

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

#22-04 ASI Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID# 843 2769 2073

Voting Members Present:

Alexander Ameri - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Anders Bjork - College of Engineering
Armando Castaneda - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Natalie Estilo - Orfalea College of Business
Marirose Evenden - College of Engineering
Bryanna Gay - College of Liberal Arts
Jake Goldman - College of Liberal Arts
Andrew Hodge - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Andrew Kim - Vice Chair, College of Liberal Arts
Isaac Lopez - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle - College of Liberal Arts
Nicholas Niehaus - Orfalea College of Business
Jordan Perlas - College of Engineering
Sujhey Rosas - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Thomas Tang - College of Science and Mathematics
William Terlinden - College of Engineering
Marley Timmerman - College of Engineering

Voting Members Absent:

Gal Kavalier - Orfalea College of Business
Elyza Jaenine Santos - College of Science and Mathematics
Megan Wong - Orfalea College of Business
Vacant - College of Science and Mathematics
Vacant - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
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Non-Voting Members Present:

Suha Hussain - Chair of the Board
Tess Loarie - ASI President
Alena Robinson - Chair, University Union Advisory Board
Cade Creason - Chief of Staff
Michelle Crawford - ASI Interim Executive Director
Lindsey Lee - Board of Directors' Advisor

Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Dr. Joy Pedersen – University President’s Representative
Dr. Tom Gutierrez – Academic Senate Representative
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors’ Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Guests:

Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services
Robyn Wallman – ASI Interim Director, University Union
Jennifer Haft - Assistant Vice President, Divisional Operations
Varenya Gupta – ASI Executive Cabinet
Sarah Pasinski – ASI Events
Alan Faz – ASI Alumni
Abigail O’Branovich – Cal Poly Student
Nicolas Wai – Vice Chair, University Union Advisory Board

I. Call to Order: Meeting #22-04 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 tit̕u tit̕u 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.** Suha 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.** Suha read a letter from Cassandra Monterossa resigning from her position on the ASI Board of Directors.
- B.** She read a letter from Cal Poly student, Sam Morrisroe, with his concerns on the no skateboarding policy on campus.
- C.** With 17 members present, quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

- A.** Abigail O’Branovich, spoke about Campus Dining and implementing more healthy options. Recommendations included Panera or Chipotle, more produce options, and keeping hours open later in the day.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes from meeting #22-03, September 29, 2021**
 - i. Motion #1 (Terlinden/Perlas) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #22-03, September 29, 2021.”**
 - ii. Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

V. Leaders Reports

- A. Chair of the Board – Suha Hussain**
 - i.** Suha acknowledged the tense campus climate due to incidents of sexual assault. She emphasized that resources are available to the campus community.
 - ii.** She reported that they are working with the college councils to identify new members to fill the vacancies in College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, and College of Science and Mathematics.

B. ASI President –Tess Loarie

- i. Tess stated that the Academic Senate publicly announced that the campus is exploring a campus fee increase. As co-chair of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, she encouraged members to share any questions or concerns from constituents with her.
- ii. She announced that the CSSA finalized their policy agenda and Varenya Gupta, Secretary of CSU Affairs succeeded in implementing a goal to support services for students with dependents.
- iii. She reported that the officer team met with Chief Hughes to discuss safety and lighting on campus. Mustang Patrol is available as a peer to peer walk with two safety officers to accompany students home safely.

C. ASI Chief of Staff – Cade Creason

- i. Cade encouraged members to volunteer to help with the Buck the Stigma events.

D. Chair of UUAB – Alena Robinson

- i. Alena reported that UUAB received training on the University Union Budget and will review the five-year plan update for ASI projects.

VI. Executive Directors’ Report –Michelle Crawford

- A.** Full report submitted.
- B.** Michelle stated that ASI has a responsibility to participate in safety measures, procedures and provide safety signage due to recent sexual assault incidents.
- C.** She introduced Sarah Pasinski, student manager of ASI Events.
 - i. Sarah presented fall quarter line up and a summary of past events.

VII. Representatives’ Report

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

- i. Full report submitted.
- ii. Dr. Pedersen, Dean of Students, introduced herself and stated that she shares this position with Dr. Jo Campbell.
- iii. Dr. Pedersen addressed a question about the Cleary Act notification on whether a trigger warning can be clear in the email. She clarified that the Cleary Act is defined by an executive order that requires an email notification be sent but is a template specifically for the executive order and cannot be changed. She hoped that President Armstrong’s follow up email addressed the care and concern that the University has about the incidents. All safety protocols are being reviewed and additional police patrol, lighting, and cameras are being addressed.
- iv. Highlights from her report included:
 - a) Basic Needs program received additional funding from the Chancellor’s Office and will help support foster youth programs, students with dependents, Cal Poly Cares program, and men of color programming.
 - b) Update on COVID testing sites are still operational. Although the process can be frustrating, she stated that staff are doing their best but are being disrespected.
 - c) Cal Poly vs. UCSB soccer game. She reminded members to be safe and not bring tortillas as it is disrespectful.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. Dr. Gutierrez noted that a previous report was included in this report and to disregard.
- iii. He gave highlights from his report including briefings from the President’s Office:
 - a) Quarter vs. Semester transition mandated by the Chancellor’s Office.

- b) A campus-based fee increase to help subsidize financial aid.
- c) Current state of safety operations on campus.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns

- i. Full report submitted

VIII. Old Business

A. None

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Acceptance of Nicolas Wai as the 2021-22 Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board

- i. **Motion #2 (Timmerman/Bjork) “Move to accept Nicolas Wai as the 2021-22 Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board.”**
- ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

B. Action Item: Approval of Alena Robinson as the 2021-22 ASI Alumni Council Student Co-Chair

- i. **Motion #3 (Kim/Castenada) “Move to approve Alena Robinson as the 2021-22 ASI Alumni Council Student Co-Chair.”**
- ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.**

C. Action Item: Approve the 2021-22 ASI/UU Internal Review Operating Rules

- i. **Motion #4 (Evenden/Perlas) “Move to approve the 2021-22 ASI/UU Internal Review Operating Rules.”**
- ii. Marirose clarified that due to lack of quorum, the operating rules were delayed from the previous meeting.
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous roll-call vote.**

X. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business and Finance – Andrew Kim

- i. Andrew reported that the committee will review fiscal policy to remove all references of Associated Executive Director to be consistent with the bylaws.
- ii. He announced that the Club Funding Liaison positions are still vacant.

B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Natalie Estilo

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. She announced the opening of the American Indigenous Cultural Center.

C. ASI External Affairs – Anders Bjork

- i. Full report submitted
- ii. He reported that welcome letters have been drafted for newly appointed, Mayor Erica A. Stewart and Councilmember Michelle Shoresman.

D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Marley Timmerman

- i. Marley reported that the committee reviewed examples of good and bad resolutions and what to look for when reviewing documents.

E. ASI Recruitment and Elections – Jordan Perlas

- i. Full report submitted

- ii. She added that the committee completed the ASI Elections timeline and will begin reviewing the Election Code.

XI. **Announcements**

- A. Announcements were made.

XII. **Adjournment**

- A. 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 2 day of November 2021.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous vote* on October 27, 2021

ASI Secretary

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