

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

#21-14 Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Webinar ID# 871 3296 1501

Voting Members Present:

Alexander Ameri – College of Architecture & Environmental Design (recognized at 5:50 p.m.)

Ricky Chavez Guerrero – College of Engineering

Michelle Deyski – College of Science & Mathematics

Natalie Estilo – Orfalea College of Business

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

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

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 (left at 6:00 p.m.)

Voting Members Absent:

Sujhey Rosas – College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Vacant – Orfalea College of Business

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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 6:08 p.m.)

Michelle Crawford – ASI Interim 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

Cole Dorris - Chair of the University Union Advisory Board

Guests:

Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services
Jen Haft – Director of Operations, Administration and Finance
Nick Price – ASI Events
Robyn Wallman – ASI Interim Director, University Union
Dwayne Brummett – ASI Associate Executive Director
Rick Craig – ASI Director, Recreational Sports
Marirose Evenden – Cal Poly Student
Bryanna Gay – ASI Executive Cabinet

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #21-14 was called to order at 5:10 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 tit̥u tit̥u yak ti̥hini, 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 a letter from Samantha Santos with her letter of resignation from the ASI Board of Directors.
 - B. Roll call was taken and with 19 members present, quorum was met.
- III. **Open Forum**
 - A. None
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #21-13, April 7, 2021**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Swanson/Villicana) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #21-13, April 7, 2021.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**
- V. **Leaders’ Reports**
 - A. **Chair of the Board – Tess Loarie**
 - i. Chair Loarie announced that she is running for ASI President and has delegated all Recruitment & Election responsibilities to Chair Dorris.

- ii. She encouraged members to reach out to clubs and organizations to apply for Social Justice Program Funding and also to read her full report.
- iii. Full report submitted

B. ASI President – Shayna Lynch

- i. President Lynch addressed the hurt that many are feeling with national events and the ongoing racial injustice. She encouraged members to take care of themselves and to continue to speak out against injustices.
- ii. She encouraged members to attend SWANA.
- iii. She reminded members to be kind to those they interact with as the end of the year is very stressful with impacted meetings and facing other challenges outside of meetings.
- iv. Full report submitted

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 – Michelle Crawford

- A. Michelle reported that she will begin sharing the Executive Director’s Board report with fulltime staff in a bi-weekly newsletter to create more collaboration and transparency.
- B. She echoed President Lynch’s comments stating that we are in the point of the year where tensions run high, and alliances are formed when debating documents. She urged members to remember why your constituents elected you to be here and represent them to the best of your ability
- C. Full report submitted
- D. Michelle introduced Nick Price, ASI Events student manager.
 - i. Nick presented the ASI Events spring quarter line up.

VII. Representatives’ Reports

- A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen
 - i. Dr. Pedersen reported that a committee is working on events for fall engagement for sophomores and transfer students.
 - ii. Full report Submitted
- B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Steven Rein
 - i. Dr. Rein reported that the Academic Senate Committee moved to consider a resolution to divest in fossil fuels.
 - ii. He stated that contentious conversations took place regarding credit/no credit grading and a resolution will be presented.
 - iii. He reported that the statewide academic senate is lobbying legislators and working with the Union, Faculty Association, and CSSA on assembly bills.
- C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
 - i. Full report submitted

VIII. Old Business

- A. **Action Item: Bill #21-03: Updates to the ASI Alumni Council Structure to be More Effective**
- i. **Motion #2 (Park/Swanson) “Move to amend the agenda to move “Old Business, Action Item A, to New Business, Action Item C as old business.”**
 - ii. Director Ameri was recognized at 5:50 p.m.
 - iii. With the arrival of Director Ameri, Director Park withdrew his motion.
 - iv. **Motion #3 (Hussain/Park) “Move to approve Bill #21-03 Updates to the ASI Alumni Council Structure to be more effective.”**
 - v. **Motion #4 (Hussain/Park) “Move to amend Bill #21-03 by inserting after section 10.1.6, adding subsection 10.1.7, “a Member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee (D&I) as appointed by the Chair of the Board.””**
 - vi. Members agreed that adding a member from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to the Alumni Council would only strengthen the council and provide valuable insight.
 - vii. Concern was raised on the length of terms for alumni members, and many stated they did not agree with simply adding a member from D&I when some disagree on other areas of the bill. A separate bill is currently being drafted to include the D&I member.
 - viii. Chair Loarie stated that additional amendments and discussion on both bills could be referred back to committee and back to the authors for further review.
 - ix. **Motion to amend the bill failed by majority roll-call vote.**
 - x. **Motion #5 (Faz/Ameri) “Move to refer back to the Internal Review Committee and return to the May 5 ASI Board of Directors meeting.”**
 - xi. Director Park expressed his dismay on the late discussion of additions to this bill when it has been discussed in length and now want to make changes at the eleventh hour.
 - xii. Clarification was made that bringing back the bill would require two reads and will be prioritized to return to the May 5 meeting.
 - xiii. **Motion passed by majority roll-call vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Bill #21-04: Equitable Representation in the ASI Executive Director Search Committee**
- i. **Motion #6 (Hussain/Perlas) “Move to approve Bill #21-04: Equitable Representation in the ASI Executive Director Search Committee.”**
 - ii. Vice Chair Faz added that a memo was submitted to include additional search committees that will include a member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

IX. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Approval of the ASI Indigenous Student Scholarship Proposal**
- i. Chair Loarie stated that Financial Aid made changes to the proposal to reflect Proposition 209 compliance. She stated that the proposal in the packet is not the most current.
 - ii. **Motion #7 (Faz/Perlas) “Move to approve the proposal for the ASI Indigenous Student Scholarship Proposal.”**

iii. Director Faz stated after extensive discussion, the Business & Finance Committee recommended a do pass.

iv. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

B. Action Item: Acceptance of Alena Robinson for the 2021-22 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board

i. **Motion #8 (Park/Kim) "Move to accept Alena Robinson for the 2021-22 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board."**

ii. **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 continue reviewing the 2021-22 ASI Budget and the employee handbook.

B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Amanda Tejada

iii. Director Tejada stated that Rick Craig, ASI Director Recreational Sports, attended 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 the Meet Your Representatives Series with Congressman Salud Carbajal on April 30.

ii. Full report Submitted

D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Suha Hussain

i. Director Hussain stated that the committee has multiple documents for review.

E. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordy Roth

i. Director Roth encouraged members to reach out to friends and classmates and remind them to vote.

ii. Election announcement will be made at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22.

iii. Full report submitted

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

i. No report submitted.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 7:01 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 ___day of _____, 2021.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Majority/Unanimous vote*** on ____, 2021.

ASI Secretary