

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

**#21-08 Meeting Minutes**

January 6, 2021, 5:10 p.m.

Webinar ID: 848 3673 0664

**Voting Members Present:**

Alexander Ameri – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Ricky Chavez Guerrero – College of Engineering

Michelle Deyski – College of Science & Mathematics

Katia Espinoza – Orfalea College of Business

Perla Estrada – College of Science & Mathematics

Hayley Fernandes – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Diana Fierro Gonzalez – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

McKenna Grant – College of Science & Mathematics

Marissa Hiji – Orfalea College of Business

Suha Hussain – College of Engineering

Kathlyn Lorenzo – College of Engineering

Andrew Kim – College of Liberal Arts

Sam Park – College of Science & Mathematics

Jordan Perlas – College of Engineering

Sujhey Rosas – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Jordy Roth – College of Liberal Arts

Samantha Santos – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Parker Swanson – College of Liberal Arts

Amanda Tejeda – College of Liberal Arts

Adriana Villicana – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (recognized at 6:02 p.m.)

Mitchell Wexler – College of Architecture & Environmental Design

Vacant – Orfalea College of Business

**Voting Members Absent:**

Alan Faz – Vice Chair, College of Engineering

Tom Lee – Orfalea College of Business

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Tess Loarie – ASI Chair of the Board

Shayna Lynch – ASI President

Cole Dorris - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board-Designated Vice Chair of Board

Elizabeth Roseman – ASI Chief of Staff (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Marcy Maloney – ASI Executive Director  
Dr. Joy Pedersen – University President’s Representative  
Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative  
Dr. Steven Rein – Academic Senate Representative  
Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors Advisor  
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors Assistant

**Non-Voting Members Absent**

None

**Guests:**

Dwayne Brummett – ASI Associate Executive Director  
Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services  
Michelle Crawford – ASI Director, University Union  
Rick Craig – ASI Director, Recreational Sports  
Jen Haft – Director of Operations, Administration and Finance  
Jamie Patton – Assistant Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion  
Sarah Banholzer – Mustang News

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #21-08 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**
- II. **Letters & Roll Call**
  - A. Tess read a letter from Melody Lee, Orfalea College of Business, stating her resignation from the ASI Board of Directors.
  - B. She received a letter from former Board member, Ian Levy, wishing members luck in their endeavor to represent the views of students and to believe in their advocacy. He expressed his concern with the new multifactor authentication and the challenges it has presented to him and to many students.
  - C. Roll call was taken and with 20 members present, quorum was met.
- III. **Open Forum**
  - A. None
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #21-07, November 18, 2020**
    - i. **Motion #1 (Swanson/Park) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #21-07, November 18, 2020.”**
    - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**
- V. **Leaders’ Reports**
  - A. **Chair of the Board – Tess Loarie**
    - i. Tess welcomed members back and reiterated the importance of prioritizing mental health.
    - ii. She encouraged members to read the executive summary on the Scholarship Policy which provides background and the research done. Discussions will continue at the next workshop.

- iii. She announced that Natalie Estilo has agreed to fill the vacancy in the Orfalea College of Business and will be ratified at the next meeting.

**B. ASI President – Shayna Lynch**

- i. Shayna stated that with so many emotions going on right now, it is extremely difficult for many students to concentrate on classes. She reminded members to take care of their mental wellbeing and check in with others. She asked members to reach out to the Officer Team with any ideas on how we can help students during this time.

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

- i. Absent
- ii. Shayna read Elizabeth’s full report.
  - a. Food for Thought: A moderated webinar took place with Campus Dining to gain feedback from students regarding meal plans, food quality, food options, and the dining facility atmosphere.
  - b. Students and Faculty Fighting for Racial Justice Spotlight: The Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion created a social media campaign to highlight students and faculty that are fighting for racial justice.
  - c. Sustainability Roundtables: The Sustainability Roundtables are continuing as an opportunity for the Cal Poly community to discuss sustainability efforts on campus and in the City of San Luis Obispo.
  - d. Sustainability on ASI Website: The Secretary of Sustainability created content on showcasing sustainability efforts at ASI. A new tab will be created on the ASI website.
  - e. ASI Executive Staff: Secretary of Leadership Development continues with weekly Executive Staff meetings.

**D. Chair of UUAB – Cole Dorris**

- i. Cole asked members to reach out to the Officer Team if anyone needs assistance during these trying times.
- ii. He stated that recruitment for the representative for the College of Architecture & Environmental Design on UUAB will remain open until filled.
- iii. Cole reported that the UUAB is starting to undergo an accessibility assessment as a comprehensive review of all facilities managed by ASI. The assessment will focus on physical accessibility a cultural inclusivity. He asked members to reach out if they would like to get involved in the project review.

**VI. Executive Director’s Report**

- A. Full report submitted. Marcy encouraged everyone to read her report, specifically the Diversity & Inclusion report.

**VII. Representatives’ Reports**

**A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen**

- i. Dr. Pedersen announced that she is no longer the “Interim” and will assume the official role as Dean of Students.
- ii. She reported that the Student Affairs division is continuing to navigate the budget cuts and remove vacant positions.

