

Associated Students, Inc.  
California Polytechnic State University

## UNIVERSITY UNION ADVISORY BOARD

### #21-09 Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2021 2:10 p.m.

Meeting ID# 824 0702 6735

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Cole Dorris, Chair of the University Union Advisory Board  
Alena Robinson, Vice-Chair of the University Union Advisory Board  
Sophie Hannah, College of Science and Mathematics (Recognized at 2:15)  
Benjamin Shinkwin, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Stephanie Hernandez, College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Nicolas Wai, College of Engineering  
Marissa Hiji, Orfalea College of Business and Board of Director's Designee  
Matthew Draxton, ASI President's Designee  
Nishita Katere, Orfalea College of Business

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Ray Aronson, University President's Representative  
Vacant, Faculty Representative  
Kaelan Sobouti, Alumni Representative

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Dwayne Brummett, Associate Executive Director  
Michelle Crawford, ASI Interim Executive Director  
Rick Craig, Director - Recreational Sports  
Ron Skamfer, Director - Facilities Management  
Robyn Wallman - UUAB Advisor  
Pat Rosemas, Administration and Finance Designee

#### **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Daren Connor, Assistant Director - UU Facility Operations

#### **Guests:**

Elizabeth Roseman, Chief of Staff  
Jordy Roth, Board of Directors  
Katie Escalera, ASI Administrative Assistant II  
Saba Jafroodi, Student  
Harjot Sohal, Student

#### **I. Call to Order**

- A. Meeting #21-09 called to order at 2:10 p.m.
- B. Cole 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 tityu tityu yak tiithini, 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. Cole indicated that a flag salute was not practical in virtual meetings.

#### **III. Letters & Roll Call**

- A. No letters received.
- B. Roll Call taken and quorum met.

#### **IV. Open Forum**

- A. Jordy Roth was recognized.
  1. Jordy spoke advocating for the opening of the racquetball courts in the Rec

Center now that it is open inside with limited capacity.

## V. Approval of Minutes

A. **Motion #1 (Hiji/Wai) “Move to approve the UUAB meeting minutes #21-08 from February 25, 2021.”**

B. **Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.**

## VI. Reports

A. Chair – Cole Dorris

1. Cole welcomed everyone back and said he is looking forward to Spring Quarter together and he enjoyed the individual meetings with everyone last week.
2. Cole reported that Kristin Hertz, Alumni Representative has retired and Kaelan Sobouti will be the new Alumni Representative, he was unable to attend today’s meeting but will be at the next meeting.

B. Interim Executive Director’s Report – Michelle Crawford and Robyn Wallman

1. Michelle introduced herself and reviewed her priorities while she is the position of Interim Executive Director.
  - a) Safety and wellbeing of staff. She wants to support those returning to campus and set clear expectations and communication.
  - b) Re-building Teams. 300 student employees were furloughed and laid off last year. There were also full time staff that retired or left. ASI is working to fill vacant positions and re-build teams.
  - c) Looking at office repopulation. While many ASI full time staff have been working on campus during COVID, many have not. ASI is preparing to reopen offices that have been basically closed for over a year in preparation for fall reopening.
  - d) DEI training is a high priority and ASI has just gotten started this past year. DEI training will continue.
  - e) Have ASI be a strong campus partner and collaborator. Look for new ways to improve the student experience.
2. Robyn yielded the floor to Ron Skamfer who reported on the following.
  - a) EOC - 7 students are in isolation, 0 in quarantine, and 0 quarantine in place. 108,000 people have been tested on campus, 24,000 saliva test were administered last month. Vaccines will be available on campus in mid-April.
  - b) ACS – The agreement for the Rec Center to be used as an alternative care site has been extended through May of 2021. They will move out in June.
  - c) ASI Projects – Chumash demolition stated on March 24. Approval to start demolition on the downstairs All Gender bathroom has been received. Chumash auditorium and the All Gender bathroom are slated to be complete in July of 2021. Fire suppression sprinklers are planned to be installed throughout the building.
  - d) Sports complex fields – Inspection for playability and repair will be done in the next two weeks.
3. Robyn yielded the floor to Rick who reported on the following:
  - a) The Rec Center is now open indoors from 6:00 am to 11:30 pm. Current capacity is 20 inside, 23 outside, and 18 swimmers.
  - b) The racquetball courts are currently part of the ACS areas and are changing rooms for nurses. They will not be open until ACS leaves, sometime in July.
4. Robyn reported that the second floor of the University Union (UU) is open with a seating capacity of 58 students. The tent outside the UU is gone and was only there during winter quarter for inclement weather.

- 5. Full report submitted.
- C. University President's Representative – Ray Aronson
  - 1. Absent, no report given
- D. Faculty Representative – Vacant
- E. Alumni Representative – Absent, no report given

**VII. Old Business**

- A. None.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Action Item: Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Nominations**

- 1. Open nominations for the Chair of the University Union Advisory Board. Cole stated that students nominating and being nominated did not need to currently be a member of UUAB. Presentations and voting will be conducted at a future meeting.
  - a) **Motion #2 (Hannah/Hernandez) “Move to open nominations for the Chair of the University Union Advisory Board”.**
  - b) **Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.**
  - c) Harjot Sohal nominated Marissa Hiji, Marissa accepted the nomination.
  - d) Sophie Hannah nominated Alena Robinson, Alena accepted the nomination.
  - e) Elizabeth Roseman nominated Saba Jafroodi, Saba accepted the nomination.
  - f) **Motion #3 (Hannah/Hernandez) “Move to close the nominations for the Chair of the University Union Advisory Board”.**
  - g) **Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.**

**B. Action Item: Removal of the Flag Salute from the UUAB Standing Rules**

- 1. Members will discuss and vote on a recommendation from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to remove the Flag Salute from meeting agendas.
- 2. Cole shared two memorandums:
  - a) Pledge of Allegiance Removal - **Recommendation to Strike the Flag Salute from UUAB Agendas and Operating Rules** written by Matthew Draxton and Jordan Perlas
  - b) D&I Committee **Recommendation to Remove the Flag Salute from UUAB Agendas and Standing Rules** written by Robyn Wallman
- 3. Voting in favor will amend the Standing Rules for UUAB.
- 4. **Motion #3 (Draxton/ Katere) “Move to amend the 2021 UUAB Standing Rules by removing the flag salute.”**
- 5. Discussion include whether saying the flag salute was mandatory, removing it isolates those who want to say it, whereas if you do not want to participate, you are not required to.
- 6. **Motion failed. Three in favor, two opposed, three abstained.**

**IX. Liaison Reports**

- A. Board/President's Designee – Marissa Hiji, Matthew Draxton
  - 1. Board Representative Marissa Hiji stated that there was nothing to report.
  - 2. President's Designee Matt Draxton stated there was nothing to report.
- B. Universitywide/Academic Senate Committee

1. No reports given.

C. Student Club Councils

1. No reports given.

X. **Adjournment**

A. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Rusco

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cole Dorris, UUAB Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_