

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

**#23-12 ASI Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes**

April 5, 2023

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

**Voting Members Present:**

Emily Chan – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:20, returned at 6:25)  
Tyler Coari – College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:09)  
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 (left at 6:35)  
Siddharth Kartha – College of Engineering  
Elias Mandegarian – Orfalea College of Business  
Maya McClain – College of Liberal Arts  
Brady Pauken – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left at 6:55)  
Kelly Pi – College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 7:01)  
Emily Prince – College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 6:09)  
Alexandria Raynes – College of Liberal Arts  
Carlos Rodriguez Orozco – College of Engineering (left at 7:23, returned 7:28)  
Natalie Santos – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Evan Schwaegerle – Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:10, returned 7:14)  
Allison Stauffer – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Andre Yarcán – College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 6:39)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Ananya Patil – College of Engineering  
Andrew Sime – College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Sujanya Srinath – College of Engineering  
Joe Tam – College of Architecture and Environmental Design (left at 7:05)  
Vacant – College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Vacant – College of Engineering

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Marirose Evenden – Chair, ASI Board of Directors  
Gracie Babatola – ASI President (left at 7:10, returned at 7:14)  
Andrew Kim – ASI Chief of Staff  
Michelle Crawford – ASI Executive Director  
Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors' Advisor

Dr. Joy Pedersen – University President’s Representative  
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors’ Assistant

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle – Chair, University Union Advisory Board  
Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative  
Dr. Thomas Gutierrez – Academic Senate Representative

**Guests:**

Missi Allison-Bullock – Coordinator, ASI Events  
Sarah Pasinski – Student Manager, ASI Events  
Sarah Sindel, Coordinator, Outdoor Recreation  
George Hughes – Cal Poly Chief of Police, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety  
Chan Nguyen, Cal Poly student  
Ethan Robin, Cal Poly student  
Stacy Nyikos, Cal Poly student  
Kelly Nola, Cal Poly student  
Anusha Sowda, Cal Poly student  
Agustin Garcia Badillo, Pride Center  
Mikala Jane Prussean, Cal Poly student  
Ryan Carter, Cal Poly student  
Kassidy Church, Cal Poly Corporation  
Michelle Cranton  
Alexander Crory, Cal Poly student

**I. Call to Order: Meeting #23-12 was called to order at 5:13 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 titʻhini, 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 15 members present, quorum was met.
- B.** Chair Evenden received a letter of resignation from Director Madrigal from the ASI Board of Directors.
- C.** She received four letters from students and faculty members stating their support of the resolution against Chick-fil-A on campus.

**III. Open Forum**

- A.** Ethan Robin, student, asked members to consider the concerns of students about transportation to and from campus.
- B.** Agustin Badillo, Coordinator of Pride Center, spoke in support of the resolution stating that the resolution directly demonstrates where we stand against oppression.
- C.** A student asked members to write a resolution recommending that faculty record lectures for students to access from Canvas. This will increase accessibility to not only DRC students but would benefit students in general.

- D. Alexander Crory, student, opposed the renewal of the Chick-fil-A extension of contract.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes from meeting #23-11, March 1, 2023
  - i. Motion #1 (Stauffer/McClain) "Move to approve minutes from meeting #23-11, March 1, 2023"
  - ii. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### V. Leaders' Reports

- A. Chair of the Board - Marirose Evenden
  - i. Marirose reminded members to share information for voting on ASI Election Days, April 25-27.
- B. ASI President - Gracie Babatola
  - i. Gracie reported that a proposal is being drafted for offering P-cards to clubs. The proposal will be brought to the board.
  - ii. She stated that the scholarship project is moving along and now in the development of marketing for donors and the fundraising phase.
- C. ASI Chief of Staff - Andrew Kim
  - i. Andrew gave updates on Executive Cabinet upcoming events including It's On Us, Real Food Collaborative, and Tea Time with ASI.
  - ii. The Student Government spring kickoff will be held on April 7.
- D. Chair of UUAB - Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle
  - i. Absent

#### VI. Executive Directors' Report

- A. Report submitted.
- B. Michelle reminded members and candidates of the importance of campaign integrity when representing the organization.
- C. She announced that the California State University (CSU) passed Juneteenth as a state holiday. She stated that ASI is committed to keeping facilities open as needed.
- D. She reported that the recruitment process for the directors of the University Union and the Recreation Center are in progress. She stated that a nationwide search was conducted for these critical leadership positions which should be filled by end of the academic year.
- E. ASI Events - Spring Quarter Line-up
  - i. Student Manager, Sarah Pazinski announced the spring quarter line-up and the successes from fall quarter.
- F. ASI Events Programs and Budget Overview
  - i. Coordinator, ASI Events, Missi Allison-Bullock gave an overview of ASI Events and the budget process. She stated that ASI Events provides free or low cost events to students to provide the ultimate college experience.

