

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

**#21-13 Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2021, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Webinar ID# 871 3296 1501

**Voting Members Present:**

Alexander Ameri – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 6:11 p.m.)

Ricky Chavez Guerrero – College of Engineering

Michelle Deyski – College of Science & Mathematics

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

Hayley Fernandes – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Diana Fierro Gonzalez – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 6:04 p.m.)

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 (left at 6:40 p.m.)

Jordan Perlas – College of Engineering

Sujhey Rosas – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:17 p.m.)

Jordy Roth – College of Liberal Arts

Parker Swanson – College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:38 p.m.)

Amanda Tejada – College of Liberal Arts

Adriana Villicana – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (recognized at 6:00)

Mitchell Wexler – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (left at 6:00 p.m.)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Katia Espinoza – Orfalea College of Business

Tom Lee – Orfalea College of Business

Samantha Santos – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

**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 (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)  
Michelle Crawford – ASI Interim Executive Director  
Dr. Jo Campbell – University President’s Representative  
Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative  
Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors Advisor  
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors Assistant

**Non-Voting Members Absent**

Dr. Steven Rein – Academic Senate Representative

**Guests:**

Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services  
Jen Haft – Director of Operations, Administration and Finance  
Alena Robinson – Vice Chair, University Union Advisory Board  
Katie Escalera – ASI  
Abby Levy  
Adam Meleo  
Arielle Goodman  
Chloe Leviah  
Emma Ticke-Raker  
Jessica Green  
Juan Luna  
Micah Hyman  
Rachel Tessema  
Ron Williams  
Noah Matlof  
Selina James  
Hayden Flechner  
Rachel Nebel  
Tina Malka  
Gal Kavalier  
Than Shmarjad  
Jared

**I. Call to Order: Meeting #21-13 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 tit̓u tit̓u yak t̓ihini, 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. Chair Loarie received two letters from Katia Espinosa and Tom Lee with their letters of resignation from the ASI Board of Directors
  - B. Roll call was taken and with 17 members present, quorum was met.
- III. **Open Forum**
- A. Chloe Levian and Rachel Nebel spoke in support of the Antisemitism resolution stating that it is time to have a clear definition and that the definition has been adopted in many other countries.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
- A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #21-12, March 3, 2021**
    - i. **Motion #1 (Villicana/Perlas) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #21-12, March 3, 2021.”**
    - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**
- V. **Leaders’ Reports**
- A. **Chair of the Board - Tess Loarie**
    - i. Chair Loarie encouraged members to reach out to clubs and organizations to apply for Social Justice Program Funding.
    - ii. Full report submitted
  - B. **ASI President - Shayna Lynch**
    - i. President Lynch welcomed two new Executive Cabinet members, Cynthia Diaz, Secretary of Wellbeing, and Sam Andrews, Secretary of Health.
    - ii. She reminded members to let her know if they cannot attend their universitywide committees.
    - iii. She announced that three important resolutions will be discussed at the April CSSA plenary.
    - iv. Full report submitted
  - C. **Chief of Staff - Elizabeth Roseman**
    - i. Absent
    - ii. Full report submitted
  - D. **Chair of UUAB - Cole Dorris**
    - i. Chair Dorris gave highlights from his report stating that the Accessibility Assessment is underway, and he encouraged members to join the team.
    - ii. He announced that nominations for the Chair of the UUAB were held on April 1. Additional nominations and the election will take place on April 15.
    - iii. He stated that the UUAB will begin the annual review of the 2021-22 University Union budget.
    - iv. Full report submitted
- VI. **Executive Director’s Report - Michelle Crawford**
- A. Michelle shared her priorities as the Interim Executive Director stating that communication and transparency are important, and she will begin sharing the Executive Director’s Board report with fulltime staff. Her main priorities include safety and wellbeing of staff, rebuilding the “team” (student and fulltime staff), preparing for fall reopening, facilitation of office repopulation, and transition of staff due to interim positions and retirements. She stated that her efforts for

diversity, equity, and inclusion will continue and building a stronger campus partner collaboration is priority.

**B.** Full report submitted

**VII. Representatives' Reports**

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

- i. Dr. Campbell reported that the county has dropped the age of vaccine availability to 16 years old.
- ii. Full report Submitted

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

- i. Absent

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

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. Andrea reported that the corporation is working to redefine their mission, vision, and value statement aiming to provide a positive impact to all campus stakeholders, but particularly students. They are aiming to be a top tier partner to the university.
- iii. She stated that they are finishing the Corporations three-year strategic plan. Focus is on business process improvement, building a physical and virtual infrastructure to enable more revenue growth, and increasing contributions to the university for scholarship student programs, funding key projects, etc.
- iv. She announced that the University Store Advisory Committee has been established and Perla Estrada will serve as the student representative.

