

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

**#21-03 Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2020, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 974 1012 3131

**Voting Members Present:**

Alexander Ameri - College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Ricky Chavez - College of Engineering  
Michelle Deyski - College of Science and Mathematics  
Katia Espinoza - Orfalea College of Business  
Perla Estrada - College of Science and Mathematics  
Alan Faz - College of Engineering, Vice Chair  
Hayley Fernandes - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
McKenna Grant - College of Science and Mathematics  
Marissa Hiji - Orfalea College of Business  
Suha Hussain - College of Engineering  
Tom Lee - Orfalea College of Business  
Melody Lee - Orfalea College of Business  
Kathlyn Lorenzo - College of Engineering (recognized at 7:20)  
Sam Park - College of Science and Mathematics  
Jordan Perlas - College of Engineering  
Sujhey Rosas - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Jordy Roth - College of Liberal Arts  
Samantha Santos - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Amanda Tejeda - College of Liberal Arts  
Adriana Villicana - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 7:25)  
Mitchell Wexler - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (recognized at 5:40)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Diana Fierro Gonzalez - College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Neila Patino - College of Liberal Arts

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Tess Loarie - ASI Chair of the Board  
Shayna Lynch - ASI President  
Cole Dorris - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board  
Elizabeth Roseman - ASI Chief of Staff  
Marcy Maloney - ASI Executive Director  
Dr. Jo Campbell - University President Representative  
Cody VanDorn - 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**

None

**Guests:**

University President, Jeffrey D. Armstrong

Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa

Dr. Keith Humphrey

Jen Haft

Cynthia Jackson Elmoore

Dave Lee

Michelle Crawford

Dwayne Brummett

Tina Hadaway-Mellis

Dr. Aydin Nazmi

Carlos

Carol Brizendine

Lauren Boyer

Manmit Chahal Sing

Anders Bjork

Francisco Leon-Gomez

David Valdez

Leia O'Brian

Chloe Wardrick

**I. Call to Order: Meeting #21-03, September 23, 2020, was called to order at 5:10 p.m.**

- A. Tess acknowledged that the land on which Cal Poly sits carries the heritage and culture of the Indigenous People of San Luis Obispo County, the yak tit'u tit'u yak tiłhini, Northern Chumash tribe. We honor the Indigenous People's connection to these territories and respect the land on which we gather today.

**II. Flag Salute**

- A. Tess stated that due to the virtual nature of the meeting, it makes it difficult to salute the flag.

**III. Letters & Roll Call**

- A. None
- B. Roll call was taken and with 20 members present, quorum was met.

**IV. Open Forum**

- A. Manmit Chahal Singh congratulated the board on their new positions and remarked at the make-up of this year's board.
- B. Francisco Leon-Gomez expressed his concern on student fees being charged during COVID-19.
- C. Anders Bjork stated that as a resident advisor, he has seen that students do not have an incentive for COVID testing and they fear being in isolation. Students do not want to give up their social situations. He strongly encouraged board members to advocate for regular testing.
- D. Leia O'Brian stated that resident advisors are struggling with crowd control and finding 50-100 people in closed areas and not social distancing. She expressed

concern that resident advisors are not trained and feel overwhelmed. She recommended that alternative discussions take place, and someone with training in dispersing crowds and encourage wearing masks be outsourced.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. Approval of minutes from meeting #21-02, September 11, 2020**

- i. **Motion #1 (Park/Ameri) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #21-02, September 11, 2020.”**
- ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**VI. Leaders’ Reports**

**A. Chair of the Board – Tess Loarie**

- i. Full report submitted.
- ii. Tess introduced University President, Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance, Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa, for a welcome message and a University budget update.
- iii. President Armstrong welcomed members and encouraged them to watch the Fall Convocation on the Cal Poly website. He introduced new administrators on campus including, Provost Cynthia Jackson Elmoore, Executive Director of Cal Poly Corporation, Cody VanDorn, and Interim Vice President of the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Denise Isom.
- iv. He announced that the California State University, (CSU) Board of Trustees has appointed Joseph I. Castro, PH.D., to serve as the eighth Chancellor of the California State University.
- v. Mitchell Wexler was recognized at 5:40 p.m.
- vi. Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa presented the Cal Poly year end summary stating that Cal Poly closed the year with a \$29.3M deficit which included general operations, auxiliaries, and enterprise. She spoke about the University Union loan to University Housing in the amount of \$7.9M to be repaid in seven years with a 0% interest. Members expressed their concern on the loan, no interest incurred, and why the Board of Directors were not involved in the decision. President Armstrong stated that the pandemic created a crisis and we needed to work as a University during these hard times. The loan would cover a \$3.9M housing deficit and \$4.0M to bring Fremont Hall back online. Cindy spoke about the 2020-2021 challenges with a projected \$35M operating budget deficit, mitigation actions, and the plan being implemented. She reported on the Cal Poly CARES total allocation of \$14.1M designated to emergency financial aid, institutional support, and minority serving institutions.

