

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

**#23-13 ASI Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2023

University Union, Room 220, 5:10 p.m.

**Voting Members Present:**

Emily Chan – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:40, returned at 6:42)

Tyler Coari – College of Liberal Arts

Cynthia Diaz – Vice Chair, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Nick Endres – Orfalea College of Business

Olivia Huyler – College of Liberal Arts

Siddharth Kartha – College of Engineering

Elias Mandegarian – Orfalea College of Business (recognized at 5:51)

Maya McClain – College of Liberal Arts

Ananya Patil – College of Engineering (left at 6:59)

Brady Pauken – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:51, left at 7:07, returned at 7:10)

Kelly Pi – College of Science and Mathematics

Emily Prince – College of Science and Mathematics

Alexandria Raynes – College of Liberal Arts (left at 5:58, returned 6:04, left 6:27, returned 6:30)

Carlos Rodriguez Orozco – College of Engineering (left at 6:40, returned 6:42, left 6:56, returned 6:58)

Evan Schwaegerle – Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:13, returned 6:18)

Andrew Sime – College of Architecture and Environmental Design (recognized at 6:30)

Sujanya Srinath – College of Engineering

Allison Stauffer – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Joe Tam – College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Andre Yarcán – College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:40, returned at 6:42)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Daniel Hanson – College of Science and Mathematics

Natalie Santos – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Vacant – College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Vacant – College of Engineering

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Marirose Evenden – Chair, ASI Board of Directors (left at 6:41, returned 6:44)

Gracie Babatola – ASI President (left at 6:46, returned 6:50, left at 7:15)

Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle – Chair, University Union Advisory Board (left at 7:15, returned 7:19)

Andrew Kim – ASI Chief of Staff

Michelle Crawford - ASI Executive Director

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors’ Advisor

Dr. Jo Campbell – University President’s Representative (stepped aside at 6:03 for Vice President, Keith Humphrey. Arrived at 6:03, left at 8:00)

Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Tracy Watson - Board of Directors’ Assistant

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Dr. Thomas Gutierrez – Academic Senate Representative

**Guests:**

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

Dr. Rachel Fernflores – Director of Semester Conversion

Tad Walters – Chair, Pride FSA

Joshua Engle - Cal Poly Student

Elias Cate - Cal Poly Student

Kevin Kess

Yvonne Bee – ASI Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion

Miles Maricich

Mikala Puruggan – Cal Poly Student

Hakki Adlier – Cal Poly Student

Alexander Crary – Cal Poly Student

James Francucci – UUAB

Daniella Day – ASI Executive Cabinet

Jake Zylstra – Cal Poly Student

Sophia Escalon

Agustin Garcia Badillo, Pride Coordinator

Rick Carbasol – Cal Poly Student

**I. Call to Order: Meeting #23-13 was called to order at 5:15 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 tiṭyu tiṭyu 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 10 letters from students stating their support of the resolution against Chick-fil-A (CFA) on campus. Notations included feelings of not being supported, fear of violence, bigotry, hatred and opposition, significant financial donations to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community, and not supporting the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts at Cal Poly. These students urged their support of the resolution to remove CFA from campus.

- C. She received four letters against the resolution stating that CFA is the best restaurant on campus, many Cal Poly students want CFA on campus, relationships built at these locations, and is a disservice to Christians. These students encouraged members to oppose the removal of CFA and for Cal Poly Corporation to renew the contract.
- D. She received a letter from a student suggesting that the push buttons in the Recreation Center showers should stay on longer.

### III. **Open Forum**

- A. 11 students spoke during open forum and urged members to take a stance, and protect the students that are uncomfortable, feel unsafe, uncared for, and unsupported. If passed, the voices of students would be heard, would demonstrate a willingness to make changes, and stand by the LGBTQ+ community. CFA values do not align with Cal Poly's diversity, equity, and inclusion ideals. Guests were inspired by the authors and thanked members for their work on this well written resolution. One student spoke in opposition stating that as a Christian, CFA should have the right to stay on campus.

