

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

**#24-05 ASI Board Meeting Minutes**

November 1, 2023

5:00 p.m., UU220

**Voting Members Present:**

Sofia Buduchina - College of Engineering (left at 7:06, returned at 7:12)  
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 5:48)  
Scott Drouin - College of Liberal Arts  
Alyson Engel - College of Liberal Arts  
Chloe Fulton - Orfalea College of Business (left at 7:01, returned at 7:06)  
Arlein Logrono - College of Science and Mathematics  
Alexis Kong - Orfalea College of Business  
Maya McClain - College of Liberal Arts (left at 7:06, returned at 7:08)  
Alaina Ortiz - College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
Jett Palmer - College of Science and Mathematics  
Kelly Pi - College of Science and Mathematics  
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:**

Marc Cabeliza - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Joseph Fewel - College of Science and Mathematics  
Angela Gutierrez - College of Engineering  
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 (recognized 5:23)  
Aaron Fernandes - Chair, University Union Advisory Board (6:17, returned 6:21)  
Tyler Coari - ASI Chief of Staff  
Dr. Jo Campbell - University President's Designee

Dr. Jerusha Greenwood – Academic Senate Representative  
Jim Dunning – 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:**

Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Corporation  
Ellen Curtis – Cal Poly Corporation  
Russell Monteath – Cal Poly Corporation  
Anna Baytosh – ASI Executive Assistant  
Regan Gonsalves-Allen  
Dylan White

- I. **Call to Order: Meeting #24-05 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**
  - A. *Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak titʻu titʻu yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak titʻu titʻu 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. None
  - B. With 16 in attendance, quorum was met.
- III. **Open Forum**
  - A. Ethan Robin commended members for their hard work this quarter.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **Approval of minutes from meeting #24-04, October 18, 2023**
    - i. **Minutes stand approved as written.**
- V. **Representatives’ Reports**
  - A. University President’s Representative – Dr. Jo Campbell
    - i. Full report submitted.
    - ii. Dr. Campbell added that they were excited about the housing and general contractor project meeting kickoff.
  - B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Jerusha Greenwood
    - i. Dr. Greenwood stated that the Senate discussed a resolution on Academic Unit Reorganization.

- ii. Discussion included defining extenuating circumstances in University Excused Absence Policy.
- iii. She noted that the California Faculty Association voted to allow a strike. She stated that they are in the fact finding process.
- iv. Sam Andrews was recognized at 5:20 p.m.

C. **Cal Poly Corporation – Jim Dunning**

- i. Full report submitted.
  - a) Jim Dunning, Associate Executive Director, gave a presentation on the Real Estate Development & Services projects including the Technology Park and faculty staff housing.
  - b) The mission of the Cal Poly Technology Park is to foster the exchange of technical knowledge and expertise between the educational and business communities, provide a physical space and human capital to facilitate this exchange, and be a driver of high-tech economic development for San Luis Obispo. He gave an overview of phase I & II of the project.
  - c) Jim shared the 2023-24 initiative of developing attainable housing with the new Slack and Grand Avenue project. This project will complete 33 for-sale homes across six acres.
- ii. Director Denny was recognized at 5:48 p.m.

VI. **Leaders Reports**

A. **Chair of the Board – Siddharth Kartha**

- i. No report submitted.

B. **ASI President – Samuel Andrews**

- i. No report submitted.

C. **ASI Chief of Staff – Tyler Coari**

- i. Full report submitted.

D. **Chair of UUAB – Aaron Fernandes**

- i. Full report submitted.

VII. **Executive Directors Report –Michelle Crawford**

- A. Full report submitted.
- B. Michelle announced that with the hiring of Jill Baxter, Assistant Director of Student Engagement & Assessment, progress is being made at the Craft Center with a tentative opening date of January 11, 2024.
- C. She stated that ASI will not participate in the faculty strike and ASI facilities will continue with regular hours.
- D. She announced that ASI Events presents Dayglow and Couch Dog on November 15, 2023.

