

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

#23-07 ASI Board of Directors - Special Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022

University Union, Room 220, 6:10 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Emily Chan - Orfalea College of Business
Tyler Coari - College of Liberal Arts
Cynthia Diaz - Vice Chair, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Nick Endres - Orfalea College of Business
Daniel Hanson - College of Science and Mathematics
Olivia Huyler - College of Liberal Arts
Siddharth Kartha - College of Engineering
Olivia Madrigal - College of Engineering
Elias Mandegarian - Orfalea College of Business
Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts
Brady Pauken - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Chris Raynes - College of Liberal Arts
Carlos Rodriguez Orozco - College of Engineering
Andrew Sime - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Sujanya Srinath - College of Engineering
Allison Stauffer - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Janice Wu - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Voting Members Absent:

Natalie Santos - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Evan Schwaegerle - Orfalea College of Business
Emily Prince - College of Science and Mathematics
Joe Tam - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Vacant - College of Science and Mathematics

Non-Voting Members Present:

Marirose Evenden - Chair, ASI Board of Directors
Gracie Babatola - ASI President
Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle - Chair, University Union Advisory Board
Michelle Crawford - ASI Executive Director
Dr. Joy Pedersen - University President's Representative
Andrea Burns - Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

Andrew Kim – ASI Chief of Staff

Dr. Thomas Gutierrez – Academic Senate Representative

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors’ Advisor

Guests:

George Hughes – Cal Poly Chief of Police, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety

Kara Samaniego – Campus Health and Wellbeing/Safer

Jen Haft – Acting Chief of Staff

Kallie Kinder – Safer

Yvonne Bee – ASI Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion

Richard Garcia

Connor Winner

Mackenzie Sherman

I. Call to Order: Meeting #23-07 was called to order at 6:12 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 tit^{yu} tit^{yu} yak tithini, Northern Chumash tribe. We honor the Indigenous People’s connection to these territories and respect the land on which we gather today.*

II. Letters & Roll Call

- A.** With 17 members present, quorum was met.
- B.** Chair Evenden received letters from concerned students publicly voicing their support for the resolution to request that President Armstrong retract former Chancellor’s retreat rights and coming to Cal Poly. Concerns for student safety were expressed.

III. Open Forum

- A.** None

IV. New Business

- A. Action Item: Resolution #23-02: ASI Board of Directors Stance on the Tenure Retreat of Former California State University (CSU) Chancellor Joseph I. Castro to Cal Poly**
 - i. Motion #1 (Coari/Huyler) “Move to approve Resolution #23-02: ASI Board of Directors Stance on the Tenure Retreat of Former California State University (CSU) Chancellor Joseph I. Castro to Cal Poly.”**
 - ii. Director Coari explained the circumstances of the widely reported mishandling of misconduct claims against Frank Lamas of California State University, Fresno while the former Chancellor Castro was President of that University. The Academic Senate of Fresno State passed a declaration of no confidence, proclaiming a “lack of confidence in Dr. Castro. The Wegner Report, released on September 29, 2022, held him primarily responsible for mismanagement of the case. Dr. Castro resigned his role as Chancellor in February 2022. In November 2022, the Academic Senate of Cal Poly passed a resolution asking Dr. Castro to abort his retreat into the tenured faculty at Cal Poly. He added that the Cal Poly Campus Community disagrees with the decision of former Chancellor Castro to exercise his retreat rights as evidenced by a petition on the matter that has received 1,152 signatures as of November 18, 2022 of students, faculty, staff, and alumni expressing their voice against this decision.

- iii. Director Coari continued explaining that Resolution #23-02 calls on former Chancellor Castro to abandon his retreat into the tenured faculty at Cal Poly. In the chance that former Chancellor Castro proceeds to use his retreat rights, the ASI Board of Directors recommend that he teach in a minimal capacity, courses are considered elective courses, availability of multiple sections and alternate professors, and instructor title be properly displayed for transparency. The resolution calls on Cal Poly to expand campus resources for survivors of sexual and/or power-based violence.
- iv. Members expressed their concerns of their constituents and agreed that this resolution makes a statement of student concerns.
- v. **Motion #2 (Raynes/Kartha) “Move to amend the Resolution #23-02 by adding Furthermore be it resolved that ASI Board of Directors calls on Cal Poly administration to make a statement to the student body, informing them of former Chancellor Castro’s decision to exercise his retreat rights.”**
- vi. **With 10 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 6 abstentions, motion passed by majority vote.**
- vii. **Motion #3 (Sime/Raynes) “Move to amend the resolution by adding ‘and any changes to his position or responsibility in the future’.”**
- viii. Director Coari stated that caution should be used when amending a resolution on the floor since it has already been thoroughly vetted and discussed. He expressed that the statement was too broad.
- ix. **Motion failed unanimous voice vote.**
- x. **Motion #4 (Pauken/Coari) “Move to amend the resolution by grammatically changing the second furthermore be it resolved clause to add ‘former’ chancellor.”**
- xi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- xii. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

v. **Announcements**

- A. None.

vi. **Adjournment**

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 23 day of January 2023.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous vote* on January 18, 2023.

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