

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

#22-09 Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022, 5:10 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

<https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/81491536763>

Voting Members Present:

Alexander Ameri - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Samuel Andrews - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Kiara Benavides - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Anders Bjork - College of Engineering
Armando Castenada - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Katie Eisenhut - College of Science and Mathematics
Natalie Estilo - Orfalea College of Business
Marirose Evenden - College of Engineering
Bryanna Gay - College of Liberal Arts
Mia Guifoile - College of Science and Mathematics
Andrew Hodge - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Gal Kavalier - Orfalea College of Business (arrived at 5:21 p.m.)
Andrew Kim - Vice Chair, College of Liberal Arts
Isaac Lopez - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (arrived 5:57 p.m.)
Jordan Perlas - College of Engineering
Tamy Phung - Orfalea College of Business
Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle - College of Liberal Arts
William Siegel - College of Science and Mathematics (arrived at 6:14 p.m.)
Thomas Tang - College of Science and Mathematics
William Terlinden - College of Engineering
Marley Timmerman - College of Engineering (arrived at 5:57 p.m.)

Voting Members Absent:

Jake Goldman - College of Liberal Arts

Non-Voting Members Present:

Suha Hussain - Chair, College of Engineering
Cade Creason - ASI Chief of Staff, College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Joy Pedersen - University President Representative
Andrea Burns - Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Dr. Thomas Gutierrez - Academic Senate Representative
Lindsey Lee - ASI Board of Directors, Advisor
Tracy Watson - ASI Board of Directors, Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Tess Loarie - ASI President, College of Liberal Arts

Alena Robinson – Chair of UUAB, College of Liberal Arts

Michelle Crawford – ASI Interim Executive Director

Guests:

Carol Brizendine – ASI Director, Business Services

Robyn Wallman – ASI Interim Director, University Union

Jen Haft – Assistant Vice President, Divisional Operations

Kara Samaniego – Assistant Director of Wellbeing

Varenya Gupta – ASI Executive Cabinet

I. Call to Order: Meeting #22-09, February 9, 2022, 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 titʻu titʻu 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 Hussain 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 Hussain received a letter of resignation from the ASI Board of Directors from Nicholas Niehaus.
- B. Roll call was taken and with 17 members present, quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

- A. None

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #22-08, January 26, 2022**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Park/Ameri) “Move to approve the minutes from meeting #22-08, January 26, 2022.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - iii. Gal Kavalier was recognized at 5:21 p.m.

V. Leaders’ Reports

- A. **Chair of the Board – Suha Hussain**
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Chair Hussain thanked members for their engagement and participation during closed session at the workshop.
 - iii. She stated that the College Based Fee campaign closed and the authors will review feedback and make changes to the resolution.
 - iv. She announced that ASI Elections candidate filing has launched.
- B. **ASI President – Tess Loarie**
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Absent
- C. **Chief of Staff – Cade Creason**
 - i. No report submitted.
- D. **Chair of UUAB – Alena Robinson**
 - i. Absent
 - ii. No report submitted

VI. Executive Director’s Report – Carol Brizendine

- i. Full report submitted
 - ii. Carol stated that Michelle had a personal matter and was not able to attend. She introduced Robyn Wallman, Interim Director, University Union to present the ASI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion presentation
- A.** ASI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update – Robyn Wallman, ASI Director, University Union
- i. Robyn shared a comprehensive report showing ASI's progress and efforts towards diversity, equity, and inclusion. She gave a general overview of ASI's focus including, the DEI working Group, Inclusive Excellence assessment, promoting education and awareness, updating policies and procedures, accountability of staff members, and developing and implementing the Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (IEAP). Moving forward we will execute goals and objectives outlined in the IEAP and use it as a road map and report card. She reviewed the goals and the progress made from each area. She reported that \$307,500.00 was allocated to ASI Events hosted or collaboration DEI events with campus partners from Spring 2018 to Winter 2022.
 - ii. Director Timmerman was recognized at 5:57 p.m.
 - iii. Director Lopez was recognized at 5:59 p.m.

II. Representatives' Reports

- A.** University President's Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen
- i. Full report submitted
- B.** Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez
- i. Full report submitted
 - ii. Dr. Gutierrez gave highlights from his report.
- C.** Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
- i. Full report submitted
 - ii. Director Siegel was recognized at 6:14 p.m.

III. Old Business

- A. None**

IV. New Business

- A. Action Item: Proposal to Reallocate ASI Club Co-Sponsorship Funding to Cal Poly Safer**
- i. **Motion #2 (Schlottmann-McGonigle/Kim) "Move to approve proposal to reallocate ASI Club Co-Sponsorship funding to Cal Poly Safer."**
 - ii. Questions were raised about how Safer was selected and why \$25,000.
 - iii. Vice Chair Kim explained that the Business and Finance Committee began looking into opportunities to utilize the pool of money held back from ASI Club Co-sponsorship funding during COVID-19. Exploration of resources and support programs on campus led to Cal Poly Safer and was determined to be an essential aid to the student body at large. He stated that the Business and Finance Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
 - iv. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

I. Committee Reports

- A.** ASI Business & Finance – Andrew Kim
- i. Report submitted. He stated that next week's meeting is canceled due to no business items.
- B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Natalie Estilo
- i. No report submitted

- ii. She stated that the results of the assessment will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- C. ASI External Affairs – Anders Bjork
 - i. Full report submitted
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Marley Timmerman
 - i. No report submitted
- E. ASI Recruitment & Elections – Jordan Perlas
 - i. No report submitted
 - ii. She stated that filing for ASI president or ASI Board of Directors is now open. She asked members to participate in the information booths to recruit candidates.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Armando Castenada and Marirose Evenden
 - i. No report submitted
- I. **Announcements**
- II. **Adjournment –Meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 24 day of February 2022.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous vote* on February 23, 2022.

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