

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

#23-14 ASI Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

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

Voting Members Present:

Emily Chan - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:46, returned at 6:54)

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 (recognized at 6:20)

Olivia Huyler - College of Liberal Arts

Siddharth Kartha - College of Engineering

Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts

Ananya Patil - College of Engineering (left at 6:38)

Brady Pauken - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Kelly Pi - College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:56)

Emily Prince - College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 6:19)

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

Evan Schwaegerle - Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:41, returned 7:42)

Andrew Sime - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (recognized at 6:20)

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 6:52, returned at 6:55)

Voting Members Absent:

Elias Mandegarían - Orfalea College of Business

Carlos Rodríguez Orozco - College of Engineering

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

Gracie Babatola - ASI President

Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle - Chair, University Union Advisory Board (left at 6:45)

Andrew Kim - ASI Chief of Staff (left at 6:38)

Michelle Crawford - ASI Executive Director

Lindsey Lee – Board of Directors’ Advisor

Dr. Joy Pedersen – University President’s Representative

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

Heather Zacker – ASI Director, Finance

Ashley Shoals – ASI Director, Children’s Programs

Kara Samaniego – Assistant Director, Campus Health & Wellbeing

James Francucci – UUAB

Jake Zylstra – Cal Poly Student

Kassidy Church – Cal Poly Corporation

Jeff Palmer – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Alyson Engel – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Kayla Gavazos – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Chau Nguyen – Cal Poly Student

Chloe Keely

Brennan Brown – Cal Poly Student

Aaron Posternack – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Cade Creason – Cal Poly Student

Alaina Ortiz – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Samual Andrews – ASI President Elect

Aaron Fernandes – UUAB Chair Elect

Ethan Robin – ASI Board of Directors Elect

Britany Pettit

Alexis Kong – ASI Board of Directors Elect

I. Call to Order: Meeting #23-14 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 titʷu titʷu 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 16 members present, quorum was met.
- B. Marirose received three letters encouraging support for having recorded online lectures available to all students. This would allow access to additional study materials to review and would improve academic performance.
- C. Nine students sent letters in support of Resolution #23-04 stating that by creating a Disability Cultural Program, it will allow all students to have an accessible space

regardless of DRC access. Cal Poly should support disabled students beyond the accommodations they are required to provide under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. By having a dedicated center for disabled students, Cal Poly can more effectively address the accessibility problems on campus.

- D. Nine letters were received in support of Resolution #23-05 to amend the Cal Poly academic grading scale. Changing the scale to allow an earned A+ would give a competitive advantage for Cal Poly students applying to postgraduate education. Currently allowing the highest grade as an A, only provides a 4.0 on transcripts verses a 4.3 for an A+. Achieving A+ is important to recognize academic excellence.

III. **Open Forum**

- A. Three students spoke in favor of Resolution #23-04 encouraging members to support a Disability Cultural Program on campus. All students can benefit from educational programs, and events provided by the program by building community and having a physical space to find support.
- B. Co-Author, Brennan Brown, spoke in favor of Resolution #23-05 encouraging members to approve encouraging the Academic Senate to review and amend the Cal Poly grading scale by allowing professors to give A+ for academic excellence.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Director Pauken & Mandegarian were recognized at 5:51 p.m.
- B. **Approval of minutes from meeting #23-13, April 19, 2023**
 - i. **Motion #1 (McClain/Yarcan) "Move to approve minutes from meeting #23-13, April 19, 2023."**
 - ii. **Motion #2 (Schwaegerle/Yarcan) "Move to amend the minutes to change Action Item A, section iv, by striking "with his constituents" to read "in a survey conducted "of the student body.""**
 - iii. **Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iv. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

V. **Leaders' Reports**

- A. Chair of the Board – Marirose Evenden
 - i. Marirose read the Verification of Compliance of the 2023-24 ASI Annual Spring Election memo verifying the ASI Bylaws Section 3.4.1 requirements were followed.
- B. ASI President – Gracie Babatola
 - i. Gracie announced the scholarship program will be presented to the Cal Poly Foundation Board.
- 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. No report

VI. Executive Directors' Report

- A. Report submitted.
- B. Michelle asked members to take the survey sent campuswide to help the future of ASI decide goals and priorities to form the Strategic Plan.
- C. Children's Center Budget Education – Ashley Shoals
 - i. Ashley Shoals, Director of Children's Programs, gave a presentation on the Children's Center stating that the purpose of the program is to provide early care and education services for the children of Cal Poly students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local San Luis Obispo community. As a licensed childcare facility, they provide care to children 4 months to 6 years old. She stated that program funding is made up of ASI Student Fees, parent fees (monthly tuition), and grants/endowments. Subsidized childcare is available to eligible families through grants from the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services.
 - ii. Director Prince was recognized at 6:19 p.m.
 - iii. Directors Hanson and Simes were recognized at 6:20 p.m.