- ii. The ASI Events program offers educational opportunities by providing student staffing opportunities for a student manager, special events manager, and a musical event coordinator.
- iii. Missi announced that \$15,000 has been added to the budget for summer quarter events.
- iv. Director Coari, and Prince were recognized at 6:09 p.m.
- v. Director Sime was recognized at 6:12 p.m.

**G. Poly Escapes Program and Budget Overview**

- i. Coordinator of Outdoor Recreation, Sarah Sindel, gave an overview of the Poly Escapes Program and the outdoor experiences offered. Poly Escapes serves students by providing lost cost trips, discounted gear rentals, and free access to the climbing wall. Faculty, staff, and alumni have access at a non-student, low cost rate.

**VII. Representatives' Reports**

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

- i. Full report submitted.
- ii. She added that the inclusive bathroom signage project has identified 22 bathrooms in 12 buildings that will have new signage for gender neutral bathrooms.

**B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez**

- i. Absent.

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

- i. Absent
- ii. Full report submitted.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Action Item: Auditor Selection Proposal**

- i. **Motion #2 (Kartha/Coari) “Move to approve the auditor selection proposal.”**
- ii. Members expressed their concern that choosing the same auditor as the past multiple years and recommended changes to have a different perspective. Question was raised as to how long Vasin, Hein, and Company had audited ASI's records. It was unclear but approximately 7-8 audit cycles. Heather Zacker, Director of Finance stated that best practice states by rotating audit firms. This year a Request for Proposal was sent to 12 of the CSU approved auditors and only two proposals were received.
- iii. Director Mandegarian stated that he was on the selection committee where Vasin, Hein had a more competitive proposal. Director Coari added Vasin, Hein is tried and true across CSU campuses and CSSA.
- iv. Members agreed that a rotation of the auditor's staff is necessary and a new auditor next time.
- v. **Motion passed by majority vote with one abstention.**

**B. Action Item: Approval of the 2022-23 Recruitment and Elections Disciplinary Subcommittee Operating Rules**

- i. **Motion #3 (Raynes/McClain) “Move to approve the 2022-23 Recruitment and Elections Disciplinary Subcommittee Operating Rules.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

**IX. Committee Reports**

- A.** ASI Business and Finance – Cynthia Diaz
  - i. No report
- B.** ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Olivia Huyler
  - i. Absent
- C.** ASI External Affairs – Tyler Coari
  - i. Director Coari reminded members of special guests for the Meet Your Representative Series with Mayor Erica A. Stewart and Senator John Laird.
  - ii. He stated that the president of CSSA will visit Cal Poly from April 13-16.
  - iii. He reported that the April CSSA plenary was held virtually where discussions included the state budget, and the Cal Grant Reform program seeking funding from state representatives.
  - iv. Tyler announced that Cal Poly received an award for the annual Ballot Bowl registering the highest number of students in the California State University system.
- D.** ASI/UU Internal Review – Elias Mandegarian
  - i. Director Mandegarian reported that the committee will begin the bylaw review project.
  - ii. Committee meetings have been moved to Fridays during spring quarter.
- E.** ASI Recruitment and Elections – Alexandria Raynes
  - i. Director Raynes reported that upcoming election events will include a Presidential Debate, Media and Resource Day, a Candidate Meet & Greet, and Election Day boothing.
- F.** ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Maya McClain and Brady Pauken
  - i. Director Pauken reported that \$88,592.40 has been allocated to date, and the remaining balance available for allocation is \$29, 532.21. Reconciled to date is \$25,908.73.

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**

- A.** Meeting adjourned at 7:36 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on April 19, 2023.

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