

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

#24-03 ASI Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

5:00 p.m., UU220

Voting Members Present:

Sofia Buduchina - College of Engineering

Marc Cabeliza - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:55)

Kayla Cavazos - College of Liberal Arts

Reagan Denny - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:55)

Scott Drouin - College of Liberal Arts

Alyson Engel - College of Liberal Arts

Joseph Fewel - College of Science and Mathematics

Chloe Fulton - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:08, returned at 6:12)

Alexis Kong - Orfalea College of Business

Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts

Alaina Ortiz - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Aaron Posternack - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Rachel Reade - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Ethan Robin - College of Engineering

Sujanya Srinath - College of Engineering

Zachary Van Blarcom - Orfalea College of Business

Voting Members Absent:

Angela Gutierrez - College of Engineering

Arlein Logrono - College of Science and Mathematics

Jett Palmer - College of Science and Mathematics

Kelly Pi - College of Science and Mathematics

Evan Pomeroy - Orfalea College of Business

Natalie Santos - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Ashleigh Spragins - College of Engineering

Non-Voting Members Present:

Siddharth Kartha- Chair, ASI Board of Directors

Aaron Fernandes - Chair, University Union Advisory Board

Tyler Coari - ASI Chief of Staff

Dr. Jo Campbell - University President's Designee

Dr. Jerusha Greenwood - Academic Senate Representative

Andrea Burns - Cal Poly Corporation Representative

Michelle Crawford - ASI Executive Director
Megan Schuler-Jones - Board Advisor
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

None

Guests:

Missi Allison-Bullock, ASI Events
Katie Pierce - ASI Events
Madison Hirsch - ASI Events

I. Call to Order: Meeting #24-03 was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

- A. *Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak tityu tityu yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak tityu tityu yak tithini have a documented presence in this area for over 10,000 years. The tithini peoples have stewarded their ancestral and unceded homelands which include all of the cities, communities, federal and state open spaces within the San Luis Obispo County region. These homelands extend East into the Carrizo Plains toward Kern County, South to the Santa Maria River, North to Ragged Point, and West beyond the ocean's shoreline in an unbroken chain of lineage, kinship, and culture.*

II. Letters & Roll Call

- A. Jett Palmer, Board member, was unable to attend the meeting and submitted a letter requesting the minutes be updated showing his attendance at the September 19 meeting. Siddharth stated that this is an administrative change, and no motion is needed.

III. Open Forum

- A. Austin Meaks, spoke on behalf of the Transfer Center stating that more space is needed for students to build community. He stated that the library closure is causing challenges for students to find a space to study and their small space is not accommodating to transfer students.
- B. A student expressed their concern about the lack of bike lockers available on campus.
- C. Justin Vastine, Director of Operations, Administration and Finance, introduced himself and stated that he will alternate with Chief Hughes attending the Board of Directors meetings.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #24-02, September 19, 2023**
 - i. **Minutes stand approved as written.**

V. Leaders Reports

- A. **Chair of the Board - Siddharth Kartha**
 - i. Report submitted.
 - ii. ASI Events Overview and Fall 2023 Line-up
 - a) Missi Allison-Bullock, Coordinator ASI Programs, gave an overview of ASI Events stating that the program contributes to a fun, safe, and dynamic campus culture by providing activities for students to enrich their ultimate college experience while meeting their diverse social, educational, and

entertainment needs at low or no cost. Programming includes musical entertainment, movie showings, comedians and speakers, campus collaborations, seasonal and late night/weekend events.

- b) She gave highlights from the summer and start of fall quarter events, and the lineup for fall quarter.

B. ASI President – Samuel Andrews

- i. Sam reported that conversations are continuing with the Cal Poly Foundation regarding scholarships.
- ii. They announced the President's in the Plaza events on Thursdays in the UU Plaza.
- iii. Sam explained the challenges with the universitywide committees in that communication was not sent to committee chairs regarding the appointments to committees. The changes proposed by previous ASI President, will be put into action next academic year.
- iv. No report submitted.

C. ASI Chief of Staff – Tyler Coari

- i. Tyler gave highlights from his report.
- ii. Full report submitted.
- iii. Director Denny & Director Cabeliza were recognized at 5:55 p.m.

D. Chair of UUAB – Aaron Fernandes

- i. Aaron gave highlights from his report.
- ii. Full report submitted.

