

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ASI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting #26-03

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 5:10 p.m.

Cal Poly, University Union Building 65, Room 220

Cal Maritime, Administration Building, Gold Conference Room

Meeting ID: 836 1011 6813

Voting Members Present:

Andrew Angulo - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Kayla Cavazos - College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:20 p.m.)
Bishop-Amer Davis - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Scott Drouin - College of Liberal Arts
Joe Fewel - Bailey College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 5:52)
Garret Gomes - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Evelyn Jaminet - College of Science and Mathematics - Vice Chair
Naomi Jung - College of Engineering
Jacob Larson - College of Engineering (recognized at 5:48)
Ava Marino - College of Engineering (left at 5:57, returned 6:08)
Riley Marino - Orfalea College of Business
Kate McMurrey - College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:18)
Jett Palmer - College of Science and Mathematics
Stone Ramage - College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Bella Santos - College of Science and Mathematics
Taran Singh - College of Engineering
Ashleigh Spragins - Orfalea College of Business (left at 6:35, returned 6:37)
Clark Stafford - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (recognized at 5:48)
Nimisha Thakur - College of Engineering (recognized at 6:17)
Rocco Trapani - Orfalea College of Business
Bella Twiss - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Voting Members Absent:

Morgan Oliveira - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Non-Voting Members Present:

Dylan Marino - Orfalea College of Business – Alternate
Donya Ahmady – College of Liberal Arts - Alternate
Alyson Engel – Chair, ASI Board of Directors
Marc Cabeliza – ASI President
Xander Levine – Chair of UUAB
Tanner Schinderle – ASI Chief of Staff
Michelle Crawford – ASI Executive Director
Catherine Ogden – Board of Directors’ Advisor
Tracy Watson – Board of Directors’ Assistant
Dr. Jo Campbell – University President’s Representative
Dr. Jerusha Greenwood – Academic Senate Representative
Cody VanDorn – Cal Poly Partners Representative

Non-Voting Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Missi Allison-Bullock – Director, ASI Programs & Services
Meghan Schuler-Jones – Assistant Director, Leadership, Assessment, and DEIJ
Andrea Burns – Cal Poly Partners – Associated Executive Director
Rob Plastino – University Chief of Police
George Hughes – Associate Vice President, Public Safety
Carlos Arencibia – ASCMA President- Cal Poly Solano
Joe Aguiar – ASI Executive Cabinet, Secretary of Civic Engagement
Nola Weston – Cal Poly Student

I. Call to Order: Meeting #26-03 was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

- A. *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. No letters were received.
- B. With 15 members present, quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

- A. Carlos Arencibia, ASCMA President- Cal Poly Solano, introduced himself and provided an update on ASCMA activities and initiatives.
 - i. Andrea Burns gave a presentation on recent improvements made by Chartwells to campus food services. The changes were well received and appreciated by the group.
 - ii. A senator proposed reinstating the library's previous photo competition. ASCMA agreed to resume funding for the event.
 - iii. The council discussed the need for water filters where no filtration is currently available. Efforts are underway to explore possible solutions for future implementation.
 - iv. ASCMA will host a training boot camp for newly elected senators to outline responsibilities and expectations for the year.
- B. George Hughes, Associate Vice President for Public Safety, introduced himself and noted his previous role as Chief of Police. He then introduced Rob Plastino, Cal Poly's new Chief of Police, who provided a brief introduction of himself.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes from Meeting #26-02, September 11, 2025.
 - i. **Motion #1 (Drouin/Angulo) "Move to approve the minutes from Meeting #26-02, September 11, 2025."**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

V. Representatives Reports

- A. University president's Representative - Dr. Jo Campbell
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Dr. Campbell gave highlights from her report.
- B. Academic Senate Representative - Dr. Jerusha Greenwood
 - i. Dr. Greenwood gave a presentation explaining that the Academic Senate functions as a shared governance body, representing faculty perspectives in collaboration with the university administration. She spoke of the roles and responsibilities of Senate officers, staff, and committees.
- C. Cal Poly Partners Representative - Cody VanDorn
 - i. Cody shared a presentation and provided an overview of Cal Poly Partners, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports Cal Poly's *Learn by Doing* mission through dining, research, course materials, housing, and student employment operations. The 13-member board includes students, faculty, administrators, and community members, with two student directors holding equal voting rights.

- ii. Ongoing collaborations with ASI were highlighted, including outdoor space development, food insecurity initiatives, and campus mobility projects. Strategic priorities include strengthening shared governance, enhancing student feedback, improving the Cal Maritime experience, supporting semester conversion and campus growth, and maintaining over 2,000 student employment opportunities.
- iii. Directors Stafford & Larson were recognized at 5:48 p.m.
- iv. Director Fewel was recognized at 5:52 p.m.

VI. Leaders' Reports

A. Chair of the Board - Alyson Engel

- i. Full report submitted.