**VIII. Old Business**

**A.** None

**IX. New Business**

**A. Action Item: Approval of the Proposal to Update the ASI Fiscal Policy**

- i. **Motion #2 (Faz/Rosas) “Move to approve the proposal to update the ASI Fiscal Policy.”**
- ii. Director Faz stated that the Business & Finance Committee reviewed the proposed changes and recommended a do pass. He stated that changes reflect new regulations and updating language to run as efficiently as possible.
- iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**B. Action Item: Resolution #21-02: Resolution to Define and Condemn Antisemitism**

- i. **Motion #3 (Roth/Kim) “Move to approve Resolution #21-02: Resolution to Define and Condemn Antisemitism.”**
- ii. Director Roth clarified that the definition was created by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and defines antisemitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

- iv. Director Fiero Gonzalez was recognized at 6:04 p.m.
- C. **Action Item: First Read of Bill #21-03: Updates to the ASI Alumni Council Structure to be More Effective.**
  - i. **Motion #4 (Hussain/Park) “Move to open the first read of Bill #21-03: Updates to the ASI Alumni Council Structure to be more effective.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
  - iii. Director Hussain stated that the Internal Review Committee reviewed the resolution thoroughly and recommended a do pass.
  - iv. Director Park stated that the purpose of the bill is to restructure the Alumni Council to meet the goals of the five-year plan by adding an Executive Cabinet representative, having three-year terms for non-co-chair alumni members, and ensuring continuity by having staggered terms. He stated that addressing concerns expressed during workshop, an amendment will be made at the next meeting clarifying that alumni representatives are not eligible to run a second term unless there are no new alumni applicants. Discussion included term length and the recruitment process.
  - v. Director Ameri was recognized at 6:11 p.m.
  - vi. **Motion #5 (Park/Perlas) “Move to close first read of Bill #21-03: Updates to the ASI Alumni Council Structure to be more effective.”**
  - vii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- D. **Action Item: First Read of Bill #21-04: Equitable Representation in the ASI Executive Director Search Committee**
  - i. **Motion #6 (Hussain/Faz) “Move to open first read of Bill #21-04: Equitable Representation in the ASI Executive Director Search Committee.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
  - iii. Director Hussain stated that the Internal Review Committee reviewed the bill thoroughly and recommended a do pass.
  - iv. Director Tejeda stated that the purpose of the bill is to include one member from the ASI Diversity and Inclusion Committee on the ASI Executive Director search committee to promote and address issues pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the search process.
  - v. Vice Chair added that further work is being done to add a member of the ASI Diversity and Inclusion Committee to other ASI search committees.
  - vi. Director Swanson was recognized at 6:38 p.m.
  - vii. **Motion #7 (Swanson/Perlas) “Move to close first read of Bill #21-04: Equitable Representation in the ASI Executive Director Search Committee.”**
  - viii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- E. **Action Item: Approval of the 2020-21 ASI Recruitment and Elections Disciplinary Subcommittee Operating Rules.**
  - i. **Motion #8 (Roth/Estrada) “Move to approve the 2020-21 ASI Recruitment and Elections Disciplinary Subcommittee Operating Rules.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**
- F. **Action Item: Endorsement #21-03: H.R.6 – American Dream and Promise Act of 2021**

- i. **Motion #9 (Chavez/Fiero Gonzales) “Move to approve Endorsement #21-03: H.R.6 – American Dream and Promise Act of 2021.”**
- ii. Director Chavez made a correction to the memo to change the endorsement number from #21-02 to #21-03.
- iii. He stated that this endorsement is in support of legislation enacted by Congress to provide permanent residence status for qualifying people who enter the US as a minor and have protected status such as DACA. Chancellor Joseph Castro has shown praise for the passage of H.R.6 with the House of Representatives.
- iv. Members encouraged a yes vote.
- v. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

**x. Committee Reports**

- A.** ASI Business & Finance – Alan Faz
  - i. Full report submitted.
  - ii. Vice Chair Faz reported that the committee will begin reviewing the 2021-22 ASI Budget and encouraged members to ask questions.
- B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda Tejada
  - iii. Director Tejada stated that Rick Craig, ASI Director Recreational Sports, will attend the Diversity & Inclusion committee meeting to discuss barriers to participation, and the environment of the Recreation Center.
  - i. Full report submitted.
- C.** ASI External Affairs – Hayley Fernandes
  - i. Director Fernandes announced that Mayor Harmon proclaimed the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month at the city council meeting on April 6.
  - ii. Full report Submitted
- D.** ASI/UU Internal Review – Suha Hussain
  - i. No report
- E.** ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordy Roth
  - i. Full report submitted
  - ii. Director Roth reported that the list of candidates will be made public by a press release.
  - iii. He encouraged members to recruit write-in candidates and stated that active campaigning begins on April 11.
- F.** ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Alex Ameri and Samantha Santos
  - i. No report submitted.

**xI. Announcements**

**xII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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 22 day of April, 2021.

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ASI Secretary

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on April 21, 2021.

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