

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

#23-16 ASI Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2023

University Union, Room 220, 5:10 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 (left at 5:58, returned 6:03, left 8:35, returned 8:36)

Siddharth Kartha - College of Engineering

Elias Mandegarian - Orfalea College of Business (left at 9:13)

Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts

Ananya Patil - College of Engineering

Brady Pauken - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Kelly Pi - College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 5:44, left at 8:06, returned 8:07)

Emily Prince - College of Science and Mathematics (left 7:35, returned 7:36)

Alexandria Raynes - College of Liberal Arts (left 5:51, returned 5:53, left 7:45, returned 7:50)

Evan Schwaegerle - Orfalea College of Business

Andrew Sime - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (recognized at 6:40)

Sujanya Srinath - College of Engineering

Joe Tam - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (left 8:00)

Andre Yarkan - College of Science and Mathematics (left at 6:38, returned at 6:41)

Voting Members Absent:

Carlos Rodriguez Orozco - College of Engineering

Natalie Santos - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Allison Stauffer - 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 (left 9:13)

Jacob Schlottmann-McGonigle - Chair, University Union Advisory Board (left at 9:15)

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:

Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Dr. Thomas Gutierrez – Academic Senate Representative

Guests:

Ethan Robin – ASI Board of Directors - Elect

Aaron Fernandes – University Union Advisory Board

Kassidy Church

Rebecca Winger

Kaylee Benting

Einstein Mwase

Emma Myer

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #23-16 was called to order at 5:14 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 tityu tityu 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. One letter was received from Emma Myer regarding bike and pedestrian safety and urged members to support the resolution for active transportation.
- III. **Open Forum**
 - A. Rebecca Winger spoke on behalf of the College of Engineering student council urging members to vote for Director Kartha as chair.
 - B. Einstein Mwase spoke about a resolution for transfer students and encouraged members to continue to work to help with the challenges faced by transfer students.
 - C. Kaley Benting, transfer student assistant, spoke about the library closure and the challenges of having no space on campus to build a community for transfer students.
 - D. Sam Andrews, ASI President elect, recognizing Tyler Coari as his selection for ASI Chief of Staff.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #23-15, May 17, 2023**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Srinath/Coari) “Move to approve minutes from meeting #23-15, May 17, 2023.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- V. **Leaders’ Reports**
 - A. Chair of the Board – Marirose Evenden

- i. Marirose thanked members for their dedication throughout the year and stated that she enjoyed serving as their chair.

B. ASI President – Gracie Babatola

- i. Gracie stated she was blessed to be ASI President and will be forever grateful.

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 approved a 24-hour space in the University Union during the library renovation.

VI. Executive Directors’ Report

A. Report submitted.

- i. Michelle stated that 600 responses were received from the Strategic Plan surveys with consistent themes for the student experience.
- ii. She reported that ASI will consolidate all social media platforms to one channel and rebrand the types of communication to expand our marketing outreach.
- iii. Director Pi was recognized at 5:44 p.m.

VII. Representatives’ Reports

A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen

- i. Full report submitted.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Thomas Gutierrez

- i. Absent
- ii. Report submitted.

C. Cal Poly Corporation Representative – Andrea Burns

- i. Absent

VIII. Old Business

A. Action item: 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Nominations

- i. **Motion #2 (Coari/Diaz) “Move to open 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors nominations.”**
- ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- iii. No other nominations were made.
- iv. **Motion #3 (McClain/Yarcan) “Move to close the 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors nominations.”**
- v. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Proposal for Updates to the Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center Policy Manual