### IV. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Director Pauken & Mandegarian were recognized at 5:51 p.m.
- B. **Approval of minutes from meeting #23-12, April 5, 2023**
  - i. **Motion #1 (McClain/Rodriguez Orozco) "Move to approve minutes from meeting #23-12, April 5, 2023."**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### V. **Leaders' Reports**

- A. Chair of the Board – Marirose Evenden
  - i. Marirose introduced Dr. Rachel Fernflores to give a presentation on the Semester Conversion process.
    - a) Dr. Fernflores explained the stages of conversion, building the groundwork by developing a comprehensive plan, creating program plans, and reviewing curriculum and operational processes. Upcoming tasks will include revising processes and procedures, and student transition plans. The final 2026-27 fall catalog will be published in fall 2025 and semesters will begin fall 2026. She spoke of curriculum updates and senate resolution recommendations.
- B. ASI President – Gracie Babatola
  - i. No report
- C. ASI Chief of Staff – Andrew Kim
  - i. Report submitted.
  - ii. Andrew gave highlights from his report.
- D. Chair of UUAB – Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle
  - i. Jacob reported that UUAB is reviewing the UU budget.
  - ii. Nominations and election for the 2023-24 Chair of UUAB will take place on April 20.

### VI. **Executive Directors' Report**

- A. Report submitted.

- B. Michelle recognized the student that spoke during open forum about the push button showers in the Recreation Center. She stated that they are for sustainability reasons and any changes would be under the discretion of the UUAB.
- C. Director Simes was recognized at 6:30 p.m.
- D. Club Services Budget Education – Trisha Sanchez
  - i. Assistant Coordinator, ASI Club Services, Trisha Sanchez, gave a presentation on services provided to students. ASI Club Services is fully subsidized by student fees and provides administrative support to Cal Poly student organizations through customer service in the processing of club financial paperwork. ASI Club Services works with ASI Student Government for the allocation of ASI Club Funding, to Recognized Student Organizations (RSO's) on an annual basis to support their club and club event needs. Club Services provides support to RSO's with Student Government in the allocation of ASI Social Justice Program Funding. She gave statistics of funding to date and the final numbers will be provided in the end of year report.
  - ii. She announced that a proposal is in the development stages to explore implementation of providing a procurement card (P-Card) to clubs spending over \$1,000 or a payment advance to provide funds to purchase items. This will help reduce the upfront financial burden on individuals.
- E. Student Government Budget Education – Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle
  - i. Chair of the University Union Advisory Board and Chief Financial Officer, Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle, gave a presentation on Student Government and stated that the program is fully subsidized by student fees. He stated that ASI Student Government is comprised of student leaders who seek to uphold ASI's vision of connecting students to their ultimate college experience. Student leaders encourage shared governance, student advocacy, and collaboration with other campus and community entities. Elected and volunteer student leaders are the collective voice of the student body and the link to spark change at the campus, state, and federal level. Members are provided with real-world and firsthand experiences by learning, leading, and listening to student voices on campus and ensuring that they are heard.
  - ii. He gave an overview of the 2023-24 budget adjustments increasing funding to Social Justice Programming, Diversity & Inclusion support, ASI Dreamers and Indigenous People scholarships, and campus programming support.

## VII. Representatives' Reports

- A. University President's Representative – Vice President of Student Affairs, Keith Humphrey
  - i. Full report submitted.
  - ii. He announced that graduation tickets have been released and encouraged graduates to claim their tickets.
  - iii. He commended the author's efforts on the resolution and stated that it represented the student perspective beautifully.
- B. Chair Evenden called a 20 minute recess.
  - i. **Motion #2 (Diaz/Chan) "Move to call a 20 minute recess and return at 7:40 p.m."**
  - ii. Guests from the audience asked for consideration of not delaying the discussion of the resolution.
  - iii. **Motion failed.**

- iv. **Motion #3 (Coari/Kartha) “Move to amend agenda to move Action Item G following the University President’s Representative report.”**
- v. **Motion passed by unanimous standing vote.**