- iii. She indicated that all asymptomatic students are encouraged to test twice a week and symptomatic students should schedule testing through Campus Health & Wellbeing for same day results.
- iv. She reported that Kennedy Library is providing contactless book check out. Books can be shipped off campus within 4-6 weeks and can be returned to any CSU book drop.
- v. The Transfer Center has partnered with the Office of Writing & Learning Initiatives to offer transfer students academic coaching including study tips, time management, contacting faculty, etc.

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

- i. Dr. Rein stated that he is impressed with the great deal of thought Board members use when considering substantial issues.
- ii. He reported that the Academic Senate will have a first reading on a resolution regarding Follet and the “opt out” option for purchasing books.
- iii. A resolution is agendized for setting a date for carbon neutrality and they hope to encourage administration to set a date to achieve the goal.
- iv. He stated that the Statewide Academic Senate passed a resolution opposing the CSU plan to have Ethnic Studies as part of GE, instead of allowing individual campuses to decide what is best locally.

**C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns**

- i. Andrea provided more information on Poly Access, also known as Inclusive Access, and stated that it has been widely adopted on other campuses. This is a digital way of delivering books and courseware when students register for the class at a deep discount. She expressed her concern if Academic Senate voted against it. Andrea reiterated that it would be detrimental for students and result in higher prices.
- ii. She announced that all Campus Dining facilities are open daily. She reported on many new menu options and stated that there are 52 vegetarian and vegan options throughout campus. She indicated that the yellow and green cards are being checked and signage has been added to ensure that students that are in isolation are not entering facilities.
- iii. Andrea reported that a new tent has been set up on Mustang Way and new furniture has been added to the front of the Visitors Center, Vista Grande, the stage of the University Union, and the MultiCultural Center patio. She stated that portable laptop chargers are available for students to check out free of charge from the University Store.
- iv. She announced a university initiative to open a COVID Health Center to help students get information on COVID questions and the Cal Poly Corporation is helping to find staffing for the center.

**viii. Old Business**

**A. Action Item: Bill #21-01: Scholarship Expansion Proposal**

- i. With no motion to remove from the table, Bill #21-01: Scholarship Expansion Proposal will remain tabled.

**B. Action Item: Bill #21-02: Second Read of Bill #21-02: ASI’s Commitment to Viewpoint Neutrality in the Reallocation of Student Fees**

- i. **Motion #2 (Park/Wexler) “Move to approve Bill #21-02: ASI’s Commitment to Viewpoint Neutrality in the Reallocation of Student Fees.”**
- ii. Sam stated that this bill complies with the mandate from the Chancellor’s Office on viewpoint neutrality. Currently, ASI is already in compliance and will not change our practices.
- iii. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Action Item: Approval of the ASI Viewpoint Neutral Funding Policy**

- i. **Motion #3 (Park/Perlas) “Move to approve ASI Viewpoint Neutral Funding Policy.”**
- ii. Sam stated that adding this new policy will not change the way ASI is currently operating.
- iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**B. Action Item: Amend the 2020-21 ASI External Affairs Operating Rules**

- i. **Motion #4 (Swanson/Perlas) “Move to approve the amendment to the 2020-21 ASI External Affairs Operating Rules.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

**C. Action Item: Approval of the 2021-2022 ASI Election Timeline**

- i. **Motion #5 (Roth/Ameri) “Move to amend the agenda by moving the ASI Election Code before the ASI Election Timeline.”**
- ii. **Motion requires a 2/3 vote and passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

**D. Action Item: Approval of the 2021-2022 ASI Election Code**

- i. **Motion #6 (Roth/Ameri) “Move to approve the 2021-2022 ASI Election Code.”**
- ii. Jordy stated that the committee reviewed and approved the amendments to the ASI Election Code.
- iii. **Motion #7 (Park/Fernandes) “I moved to amend Article VIII, section A., subsection 2, subsection a. by adding “may submit”. after “a candidate statement and” and before the diversity statement.”**
- iv. Sam stated that this change will give the option of submitting a diversity statement which would show the candidates that truly believe in diversity. Members expressed concern that it is important to make it mandatory and making it optional will not remedy the real problem of diversity.
- v. **Motion failed majority vote.**
- vi. **Main motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**E. Action Item: Approval of the 2021-2022 ASI Election Timeline**

- i. **Motion #8 (Roth/Perlas) “Move to approve the 2021-2022 ASI Election Timeline.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

**x. Committee Reports**

**A. ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz**

- i. No report-Absent

- ii. Tess stated that the Officer Team will present proposals to the Business & Finance Committee for reallocating funding to support Cal Poly Cares and increase the ASI Dreamer Scholarship Fund.

**B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda Tejada**

- i. Amanda reported that the committee discussed the diversity statement wording for the candidate packets.

**C. ASI External Affairs – Hayley Fernandes**

- i. Hayley stated that a social media campaign launched showing the results and implications of the ballot propositions.

**D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Suha Hussain**

- i. Suha reported that the committee is participating in resolution training.

**E. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordy Roth**

- i. Jordy thanked committee members for their hard work
- ii. He stated that the committee will begin the review of the candidate packets which will be presented at Board workshop.

**F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Alex Ameri and Samantha Santos**

**i. Club Funding Quarterly Report**

- a. Alex stated that two virtual events were approved.
- b. He urged members to encourage clubs to apply for Club Funding.

**XI. Announcements**

**XII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 4 day of February, 2021

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on February 3, 2021.

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