- i. **Motion #4 (McClain/Kartha) “Move to approve proposal updates to the Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center Policy Manual.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- B. Action Item: Proposal for Updates to the ASI Employee Handbook**
 - i. **Motion #5 (Diaz/Kartha) “Move to approve the proposal updates to the ASI Employee Handbook.”**
 - ii. Cynthia stated that the Business and Finance Committee reviewed the updates for clarity and changes to legislation and recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- C. Action Item: Proposal to Approve One Additional Regular Full-time Building Service Worker Position**
 - i. **Motion #6 (McClain/Kartha) “Move to approve the proposal for one additional regular full-time building service worker position.”**
 - ii. Cynthia stated that this additional position will help ASI no longer need to utilize a third-party custodial service for overnight operations at the Recreation Center. The Business and Finance Committee recommended a do pass.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- D. Action Item: Resolution #23-06 Resolution to Promote the Expansion of Active Transportation Infrastructure on the Cal Poly University Campus.**
 - i. **Motion #7 (Tam/Coari) “Move to approve Resolution #23-06 Resolution to Promote the Expansion of Active Transportation infrastructure on the Cal Poly University campus.”**
 - ii. Director Tam stated that this resolution calls on Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), Facilities Management and Development (FMD), and other applicable campus departments to coordinate with one another to better integrate active transportation planning and construction across campus for safety and accessibility.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- E. Action Item: Resolution #23-07 Resolution Urging the Cal Poly Corporation to Combat Food Insecurity More Effectively.**
 - i. **Motion #8 (Raynes/Huyler) “Move to approve Resolution #23-07 Resolution Urging the Cal Poly Corporation to combat food insecurity more effectively.”**
 - ii. Director Raynes stated that food insecurity is a huge issue on campus and that the Cal Poly Corporation needs to take active measures to bring costs down, give more funding to the Food Pantry, and change the meal share program. They stated that the resolution was updated to address the Corporations feedback and was thoroughly vetted by the Internal Review Committee.
 - iii. Director Coari added that an additional Furthermore Be It Resolved clause was added during the Internal Review Committee meeting stating, the ASI Board of Directors urges the Cal Poly Corporation to forgo any meal plan price increase based on any of the recommendations made throughout this document and requests they communicate with ASI Student Government if there are any changes to meal plan costs going forward. The addition was agreed upon by the authors and the committee recommended a do pass. Director Coari clarified that any price increases to meal plans should not be due to this resolution.
 - iv. It was mentioned that Cal Poly Corporation’s mission and role should be to support students rather than “making money.” It was noted for the minutes that there was no representative from Cal Poly Corporation in attendance at the board meeting.

v. **Motion passed by majority voice vote.**

F. Action Item: Ratification of the 2023-24 ASI Chief of Staff

i. **Motion #9 (McClain/Diaz) "Move to ratify the 2023-24 ASI Chief of Staff."**

ii. Members stated that Tyler Coari is fully capable of doing a great job.

iii. **Motion passed unanimous standing vote.**

iv. **Motion #10 (Raynes/Coari) "Move to take a 10-minute recess.**

v. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

vi. **The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m. and roll call was taken with 18 members present.**

G. Action Item: 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Elections

i. Chair Evenden explained the election process including an introduction of the candidates, five-minute presentations by each candidate, a question-and-answer session, discussion and debate, followed by a randomized roll-call vote election.

ii. **Motion #11 (Coari/Diaz) "Move to open the 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Elections."**

iii. **Director Sime was recognized at 6:40 p.m.**

iv. Director McClain and Director Kartha gave presentations and fielded questions.

v. After a randomized roll-call vote, Director Kartha was elected as the 2023-24 Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.

vi. **Motion #12 (Raynes/Coari) "Move to close the 2023-24 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Elections."**

vii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

H. Action Item: Ratification of the 2023-24 ASI Summer Board of Directors

i. **Motion #13 (Diaz/Raynes) "Move to approve the 2023-24 ASI Summer Board of Directors."**

ii. **Motion #14 (Raynes/Patel) "Move to strike Director Kartha and add Director Srinath as representative for the College of Engineering."**

iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

iv. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

X. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business and Finance – Cynthia Diaz

i. No report.

B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion – Olivia Huyler

i. Report submitted.

C. ASI External Affairs – Tyler Coari

i. Report submitted.

D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Elias Mandegarian

i. Absent

E. ASI Recruitment and Elections – Alexandria Raynes

i. Report submitted.

F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons - Maya McClain and Brady Pauken

i. No report.

XI. **Announcements**

XII. **Adjournment**

A. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 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 24 day of August 2023.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on August 24, 2023.

ASI Secretary