VIII. **Old Business**

- A. None

IX. **New Business**

- i. **Action Item: 2024-25 ASI Election Code and Election Timeline**

- a) **Motion #1 (Fulton/Drouin) “Move to approve the 2024-25 ASI Election Code and Election Timeline.”**
- b) Director Fulton stated that the Recruitment & Elections Committee reviewed in detail. Changes included combining the Candidate Statement and the Diversity Statement. She stated that candidates begin filling out the candidate packet and stop at the diversity statement. Combining them gives an option to add a statement if they want to.
- c) Director Drouin stated that they read the code and thought the campaign spending limit was too high.
- d) **Motion #2 (Drouin/Denny) “Move to amend the Election Code Candidate Spending limit by striking \$750 and adding \$300.”**
- e) Drouin stated that the \$750 spending limit could create accessibility reasons not to run. Lowering to \$300 still allows candidate to get the word out.
- f) Andrews strongly opposed the amendment stating that lowering the limit could have catastrophic consequences to the candidate pool. More marketing from more candidates helps voter turnout. He mentioned ASI could provide other support such as scholarships. Michelle clarified that scholarships is not an option without considerable research.
- g) Others mentioned that ASI could provide posters, and marketing materials to keep costs down. Michelle stated that ASI does provide graphic design and posters to all candidates. She stated that the discussion could be returned to committee for further review. Director McClain stated that student engagement is the issue and changing the spending limit will not have an effect positively or negatively.
- h) **Vote on amendment failed by unanimous voice vote.**
- i) **Moton #3 (Drouin Denny) “Move to refer to the Recruitment & Election Committee to explore decreasing spending limits in Article 10, Section 2 and return by the next board meeting on November 15, 2023.”**
- j) Michelle explained that delay would push other action items to winter quarter if referred to committee.
- k) Sam stated that delaying impacts the organization, and they recommended referring to next year’s board.
- l) **Motion fails with two in favor, 14 opposed, and 2 abstentions.**
- m) **Main motion passes with one abstention.**
- ii. **Action Item: Creation of an ad hoc committee on ASI Bylaw Review**
  - a) **Motion #4 (Robin/Cavazos) “Move to approve the creation of an ad hoc committee on ASI Bylaw Review.”**
  - b) Vice Chair Srinath sated that the Bylaws have not had a full review for 10 years and a general review is needed for clarity and attention to detail.
  - c) Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- iii. **Action Item: Removal of Evan Pomeroy, as director representing the Orfalea College of Business**
- iv. **Motion #5 (McClain/Fulton) “Move to approve the removal of Evan Pomeroy, as director representing the Orfalea College of Business.”**
  - a) Director Mc Clain stated that there are clear expectations on attendance for representing their college. Director Cavazos stated that bylaw discussion should include how students can still travel abroad and be a part of ASI. Michelle stated that discussion will include what year round programming will look like for student government.

- v. Chair Kartha stated that Director Pomeroy failed to attend board meetings and workshops, and the last correspondence was in September with no response to emails.
- vi. **Motion passed with 15 in affirmative, one opposed, one abstention.**

x. **Committee Reports**

- A. ASI Business and Finance Committee – Sujanya Srinath
  - i. Report submitted.
- B. ASI Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Sofia Buduchina
  - i. Report submitted.
- C. ASI External Affairs Committee – Reagan Denny
  - i. Reagan reported that the External Affairs committee will have a booth for Flex Your Right voter registration outreach during the Dayglow concert.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review Committee – Jett Palmer
  - i. Report submitted.
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections Committee – Marc Cabeliza
  - i. Absent
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Kayla Cavazos and Maya McClain
  - i. Maya reported that \$50,420.09 has been allocated to 108 clubs and \$2,557.51 has been reconciled.

xI. **Announcements**

xII. **Adjournment**

- A. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 December 21st day of 2023.

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ASI Secretary

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on November 15, 2023.

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