

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#20-15 Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

<https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/668453335?pwd=MitwUkVoTUx3dG14V1dpeHRLdWNTQT09>

Voting Members Present:

Nicki Butler – College of Science & Mathematics

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

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

Sam Park – College of Science & Mathematics

Genevieve Regli – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (left at 8:00 pm, recognized at 9:51 p.m.)

Joe Sandoval – College of Engineering

Harjot Sohal – Orfalea College of Business (left at 8:00 pm)

Warner Thom – College of Science & Mathematics

Jack Wanner – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 5:28 pm)

Chloe Wardrick – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Voting Members Absent:

None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mark Borges – ASI President

Rob Moore – ASI Chair of the Board

Elizabeth Roseman – Chair of the University Union Advisory Board
Shayna Lynch – ASI Chief of Staff
Marcy Maloney– ASI Executive Director
Dr. Keith Humphrey – University President Representative
Dr. Jo Campbell – Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Dr. Steven Rein – Academic Senate Representative
Lindsey Lee – ASI Board of Directors, Advisor
Tracy Watson – ASI Board of Directors, Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Guests:

Jen Haft – Administration & Finance - Director, Operations
Dr. Jo Campbell - Executive Director of University Housing
Dwayne Brummett – ASI Associate Executive Director
Michelle Crawford - ASI Director, University Union
Chip Neuenschwander – Student Clubs & Organizations
Cole Dorris – Chair of UUAB Elect
Rick Craig – ASI Director, Recreational Sports
Sophie Hannah – University Union Advisory Board/ASI Executive Cabinet
Will Sambar – Vice Chair of University Union Advisory Board
Alena Robinson – ASI Executive Cabinet
Michelle Deyski – ASI Board of Directors Elect
Hunter Helfgott – Club Sports Council President
Kayla Meacham – Club Sports Council
Annie Ritcey – Club Sports Council
Sarah Hawkins – Club Sports Council Advisor
Dr. Rachel Fernflores – College of Liberal Arts
Kyle Vu
Ava Quinn
Christian Akeroyd
Jack Kelly
Peyton Nienabar
Samantha
Manmit Singh Chahal
Tea
Phillipa

I. **Call to Order:**

A. Meeting #20-15 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. He mentioned that no flag salute will take place due to the virtual difficulty.

II. Letters & Roll Call

- A. None
- B. With 23 members present, quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

- A. The Chair received a letter from Manmit Singh Chahal expressing his opinion and dismay with ASI's diversity efforts.
- B. Hunter Helfgott, Kyle Vu, and Jack Kelly, spoke on behalf of Club Sports, urging board members to approve an amendment to the Club Funding split allocation to change the 80/20 split to 55% to clubs and 45% to sport clubs. Comments made stated that although there will not be a sport season for fall due to COVID-19, fees and insurance will still apply. Cutting funds would cause dues to be raised and could prevent students from being able to participate.
- C. Mr. Wanner asked to seek recognition and was recognized at 5:28 p.m.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes from meeting #20-14, May 13, 2020.
 - i. **Motion #1 (Sandoval/Kragh) "Move to approve meeting minutes #20-14, May 13, 2020."**
 - ii. **Minutes were approved as written by unanimous roll call vote.**

V. Leaders' Reports

- A. Chair of the Board – Rob Moore
 - i. Written report submitted
 - ii. Mr. Moore thanked members for their hard work and stated that he hopes they leave the organization feeling empowered and continue to advocate and always speak the truth.
 - iii. Club Sports End of Year Report
 - A. Kayla Meachum and Annie Ritcey presented the annual Club Sports End of Year Report and gave highlights from this year.
- A. ASI President – Mark Borges
 - i. Written report submitted
 - ii. Mr. Borges stated that his "four-year ride" has been amazing and he thanked members for what they do for students.
- B. Chief of Staff – Shayna Lynch
 - i. Written report submitted.
 - ii. Ms. Lynch added that she is looking forward to next year.
- C. Chair of UUAB – Elizabeth Roseman
 - i. Written report submitted.
 - ii. Ms. Roseman stated that conversations are taking place with the University regarding their need to borrow money from the University

Union Reserves. This would come in the form of a loan from the University Union budget to University Housing.

VI. **Executive Director's Report – Marcy Maloney**

- A. **Motion #2 (Faz/Noyes) “Move to amend the agenda to move Representatives Reports after Executive Director Report.”**
- B. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- C. Written report submitted
- D. Ms. Maloney commented on the successes of the virtual fitness classes implemented, as well as the ASI Events virtual events.

VII. **Representatives' Reports**

- A. University President's Representative – Dr. Jo Campbell
 - i. Written report submitted
- B. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
 - i. Written report submitted.
- C. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Steven Rein
 - i. Written report submitted.