B. ASI President - Marc Cabeliza

- i. Full report submitted.

C. Chair of UUAB - Xander Levine

- i. Full report submitted.

D. Chief of Staff - Tanner Schinderle

- i. Full report submitted.

VII. Executive Director's Report - Michelle Crawford

A. Full report submitted.

- i. Michelle stressed the need for preparation and purposeful, informed debate. She acknowledged that consensus might not always be achievable and encouraged members to confidently represent their constituents while understanding the context and purpose of each discussion, especially for the corporate record.
- ii. She announced the launch of a survey in collaboration with ASI and Cal Poly Partners to plan the future campus footprint, which will accommodate an additional 4,000 students. The survey will gather input on the services, spaces, and amenities needed to support the expanded student population.

VIII. Old Business

- A. None

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Ratify New Director, Nimisha Thakur, to fill the vacancy in the College of Engineering.

- i. **Motion #2 (A. Marino/Stafford) "Move to approve ratification of new director Nimisha Thakur, to fill the vacancy in the College of Engineering."**
- ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

- iii. Director Thakur was recognized at 6:16 p.m.
- B. **Action Item: Ratify New Director, Kate McMurrey, to fill the vacancy in the College of Liberal Arts.**
 - i. **Motion #3 (Twiss/Stafford) “Move to approve ratification of new director Kate McMurrey, to fill the vacancy in the College of Liberal Arts.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - iii. Director McMurrey was recognized at 6:18 p.m.
- C. **Action Item: Ratify New Director, Kayla Cavazos, to fill the vacancy in the College of Liberal Arts.**
 - i. **Motion #4 (Larson/Gomes) “Move to approve ratification of new director Kayla Cavazos, to fill the vacancy in the College of Liberal Arts.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - iii. Director Cavazos was recognized at 6:20 p.m.
- D. **Action Item: Ratify Evelyn Jaminet as the 2025-26 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.**
 - i. **Motion #5 (Palmer/A. Marino) “Move to approve ratification of Evelyn Jaminet as the 2025-26 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- E. **Action Item: Approve the 2025-26 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and Accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.**
 - i. **Motion #6 (Drouin/Fewel) “Move to approve the 2025-26 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and Accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion #7 (Jaminet/Fewel) “Move to amend the ASI Business and Finance Operating Rules to strike “Assistant Director of Business Services” and replace with “Coordinator of Human Resources.””**
 - iii. Vice Chair Jaminet explained that title changes must be made in the ASI Bylaws before amending the Operating Rules.
 - iv. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - v. Chair Engel approved adding Carlos Arencibia, ASCMA President- Cal Poly Solano, report under Item VI. Student Leader Reports, after the ASI Chief of Staff report.
 - vi. **Main motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- F. **Action Item: Approve the 2025-26 ASI Cal Maritime Integration Ad Hoc Committee Operating Rules.**
 - i. **Motion #8 (Palmer/Spragins) “Move to approve the 2025-26 ASI Cal Maritime Integration Ad Hoc Committee Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

- G. **Action Item: Approve the 2025-26 ASI Alumni Council Operating Rules.**
 - i. **Motion #9 (Davis/R. Marino) “Move to approve the 2025-26 ASI Alumni Council Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
- H. **Action Item: Approve the 2025-26 ASI Club Funding Review Ad Hoc Committee Operating Rules.**
 - i. **Motion #10 (Angulo/Fewel) “Move to approve the 2025-26 ASI Club Funding Review Ad Hoc Committee Operating Rules.”**
 - ii. **Motion #11 (Fewel/Drouin) “Move to amend the operating rules to strike “University Union, Building 065, Room 219” and insert “Recreation Center Training Room, Building 043, Room 109.””**
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**
 - iv. **Main motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

X. Committee Reports

- A. ASI Business & Finance Committee – Evelyn Jaminet
 - i. Full report submitted.
- B. ASI Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice – Ava Marino
 - i. Full report submitted.
- C. ASI External Affairs Committee – Andrew Angulo
 - i. Director Angulo reported that voter registration training is underway; the committee completed committee training and approved the operating rules. He stated that committee members have been assigned to follow local, state, and federal legislation and are following the government shutdown.
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review Committee – Clark Stafford
 - i. Full report submitted.
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections Committee – Scott Drouin
 - i. Full report submitted.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Nimisha Thakur/Evelyn Jaminet
 - i. Full report submitted.
- G. ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc Committee – Joe Fewel
 - i. Full report submitted.
- H. ASI Cal Maritime Integration Ad Hoc Committee – Jett Palmer
 - i. Full report submitted.
 - ii. Director Palmer encouraged members to read the summary of the committee and operating rules. He stated that the committee’s key objective is creating the Shared Governance Model and discussing whether to pursue a merger or a dissolution.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

A. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 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 October 21, 2025.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by ***Unanimous vote*** on October 15, 2025

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