VII. Representatives' Reports

- A. University President's Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Joy announced that library temporary study space has been approved for Bldg. 80, H11, and 221 tech lab. ASI will provide 24-hour study space.
- B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez
 - i. Absent
 - ii. No report submitted.
- C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns
 - i. Report submitted.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Acceptance of Aaron Fernandes as the 2023-24 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board**
 - i. **Motion #2 (McClain/Diaz) "Move to accept Aaron Fernandes as the 2023-24 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board."**
 - ii. Jacob stated that the UUAB held two nominations and the election who unanimously elected Aaron as next year's chair.
- B. **Action Item: Ratification of 2023-24 ASI Presidential Election Results**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Coari/Kartha) "Move to approve the 2023-24 ASI Presidential Election Results."**
 - ii. Alex thanked members for getting the word out.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- C. **Action Item: Ratification of 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Election Results**
 - i. **Motion #4 (Raynes/Huyler) "Move to approve the 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Election Results."**

- ii. Alex noted that Ethan Robin filled the final seat in College of Engineering after a withdrawal.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- D. Action Item: ASI FY 2023-24 Budget**
- i. Heather Zacker, ASI Director of Finance, introduced the FY 2023-24 ASI Budget. She stated that this is the result of months and months of hard work from staff and was reviewed by the Business & Finance Committee at multiple meetings. She explained organizational priorities, ASI mandates, and changes for next year. She shared the funding sources, budget breakdowns by program, and a summary financial statement.
 - ii. **Motion #5 (McClain/Kartha) “Move to recommend that the University President approve the FY 2023-24 ASI Budget and reserves as submitted.”**
 - iii. Cynthia stated that the Business and Finance Committee recommended a unanimous do pass.
 - iv. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - v. Marirose called a 10 minute recess.
 - vi. Roll call was taken at 7:16 p.m. and quorum was met.
- E. Action Item: Proposal to Contribute \$20,000 to SAFER from ASI Student Government Reserves**
- i. **Motion #6 (Diaz/Yarcan) “Move to approve the proposal to contribute \$20,000 to SAFER from ASI Student Government reserves.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- F. Action Item: First Read of Bill #23-02 General Updates to ASI Bylaws**
- i. **Motion #7 (Pauken/Diaz) “Move to open the first read of Bill #23-02 General updates to ASI Bylaws.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iii. Brady explained that the Officer Team reviewed and recommended general updates to the ASI Bylaws. Changes included standing committee members, gendered language changes, removal of Lobby Corps and the DEI liaisons from committees. Added was a requirement for student government members to undergo diversity, equity, and inclusion training.
 - iv. **Motion #8 (Pauken/Coari) “Move to close first read of Bill #23-02 General Updates to ASI Bylaws.”**
 - v. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- G. Action Item: Resolution #23-04 Resolution in Support of a Cal Poly Disability Cultural Program**
- i. **Motion #9 (Coari/Srinath) “Move to approve Resolution #23-04 Resolution in Support of a Cal Poly Disability Cultural Program.”**
 - ii. Tyler stated that it is clear from the letters received and guests during open forum, that the need for the program is important to students.
 - iii. Olivia stated that the Diversity & Inclusion Committee reviewed the resolution and recommended a unanimous do pass.
 - iv. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- H. Action Item: Resolution #23-05 Resolution to Amend the Cal Poly Academic Grading Scale**

- i. **Motion #10 (Coari/Pauken) “Move to approve Resolution #23-05 Resolution to Amend the Cal Poly Grading Scale.”**
 - ii. Tyler urged members to vote yes on the resolution that can give students a competitive advantage for postgraduate school, law school, etc.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- I. **Action Item: Update to the 2022-23 ASI Diversity and Inclusion Standing Committee Operating Rules**
- i. **Motion #11 (Huyler/Endres) “Move to approve the update to the 2022-23 ASI Diversity and Inclusion Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

IX. **Committee Reports**

- A. ASI Business and Finance – Cynthia Diaz
 - i. Report submitted.
 - ii. Cynthia stated that a special meeting will be held on Monday, May 15.
- B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Olivia Huyler
 - i. Olivia stated that the committee reviewed the changes for Club Services and the option of a P-card.
 - ii. She reported that the committee discussed Club Funding outreach mechanisms to provide more access to clubs.
- C. ASI External Affairs – Tyler Coari
 - i. Report submitted.
 - ii. Tyler announced that Cal Poly won the Secretary of State’s Ballot Bowl and was presented by Dr. Shirley Weber.
 - iii. He stated that Assemblymember Dawn Addis will be on campus on May 24. He added that the meeting with Congressman Carbajal was a success and covered a wide array of topics.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Elias Mandegarian
 - i. Absent
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections – Alexandria Raynes
 - i. Alex thanked members for their help during elections. They stated that the committee will make recommendations to next year’s Recruitment & Elections Committee
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Maya McClain and Brady Pauken
 - i. Brady reported that \$97,892.40 of Club Funding has been allocated to date, and the remaining balance available for allocation is \$20,232.21 Reconciled to date is \$30,791.96.
 - ii. He announced that May 5 is the last day to apply for Club Funding and June 2 is the last day to reconcile events. Money not used will go into reserves to be used for next year.

X. **Announcements**

XI. **Adjournment**

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 ___ day of May 2023.

ASI Secretary

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

ASI Secretary