

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

#24-04 ASI Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

5:00 p.m., UU220

Voting Members Present:

Sofia Buduchina - College of Engineering (left at 6:40, returned at 6:46)
Marc Cabeliza - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:31)
Kayla Cavazos - College of Liberal Arts (left at 6:07, returned at 6:09)
Reagan Denny - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 5:31)
Scott Drouin - College of Liberal Arts
Alyson Engel - College of Liberal Arts
Joseph Fewel - College of Science and Mathematics (left at 7:01, returned at 7:04)
Angela Gutierrez - College of Engineering
Arlein Logrono - College of Science and Mathematics
Alexis Kong - Orfalea College of Business
Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts (left at 6:35, returned at 6:37)
Alaina Ortiz - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Jett Palmer - College of Science and Mathematics
Aaron Posternack - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Ethan Robin - College of Engineering
Sujanya Srinath - College of Engineering
Zachary Van Blarcom - Orfalea College of Business

Voting Members Absent:

Chloe Fulton - Orfalea College of Business
Kelly Pi - College of Science and Mathematics
Rachel Reade - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Evan Pomeroy - Orfalea College of Business
Natalie Santos - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Ashleigh Spragins - College of Engineering
Vacant - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Non-Voting Members Present:

Siddharth Kartha- Chair, ASI Board of Directors
Sam Andrews - ASI President (left 6:32, returned 6:34)
Aaron Fernandes - Chair, University Union Advisory Board (6:55, returned 7:01)
Tyler Coari - ASI Chief of Staff
Dr. Joy Pedersen - University President's Designee

Dr. Jerusha Greenwood – Academic Senate Representative
Cody VanDorn – Cal Poly Corporation Representative
Carol Brizendine - ASI Executive Director Representative
Megan Schuler-Jones – Board Advisor
Tracy Watson - Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent

None

Guests:

Heather Zacker – Director, Finance
George Hughes - Assistant Vice President Public Safety/Chief of Police
Ellen Curtis - Associate Executive Director of Marketing & Communications
Keith Humprey – Vice President of Student Affairs
Daniella Day – Vice Chair of UUAB
Einstein Mwase – Transfer Center
Sydney Goren – Chabad/Hillel
Quentin Francis – Club Sports
Bennett Steiger
Xander Levine

A. **Call to Order: Meeting #24-04 was called to order at 5:12 p.m.**

- i. *Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak tiṭu tiṭu yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak tiṭu tiṭu 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 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. Siddharth read a letter from Aaron Fernandes regarding climate control in UU220.

III. **Open Forum**

- A. Xander Levine expressed his concern that ASI has not sent a statement regarding the tragedies in Israel.
- B. Einstein Mwase, spoke on behalf of the Transfer Center, stating they need more physical space to build community.
- C. A student spoke on behalf of the Jewish community to stand with Israel and denounce terrorism.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #24-03, October 4, 2023**
 - i. **Minutes stand approved as written.**

V. **Representatives' Reports**

- A. University President's Representative – Dr. Joy Pedersen
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Dr. Pedersen reported that the Dean of Students Office sent an email with resources, supported a candlelight vigil, and provided peace ambassadors to support students in need.
 - iii. Director Denny & Carbeliza were recognized at 5:31 p.m.
- B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Jerusha Greenwood
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Dr. Greenwood stated that the Senate discussed how faculty receives national news and students feel they are given no grace. The policy on excused absences will be reviewed, and faculty members are encouraged to consider extenuating circumstances.
- C. Cal Poly Corporation – Cody VanDorn
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Cody VanDorn, Executive Director, Cal Poly Corporation, introduced himself and shared a presentation explaining who they are, the purpose of the corporation, and the contributions they provide on campus including:
 - a) Support 300 Learn by Doing university programs.
 - b) Supplied 9,556 students with accessible courseware.
 - c) Serve 20,000 hungry students daily.
 - d) Provide 3,660 acres of agriculture and commercial space managed for student research and projects.
 - iii. He shared the Corporations 2023-24 initiatives:
 - a) Enhancing campus life.
 - b) Alleviating food insecurity.
 - c) Advancing Learn by Doing
 - d) Empowering through employment.
 - e) Developing attainable housing.

