020.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous/Majority vote* on _____, 2020.

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