

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

**#21-11 Meeting Minutes**

February 17, 2021, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID# 818 3232 0054

**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  
Natalie Estilo – Orfalea College of Business (recognized at 6:01 a.m.)  
Perla Estrada – College of Science & Mathematics  
Alan Faz – Vice Chair, College of Engineering  
McKenna Grant – College of Science & Mathematics  
Marissa Hiji – Orfalea College of Business  
Suha Hussain – College of Engineering  
Tom Lee – Orfalea College of Business  
Kathlyn Lorenzo – College of Engineering  
Andrew Kim – College of Liberal Arts  
Sam Park – College of Science & Mathematics (recognized at 5:25 p.m.)  
Jordan Perlas – College of Engineering  
Sujhey Rosas – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences  
Jordy Roth – College of Liberal Arts  
Parker Swanson – College of Liberal Arts  
Amanda Tejeda – College of Liberal Arts  
Adriana Villicana – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences  
Mitchell Wexler – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 6:05 p.m.)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Hayley Fernandes – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences  
Diana Fierro Gonzalez – College of Architecture & Environmental Design  
Samantha Santos – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Tess Loarie – ASI Chair of the Board  
Shayna Lynch – ASI President  
Elizabeth Roseman – ASI Chief of Staff (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)  
Marcy Maloney – ASI Executive Director

Dr. Jo Campbell – 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**

Cole Dorris - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board

**Guests:**

Dwayne Brummett – ASI Associate Executive Director  
Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services  
Michelle Crawford – ASI Director, University Union  
Jen Haft – Director of Operations, Administration and Finance  
Sarah Banholzer – Mustang News  
Ashley Shoals – Interim Director, Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center  
Robyn Wallman – Assistant Director, Facility Operations  
Brian Kragh – Cal Poly Student  
Jennifer Von der lohe – ASI Coordinator, Event Logistics  
Ali Polmar – ASI Executive Cabinet  
Jenny Jacobs - Guest  
Elsie Macedo – Guest  
Jenny Anderson – Guest

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #21-11 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**
  - A. *We acknowledge that the land on which Cal Poly sits carries the heritage and culture of the Indigenous People of San Luis Obispo County, the yak tiṭu tiṭu yak tithini, Northern Chumash tribe. We honor the Indigenous People’s connection to these territories and respect the land on which we gather today.*
  - B. Chair Loarie stated that due to the nature of real-time captioning the resulting unedited text may contain errors and is not an authoritative record of the meeting.
  
- II. **Letters & Roll Call**
  - A. The chair received a letter from Cal Poly student, Tatum Lee, expressing her concern on the multiple charges from vandalism in Poly Canyon Village. There are no severe repercussions, and the entire community is charged fines.
  - B. Roll call was taken and with 18 members present, quorum was met.
  
- III. **Open Forum**
  - A. Jenny Jacobs and Jenny Anderson, members of the Higher Education Counseling/Student Affairs program and advocates of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, expressed their dismay on the anti-semitic act of vandalism at the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. They felt there was a tepid sense of condemnation from the administration on this intolerable act. They encouraged members to use their voices as student leaders on no tolerance for racism.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. Approval of minutes from meeting #21-10, February 3, 2021**

- i. Director Park was recognized at 5:25 p.m.
- ii. **Motion #1 (Lee/Perlas) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #21-10, February 3, 2021.”**
- iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**v. Leaders’ Reports**

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

- i. Chair Loarie explained the closed session by stating that under the Gloria Romero Open meeting laws, section 98307 ( c ) (1), and the ASI Bylaws section 5.3.5.3, the board can undergo closed session for sensitive matters, in terms of this meeting, the appointment of a current employee for a different position. This means logistically, the board will move into a private breakout room to discuss Action Item C, recommendation to appoint Michelle Crawford as the ASI Interim Executive Director. In closed session, the board will discuss, and vote on the item at hand. After the closed session is complete, members return to the main meeting, summarize the results, and announce each member’s individual votes. The only members allowed in closed session will be directors, the officer team, Carol Brizendine, Lindsey Lee, and our representatives as per section 5.6 of the ASI bylaws.

**B. ASI President – Shayna Lynch**

- i. President Lynch reported that Chancellor Castro made an exciting announcement at the CSU Board of Trustees leadership retreat. Governor Newsom will be informing the legislature that he wishes to amend the January budget proposal restoring the entire \$299 million cut. Quoting the Chancellor, “this would be in addition to the \$145 million increase that he called for in the January budget.” In addition, another \$1.3 million to support administrative costs and outreach associated with our CSU efforts around enrolling more students in the Calfresh program. This would total \$444 million in permanent funding.