## VIII. **New Business**

- A. **Action Item: Resolution #23-03: ASI Board of Directors Stance on the Presence of Chick-fil-A on Campus**
  - i. **Motion #4 (Raynes/Coari) “Move to approve Resolution #23-03: ASI Board of Directors stance on the presence of Chick-fil-A on campus.”**
  - ii. Director Raynes gave a statement of the record-breaking amount of anti-queer and anti-trans laws being considered in the United States. As part of a multi-billion dollar campaign across the nation, a national surge of hate is occurring. At the core of hate is the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) which Chick-fil-A donates millions. By franchising Chick-fil-A on campus, the corporation is funding genocide against trans people, not caring about queer people on campus, and believing a chicken sandwich is more important than their queer students. Chick-fil-A is popular on campus, but sometimes the right thing is not the popular thing. Director Raynes pleaded to the corporation to choose any other restaurant than Chick-fil-A.
  - iii. Director Hyler stated that as the chair of the ASI Diversity & Inclusion Committee, they are in favor of the resolution. Members in support of the resolution spoke of disgust in hatred, violence, fear, and financial contributions to organizations against specific communities.
  - iv. Director Schwaegerle spoke against the resolution stating that students should have a right to choose where to eat, it goes against personal choice, and not to deny students of choice. As a student elected by his constituents, there is a great number of students that want Chick-fil-A to stay on campus. In a survey he conducted of the student body, of 499 responses, 71.71% were in favor of renewing the contract. Members argued that a survey should be conducted by the whole student body, not a small percentage of campus. Schwaegerle urged members that as an elected representative, votes should reflect the voice of the students.
  - v. **Motion #5 (Raynes/McClain) “Move to amend the resolution by striking “possibly in violation of AB 1887” in the fourth furthermore be it resolved.”**
  - vi. Director Raynes stated that after consultation with legal counsel, the recommendation was to remove this statement.
  - vii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
  - viii. **Motion #6 (Raynes/McClain) “Move to amend the resolution by adding Chair, Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors, Cynthia Villa” to the last furthermore be it resolved.”**
  - ix. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
  - x. **Main motion passed by majority vote.**
  - xi. **Motion #7 (Coari/Yarcan) “Move to call a 20 minute recess and return at 8:17 p.m.”**
  - xii. **Motion #8 (Huyler/Chan) “Move to amend the motion to call a 10 minute recess and return at 8:10 a.m.**
  - xiii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
  - xiv. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
  - xv. Roll call was taken at 8:10 p.m. and quorum was met.

## IX. **Representatives Reports**

- A. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez
  - i. Absent
  - ii. Report submitted.
- B. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
  - i. Report submitted.

x. **New Business:**

- A. **Action Item: Updates to the ASI Board of Directors Responsibility Guide**
  - i. **Motion #9 (McClain/Raynes) “Move to approve the ASI Board of Directors Responsibility Guide.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Updates to the ASI Vice Chair of the Board of Directors Responsibility Guide.**
  - i. **Motion #10 (Rayne/Yarcan) “Move to approve the updates to the ASI Vice Chair of the Board of Directors Responsibility Guide.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- C. **Action Item: Updates to the ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Responsibility Guide.**
  - i. **Motion #11 (Coari/McClain) “Move to approve the updates to the ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Responsibility Guide.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- D. **Action Item: Updates to the Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Responsibility Guide.**
  - i. **Motion #12 (Raynes/Kartha) “Move to approve the updates to the Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board Responsibility Guide.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- E. **Action Item: Updates to the 2022-23 ASI/UU Internal Review Standing Committee Operating Rules.**
  - i. **Motion #13 (McClain/Mandegarian) “Move to approve the updates to the 2022-23 ASI/UU Internal Review Standing Committee Operating Rules.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- F. **Action Item: Updates to the 2022-23 ASI External Affairs Standing Committee Operating Rules.**
  - i. **Motion #14 (Coari/Kartha) “Move to approve the updates to the 2022-23 ASI External Affairs Standing Committee Operating Rules.”**
  - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

xi. **Committee Reports**

- A. ASI Business and Finance – Cynthia Diaz
  - i. Cynthia reported that the committee will review the Mustang Shuttle proposal.
- B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Olivia Huyler

- i. Olivia stated that the committee will identify a new time for meetings due to calendar conflicts.
- C. ASI External Affairs – Tyler Coari
  - i. Tyler announced that a special virtual ceremony will be held with the Secretary of State to present Cal Poly as this year’s Ballot Bowl winner.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Elias Mandegarian
  - i. Elias reported that the committee will be reviewing resolutions and bylaw updates.
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections – Alexandria Raynes
  - i. Alex encouraged members to attend upcoming ASI Election events including the Presidential Debate and the Candidate Meet & Greet. Election Days will run from April 25-27 and results will be announced on April 27 at noon.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Maya McClain and Brady Pauken
  - i. Maya reported that \$89,042.40 of Club Funding has been allocated to date, and the remaining balance available for allocation is \$29,082.00 Reconciled to date is \$27,715.47.

XII. **Announcements**

XIII. **Adjournment**

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on May 3, 2023.

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