VI. **Leaders Reports**

- A. **Chair of the Board – Siddharth Kartha**
 - i. No report submitted.
 - ii. Club Sports Presentation
 - a) Quentin Francis gave the annual Club Sports Funding Report stating there are currently 29 teams with one probationary team representing 1,310 student athletes. The presentation covered the history of the program, budget process, and how funding is allocated to teams. She gave a recap of 2022-23 Club Sports highlights and stated that they are grateful for ASI's support.
 - iii. ASI Capital Expenditure Report – Winter and Spring 2023
 - a) Heather explained that the Capital Expenditure Report shows assets purchased that are more than \$5,000 and a life of three plus years. No capital replacements were made during winter or spring quarter 2023.

- iv. Budget Variance Report – Heather Zacker
 - a) Heather reviewed the Budget Variance Report in detail for 2022-23 stating that the report gives results of operations for last year showing what was projected and what was spent.
 - b) Director Pi was recognized at 6:32 p.m.

B. ASI President – Samuel Andrews

- i. No report submitted.
- ii. Sam reported that the Dreamer and Indigenous Peoples Scholarship training has been completed.
- iii. He stated that the Student Community Liaison Committee meets to improve town gown interactions. A new Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed.

C. ASI Chief of Staff – Tyler Coari

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

D. Chair of UUAB – Aaron Fernandes

- i. No report submitted.
- ii. Aaron reported that the UUAB approved ratification of Daniella Day as the Vice Chair of UUAB and approved the recommendation for additional Wepa printers.
- iii. He stated that recruitment for College of Science & Mathematics continues.
- iv. He announced that the UUAB will travel to Southern California to visit CSU Pomona, Fullerton, Long Beach, and Northridge.

VII. Executive Directors Report –Carol Brizendine

- A. Full report submitted.
- B. Carol encouraged members to attend Fright Fest at the Recreation Center.

VIII. Old Business

- A. None

IX. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Approval of the 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules-Revised**
 - i. **Motion #1 (Drouin/Cavazos) “Move to approve the revised 2023-24 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.**
 - ii. Siddharth explained that they were revised to changes pertaining to dates and conflicted with the UUAB timeline.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Acceptance of Daniella Day as the 2023-24 Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board**
 - i. **Motion #2 (Srinath/Posternack) “Move to accept Daniella Day as the 2023-24 Vice Chair of the University Union Advisory Board.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- C. **Action Item: Approval of Aaron Fernandes as the 2023-24 ASI Alumni Council Student Co-Chair.**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Van Blarcom/Cavazos) “Move to approve Aaron Fernandes as the 2023-24 ASI Alumni Council Student Co-Chair.”**
 - ii. **Motion requires 2/3 vote and was approved by unanimous hand vote.**

x. Committee Reports

- A. ASI Business and Finance Committee – Sujanya Srinath
 - i. Sujanya reported that the committee reviewed the terminology of the Strategic Plan
 - ii. She stated that due to lack of business items, the next Business & 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 and discussed how can ASI support with current events.
 - 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 Justin Wellner, Director of Government Relations, attended the External Affairs Committee to learn about engagement at the state and federal level.
 - iii. She reported that the committee is actively planning the Flex Your Right campaign.
 - iv. Report submitted.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review Committee – Jett Palmer
 - i. Report submitted.
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections Committee – Marc Cabeliza
 - i. Report submitted.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Kayla Cavazos and Maya McClain
 - i. Kayla reported that Club Funding started with \$90,930.11 and has allocated \$43,950.

xI. Announcements

xII. Adjournment

- A. **Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 November 8 day of 2023.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on November 1, 2023.

ASI Secretary