**B. ASI President – Shayna Lynch**

- i. Full report submitted.
- ii. Shayna stated that the Board of Trustees and CSSA have taken a stance in favor of Proposition 16.
- iii. Shayna introduced Dr. Aydin Nazmi, Tina Hadaway-Mellis, and David Lee for a Campus Health and Wellbeing and Safety update.
- iv. David Lee gave an update on dedensification of the campus, new hand sanitizer stations and the distribution of 10,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) packets to students.
- v. Tina gave an update on the COVID-19 testing stating that since July, 3,822 in house tests have been provided and most students being asymptomatic. She reported that Campus Health and Wellbeing are available for counseling and mental health support.
- vi. Dr. Nazmi stated that he is a professor in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and an epidemiologist. He reported on where the University is going through COVID-19 testing and surveillance to retain data. Using his skills as an epidemiologist, he can help the university with planning related to the pandemic -including isolation and quarantine. He gave statistics

on current testing and spoke about the potential for an external contractor to add 3,000 more weekly tests for faculty and staff. They are also working on saliva-based testing and assessing the ability of wastewater or sewage analysis.

**C. Chief of Staff – Elizabeth Roseman**

- i. Full report submitted.
- ii. Elizabeth added that the Executive Staff will have their first meeting, the Flex Your Right campaign is in full swing, and announced Cole's birthday.

**D. Chair of UUAB – Cole Dorris**

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. Cole added that UUAB will have their first meeting on October 1, 2020 and will receive an update on the UU Neighborhood Project.
- iii. He stated that an action plan is being created from the Student Government Program Review. They have identified key themes including diversity, equity and inclusion program assessment and outcomes, and other minor themes.
- iv. **Motion #2 (Faz/Park) “Move to amend the agenda by moving Representatives’ Reports after the ASI Executive Directors’ Report.”**
- v. Tess stated that this requires a 2/3 vote.
- vi. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

**VII. Executive Director’s Report – Marcy Maloney**

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. Marcy encouraged members to read the full report.
- iii. She announced ASI Events will host the Cost of a Revolution: An Evening with Patrisse Cullors and the family of George Floyd event on Wednesday, September 30.

**VIII. Representatives’ Reports**

**A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Jo Campbell**

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. Dr. Campbell stated that the Academic Affairs report has been added to her report submitted.

**B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Steven Rein**

- i. Full report submitted

**C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Cody VanDorn**

- i. Cody VanDorn, Chief Executive Officer for Cal Poly Corporation, introduced himself and stated that he is looking forward to working with ASI.
- ii. He reported on the financial difficulties that the Corporation is experiencing and the significant revenue losses due to COVID-19. He stated that these difficulties have required furloughs for student employees and full-time staff. He reported that their long-term goals include rebuilding Swanton Ranch, expansion of the Tech Park, continue investing in the Frost Center, and complete the renovation of the University Union project.
- iii. He thanked the student members that sit on the Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors.

**IX. Old Business**

**A. None**

**X. New Business**

**A. Action Item: Ratification of new director to fill vacancy in the College of Engineering**

- i. Tess explained that as Chair she is a neutral facilitator and no longer representing the College of Engineering. This left a vacancy in the College of Engineering.
  - ii. **Motion #3 (Park/Perlas) “Move to ratify Kathlyn Lorenzo to fill the vacancy in the College of Engineering.”**
  - iii. Tess stated that this requires a 2/3 vote.
  - iv. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**
  - v. Kathlyn asked to seek recognition at 7:20 p.m. and was recognized.
- B. Action Item: Ratification of new director to fill vacancy in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.**
  - i. **Motion #4 (Park/Swanson) “Move to ratify Adriana Villicana to fill the vacancy in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.”**
  - ii. Tess stated that the vacancy occurred from the resignation of Armando Nevarez and requires a 2/3 vote.
  - iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**
  - iv. Adriana asked to seek recognition at 7:25 p.m. and was recognized.
- C. Action Item: Ratification of the Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors**
  - i. **Motion #5 (Perlas/Swanson) “Move to ratify Alan Faz as the Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.”**
  - ii. Tess stated that this requires a 2/3 vote.
  - iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**
- D. Action Item: Approve the 2020-21 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules**
  - i. **Motion #6 (Park/Rosas) “Move to approve the 2020-21 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**
- I. Committee Reports
  - A.** ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz
    - i. Full report submitted
  - B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda Tejeda
    - i. Full report submitted
  - C.** ASI External Affairs – Hayley Fernandes
    - i. Full report submitted
  - D.** ASI/UU Internal Review – Suha Hussain
    - i. Full report submitted
  - E.** ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordy Roth
    - i. Full report submitted
  - F.** ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Samantha Santos and Alex Ameri
    - i. Sam reported that they met with Club Services staff to discuss their role and began their training.
- I. **Announcements**
- II. **Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 8th day of October 2020.

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ASI Secretary

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous vote* on October 7, 2020.

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