VIII. **Old Business**

- A. **Action Item: 2020-21 Chair of the ASI Board of Directors Nominations**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Faz/O'Neil) “Move to open Chair of the ASI Board of Directors nominations.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - iii. No further nominations were made.
 - iv. **Motion #4 (Kragh/Noyes) “Move to close nominations for Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.”**
 - v. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Second Read and Vote on Bill #20-01: Compensation for Service**
 - i. **Motion #5 (Sandoval/Nevarez) “Move to approve Bill #20-01: Compensation for Service.”**
 - ii. Mr. Sandoval stated that in February 2020, the ASI Executive Director learned of possible unauthorized compensation given by the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors to the chairs of ASI Standing Committees not currently receiving scholarships. Following this discovery, the ASI/UU Internal Review Committee consulted with full-time staff on investigatory proceedings, including the gathering of depositions, consultation with student affairs personnel, and consultation with legal counsel. Concluding deliberations, a public report was released during the ASI Board of Directors meeting on April 15, 2020 including several recommendations for the Board's consideration. Such recommendations included the amendment of the ASI Bylaws and the amendment of existent ASI Conflict of Interest Policy to reflect that “board members may not offer, give, or receive gifts, bonuses, or other additional compensations for services performed.” Pursuant to the stated recommendations, the ASI/UU Internal Review Committee has received and reviewed the attached Bill entitled “ASI Bylaws Amendment – Compensation for Service”

- iii. Mr. Sandoval stated that after careful review and deliberation, the committee recommends a unanimous do pass on the document.
- iv. Members read their written statements expressing their dismay of the reasoning behind the bill, it being too vague, and that it doesn't achieve what would ultimately need to be resolved, compensation of Board members. They stated that the gesture was simply a gift from the Chair. They expressed their concern that the Scholarship Policy should be reviewed but not by way of this bill.
- v. Other members expressed that the purpose of the bill is to protect the organization and the recommendation was received from legal counsel. It was stated that the Scholarship Policy could still be reviewed in the future to "fix" the root of the problem, however, it is important to make it clear that gifts are not authorized by the Board of Directors as a means of compensation for serving in a Student Government role.
- vi. **Motion failed with 9 in the negative and 15 in the affirmative, 2/3 vote was not met.**
- vii. Mr. Moore called for a recess at 7:01 p.m.
- viii. Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. and with 24 members present, quorum was met.

C. Action Item: Resolution #20-08: Resolution to Support Students Living Off-Campus During COVID-19 Pandemic

- i. **Motion #6 (Park/Noyes) "Move to approve Resolution #20-08: Resolution to Support Students Living Off Campus During COVID-19 Pandemic."**
- ii. **Motion #7 (Park/Noyes) "Move to amend the resolution implementing the changes as shown in the presented document."**
- iii. Mr. Park reviewed changes to the resolution to align with changes on the state level. Recommended amendments include:
 - A. Changing the title to "Resolution to Support Tenants and Landlords During the COVID-19 Pandemic"
 - B. Adding two additional whereas clauses, changing the therefore be it resolved and the furthermore be it resolved clauses for clarification to reflect current changes with the State of California.
 - C. Updating footnotes reflecting changes throughout document
- iv. **Motion to amend resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- v. **Main motion passed by majority roll call vote.**

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Resolution #20-09: Resolution Regarding Students Left Out of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("Cares Act")

- i. **Motion #8 (Park/Noyes) "Move to approve Resolution #20-09: Resolution Regarding Students Left Out of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("Cares Act")."**
- ii. Mr. Sandoval stated that the Internal Review Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
- iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

B. Action Item: Approval of the FY 2020-21 ASI Budget

- i. **Motion #9 (Faz/Park) "Move to approve the FY 2020-21 ASI Budget."**

- ii. Mr. Brummett gave a detailed presentation on the ASI budget stating reserves are healthy and ASI is in excellent organizational health.
- iii. **Motion #10 (Faz/Park) “Move to amend the motion to read “Move to recommend that the University President approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Associated Students, Inc. Budget and Reserves as submitted.””**
- iv. Mr. Faz stated that the Business and Finance Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
- v. **Motion passed by majority roll call vote.**

C. Action Item: Club Co-Sponsorship Distribution for Fiscal Year 2020-21

- i. Mr. Faz stated that the Business and Finance Committee reviewed the funding allocation, and after much deliberation, the committee recommends that only 50% of the total pool be distributed due to COVID-19. The allocation for Club Funding will be 80% allocated to Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) and 20% allocated to Club Sports. The reasoning for the change was due to COVID-19 and the cancelation of the season for sport teams. Mr. Faz stated that the Business and Finance Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
- ii. **Motion #11 (Faz/Park) “Move to approve the Club Co-Sponsorship distribution for fiscal year 2020-21.”**
- iii. **Motion #12 (Thom/Park) “Move to amend the Club Co-Sponsorship proposal to strike 80% and insert 55%, then strike 20% and insert 45%.”**
- iv. Ms. Thom stated that with the uncertainty of COVID-19, the committee didn’t think there would be a season, however, after meeting with Club Sports members, it was clear that expenses still incur, regardless if they are playing or not. After hearing from members during open forum, it was agreed that the amendment was fair.
- v. **Motion passed majority roll call vote.**
- vi. **Main motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