VI. Executive Directors Report –Michelle Crawford

- A. Michelle reported that with the closure of the library, printing challenges have risen with more students printing over 23,000 pages between September 20-30 and waiting in long lines to print.
- B. She announced ASI strategy with consolidating social media accounts shows an 18% increase in use and an increase in “likes” and website clicks.
- C. Full report submitted.

VII. Representatives' Reports

- A. University President's Representative – Dr. Jo Campbell
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Dr. Campbell added that the Mustang Shuttle stop at the library has been moved to H11 parking lot and a new stop has been added to O'Neill Green.
 - iii. She reported that the Campus Dining Committee will meet on October 20. This committee is co-chaired by Aaron Fernandes and Dr. Jo Campbell.
- B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Jerusha Greenwood
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. She added that she is looking forward to representing the Academic Senate on the ASI Board of Directors
 - iii. She reported that the senate is working on a resolution for quarters vs. semesters.

- C. Cal Poly Corporation – Andrea Burns
 - i. Andrea introduced herself and noted that she will be sharing the Corporations representative position with Cody VanDorn, Ellen Curtis, and Jim Dunning.
 - ii. She reported that Cal Poly Print and Copy has been relocated.
 - iii. She announced that 34,000 meals were donated towards the Basic Needs Mustang Meal Share to help combat food insecurity. The campus goal is to reach 50,000 meals with donations from students and others.
 - iv. Full report submitted.

VIII. **Old Business**

- A. None

IX. **New Business**

- A. **Action Item: Ratification of new director, Ashleigh Spragins, to fill the vacancy in the College of Engineering.**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Van Blarcom/McClain) “Move to ratify Ashleigh Spragins to fill the vacancy in the College of Engineering.**
 - ii. Siddharth explained that due to the early priority registration, Ashleigh was not able to adjust her schedule for board meetings and workshops. Members wondered if it is a conflict of interest. Siddharth stated that she will serve on two standing committees and will have an exception for meetings until winter quarter.
 - iii. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and passed by unanimous hand vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Ratification of Sujanya Srinath as the 2023-24 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.**
 - i. **Motion #2 (Fulton/Drouin) “Move to ratify Sujanya Srinath as the 2023-24 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.”**
 - ii. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and passed by unanimous hand vote.**
- C. **Action Item: Creation of an ad hoc committee on ASI Club Funding**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Robin/Van Blarcom) “Move to approve creation of an ad hoc committee on ASI Club Funding.”**
 - ii. Director McClain expressed concern about the level of commitment by adding another committee.
 - iii. **Members voted and division was called. The Chair proceeded to roll call vote.**
 - iv. **With six in the affirmative, nine in the negative, and one abstention, motion failed.**
- D. **Action Item: Approval of the 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.**
 - i. **Motion #4 (McClain/Cavazos) “Move to approve the 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

X. **Committee Reports**

- A. ASI Business and Finance Committee – Sujanya Srinath

- i. Sujanya reported that the committee reviewed and recommended a do pass on the Business and Finance Operating Rules.
 - ii. She stated that due to lack of business items, the next Business and Finance Committee meeting has been canceled.
 - iii. Report submitted.
- B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Sofia Buduchina
 - i. Sofia stated that the committee is brainstorming initiatives and looking for speakers for diversity and inclusion efforts.
 - ii. Report submitted.
- C. ASI External Affairs Committee – Reagan Denny
 - i. Reagan reported that the committee began setting their intentions and goals for the year.
 - ii. She stated that Courtney Kienow, Director of Community Relations, came to their meeting and spoke about civic engagement opportunities within San Luis Obispo Community. Justin Wellner, Director of Government Relations, will attend the External Affairs Committee to learn about engagement at the state and federal level.
 - iii. Report submitted.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review Committee – Jett Palmer
 - i. Absent
 - ii. Report submitted.
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections Committee – Marc Cabeliza
 - i. Marc stated that the committee approved their operating rules.
 - ii. The second meeting was canceled due to an error in posting the agenda. Following the Gloria Romero Act of 2000, the meeting was canceled as the agenda was not posted within 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Kayla Cavazos and Maya McClain
 - i. Maya reported that she and Kayla attended Club Funding training with Trisha Sanchez, Assistant Coordinator, Club Funding.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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 27 day of October 2023.

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

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