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

- i. Absent
- ii. Full report submitted

**D. Chair of UUAB – Cole Dorris**

- i. Absent
- ii. Full report submitted

**VI. Executive Director’s Report**

**A. Full report submitted.**

**B. Marcy introduced Ashley Shoals, Interim Director, Orfalea Family & ASI Children’s Center.**

- i. Ashley stated that the ASI Children’s Center was established in 1974 to meet the needs of student parents on campus and is funded from ASI Fees, parent fees, grants and endowments. She shared the historical background, the vision, values, and goals of the center. She spoke about the four goals of the anti-bias education program including, identity, diversity, justice, and activism. The center currently employs 14 fulltime staff members and 25 student employees. The current staffing structures reflects the

requirements for adult-to-child ratios that are outlined by Title 5 and Community Care Licensing. The number of student staff is not a reflection of current employment, as it reflects impacts from COVID-19. She spoke about the health and nutrition program, the impacts of COVID-19, and the restructure of indoor and outdoor spaces.

## VII. Representatives' Reports

- A. University President's Representative – Dr. Jo Campbell
  - i. Full report Submitted
- B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Steven Rein
  - i. Chair Loarie gave the Academic Senate report stating that the Academic Senate voted on two issues, the first to bring Ethnic Studies into the GE area by fall 2021. She stated that the downside of this is that the history or requirement within the GE pattern is now reduced.
  - ii. She stated that the Senate will be taking a vote on the Follett opt in/opt out option and encouraged members to reach out to him with questions or concerns.
  - iii. She reported that Dr. Rein encouraged members to review state legislation assembly bills, AB14 and AB245.
- C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
  - i. Full report submitted
  - ii. Director Wexler was recognized at 6:05 p.m.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. None

## IX. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Suspension of Physical Campaign Material for the 2021-22 ASI Annual Spring Elections**
  - i. **Motion #2 (Roth/Perlas) “Move to approve the suspension of physical campaign material for the 2021-22 ASI annual spring elections.”**
  - ii. Director Roth stated that the Recruitment & Elections Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
  - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Annual Compensation Recommendation of \$150,000 for the ASI Interim Executive Director Position**
  - i. **Motion #3 (Faz/Perlas) “Move to approve the annual compensation recommendation of \$150,000 for the ASI Interim Executive Director position.”**
  - ii. Director Faz stated that the Business & Finance Committee recommended a do pass.
  - iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- C. **Action Item: Closed Session pursuant to Education Code Section 89307 Recommendation to Appoint Michelle Crawford as the ASI Interim Executive Director**
  - i. Per ASI Bylaws section 5.3.5.5, it is required that prior to going into closed session the board must disclose why there is a closed session. Chair Loarie restated that the board will be going into closed session to

discuss the appointment of Michelle Crawford as the ASI Interim Executive Director.

- ii. **Motion #4 (Kim/Wexler) “Move to open closed session.”**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- iv. The board moved into closed session to discuss and vote on the action item. The board returned and as per section 5.3.5.6 of the ASI Bylaws, the chair reported the action taken in closed session and the vote or abstention of every member present.
- v. **Motion #5 (Hussain/Ameri) “Move to approve the recommendation to appoint Michelle Crawford as the ASI Interim Executive Director.”**
- vi. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- vii. She stated there was a motion made to close closed session.
- viii. **Motion #6 (Swanson/Ameri) “Move to close closed session.”**
- ix. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- x. The chair then presented the board’s vote on New Business action item C. She reported that during closed session the board approved the appointment of the Interim Executive Director as Michelle Crawford.
- xi. The voting record is as follows:
  - a Ayes – Ameri, Chavez Guerrero, Deyski, Espinoza, Estilo, Estrada, Faz, Grant, Hiji, Hussain, Kim, Lee, Lorenzo, Park, Perlas, Rosas, Roth, Swanson, Tejeda, Villicana, Wexler

**x. Committee Reports**

- A.** ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz
  - i. Report submitted.
  - ii. The committee will discuss the ASI Fiscal Policy manual at the next meeting.
- B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda Tejeda
  - i. Report submitted.
  - ii. The committee reviewed and approved a memo to remove the flag salute from the UUAB meeting agendas.
- C.** ASI External Affairs – Hayley Fernandes
  - i. Report Submitted
- D.** ASI/UU Internal Review – Suha Hussain
  - i. No report submitted.
  - ii. Director Hussain reported that the last 3 Internal Review Committee meetings have been canceled due to no documents for review. She stated that the committee will meet next week.
- E.** ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordy Roth
  - i. Report submitted
  - ii. Director Roth reported that candidate filing is underway and closes on Friday, February 26.
- F.** ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Alex Ameri and Samantha Santos

- i. No report submitted.
- ii. Director Ameri reported that seven applications have been signed.

XI. **Announcements**

XII. **Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 6:44 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 4th day of March 2021.

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

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