D. Action Item: Proposal to Update Social Justice Programming Procedure

- i. **Motion #13 (Sandoval/Clark) “Move to approve the proposal to update the Social Justice Programming Procedure.”**
- ii. Mr. Sandoval stated that the Internal Review Committee recommended a do pass and yielded the floor to Mr. Borges for further explanation of the changes.
- iii. Mr. Borges stated that after reviewing past applications, he realized there were shortfalls in the process and changes needed to be made. The most significant change was increasing the maximum allotment to \$3,000.
- iv. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

E. Action Item: Proposal to Implement ASI Dreamer Scholarship

- i. **Motion #14 (Faz/Wardrick) “Move to approve the proposal to implement ASI Dreamer Scholarship.”**
- ii. Mr. Faz stated that the Business & Finance Committee reviewed the proposal and unanimously recommended a do pass. The philosophy of the scholarship is, ASI is committed to advocating with and for our undocumented students and support the resilience of the undocumented community at large. Undocumented students continue to be barred from applying for most types of financial assistance. This scholarship would be open to any AB540 students enrolled at Cal Poly.

iii. **Motion passed majority roll call vote.**

F. Action Item: Ratification of the 2020-21 ASI Chief of Staff

i. **Motion #15 (Nevarez/O'Neil) "Move to ratify the 2020-21 ASI Chief of Staff."**

ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

iii. Mr. Moore called recess at 9:00 p.m.

iv. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 p.m. and with 22 members present, quorum was met.

G. Action Item: 2020-21 Chair of the ASI Board of Directions Elections

i. Mr. Moore explained the election process which includes an introduction of the candidates, five-minute presentations by each candidate, a question and answer session, discussion and debate, followed by a randomized roll call vote election.

ii. **Motion #16 (Kragh/Park) "Move to open the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors Elections."**

iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

iv. Tess Loarie and Armando Nevarez gave their presentations and answered questions from members. The candidates left the meeting, deliberations began.

v. Ms. Regli was recognized at 9:51 p.m.

vi. **Motion #17 (Park/Sandoval) "Move to close the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors Elections."**

vii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

viii. A randomized roll call vote was taken, and Tess Loarie was selected as the 2020-21 ASI Chair of the Board by majority vote.

H. Action Item: Ratification of the 2020-21 ASI/UU Summer Board of Directors

i. **Motion #18 (Park/Noyes) "Move to ratify the 2020-21 ASI/UU Summer Board of Directors."**

ii. As per section 6.2 of the ASI Bylaws, "During the summer when the full Board of Directors and University Union Advisory Board do not hold regular meetings, the ASI/UU Summer Board shall be responsible for oversight of all ASI issues, and University Union matters." The following members have been selected for the 2020-21 ASI/UU Summer Board of Directors

A. Suhjey Rosas, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

B. Diana Fierro Gonzalez, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

C. Alan Faz, College of Engineering

D. Jordy Roth, College of Liberal Arts

E. Perla Estrada, College of Science and Mathematics

F. Tom Lee, Orfalea College of Business

iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

X. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz

- i. No report submitted.
- B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Dominique Morales
 - i. No report submitted.
- C.** ASI External Affairs – Kylie Clark
 - i. Written report submitted.
- D.** ASI/UU Internal Review – Joe Sandoval
 - iv. Written report submitted.
- E.** ASI Recruitment & Elections – Conner O’Neil
 - i. No report submitted.
- F.** ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc – Nicki Butler
 - i. Written report submitted included the final report and findings of the ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc report.
 - ii. Ms. Butler reported that the ASI Ad Hoc Committee on Club Funding was tasked with researching and recommending a long-term solution for ASI Club Funding to the ASI Board of Directors that best serves all Cal Poly students. In approaching this task, the committee sought to research and investigate Club Funding best practices by reviewing ASI Club Funding history, researching practices at comparable universities, and reaching out to key stakeholders within Club Funding.
 - iii. She stated that the results of the survey pointed to a few main findings: (1) Club officers on average were satisfied with the current process of applying for club funding (2) Many clubs utilized their funding throughout the year. The results of this survey helped inform the committee to make our recommendations and not alter the Club Funding application process too much, considering that most clubs felt satisfied with the way it currently operates. The committee strived to keep the results of the survey in mind as they began to develop ideas for recommendations.
 - iv. The committee regrets not being able to provide one succinct recommendation for the Board because of COVID-19’s impact on our work but hopes that this summary of the findings and the options provides a starting place for ASI to use when examining this issue in future years.
 - v. The committee divided the recommendations into 3 categories: (1) recommendations that would aid in fiscal sustainability (2) recommendations that would make ASI Club Funding more efficient or accessible and (3) recommendations that would increase fiscal educational opportunities for clubs.
 - vi. The full report is available upon request
- G.** ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Brian Kragh
 - i. No report submitted.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 11:04 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 31st of July 2020.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on July 31, 2020.

ASI Secretary