

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

ASI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting #25-16

May 28, 2025, 5:10 p.m.

University Union, Bldg. 65, Room 220

Voting Members Present:

Sofia Buduchina – College of Engineering (left at 8:33, returned 8:37, left 10:05, returned 10:07)

Kayla Cavazos – College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:14)

Megan Dixon – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left at 10:14, returned 10:20 p.m.)

Alyson Engel – Vice Chair, College of Liberal Arts (left 6:15, returned 6:24, left 8:28, returned 8:33)

Joe Fewel – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics (left at 7:43, returned 7:46)

Sam Finch – Orfalea College of Business (left 6:39, returned 7:48)

Maya Fornera – College of Liberal Arts (left at 7:44, returned at 7:48)

Garret Gomes – Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left 6:24, returned 6:26, left 10:07, returned 10:12, left 10:55, returned 10:58)

Evelyn Jaminet – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Alexis Kong – Orfalea College of Business (left 11:30, returned 11:34)

Ava Marino – College of Engineering (left 6:25, returned at 6:32, left 7:31, returned 7:33, left 9:33, returned 10:12)

Dylan Marino – Orfalea College of Business (left 6:05, returned 6:06, left 10:01, returned 10:02)

Morgan Oliveira – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Jett Palmer – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Aaron Posternack – College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Hannah Reyes – College of Engineering (left 7:42, returned 7:45, left 11:30, returned 11:24)

Eva Robin – College of Engineering

Elias Romero – College of Engineering (left at 6:33, returned at 6:34, left 9:37, returned 9:39, left 11:17, returned 11:20)

Olivia Short – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Clark Stafford – College of Architecture and Environmental Design (left 7:47, returned 9:16)

Chloe Tolchinsky - Orfalea College of Business (left 6:25, returned 6:29)

Voting Members Absent:

Katelyn Nightengale - College of Liberal Arts

Visruth Srimath Kandali - Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Vacant - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Non-Voting Members Present:

Reagan Denny - Chair, ASI Board of Directors

Ashleigh Spragins - ASI President

Marc Cabeliza - Chair, University Union Advisory Board (left 8:15, returned 8:32)

Colin Shea - ASI Chief of Staff (left at 8:32, returned at 8:36)

Michelle Crawford - ASI Executive Director

Caty Ogden - Board of Directors' Advisor (left 8:05, returned 8:08)

Tracy Watson - Board of Directors' Assistant (left 10:52, returned 10:56)

Cody Van Dorn - Cal Poly Partners Representative

Dr. Joy Pedersen - University President's Representative

Dr. Jerusha Greenwood - Academic Senate Representative

Non-Voting Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Carol Brizendine - Director, Business Services

Missi Allison-Bullock - Director, Programs

Anna Hassey - Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives

Justin Vastine - Director, Divisional Operations

Ellen Curtis - Associate Executive Director, Marketing & Communication

Russell Monteath - Director, Commercial Services

Tanner Schinderle - ASI Executive Cabinet

Peyton Kelly - ASI Executive Cabinet

Scott Drouin - ASI Executive Cabinet

Trey Bernard - ASI Executive Cabinet

Maya McClain - ASI Executive Cabinet

Giulia Spano - Vice Chair, UUAB

Tyler Coari - California State Student Association

Joe Aguiar - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Reagan Dahle - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Napoleon Navarro - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Andrew Angulo - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Macy Gomes - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Addy Heermance College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Macy Lloyd - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Julie Sporleder - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Kristen Burr - College of Liberal Arts
Dean Hill - Cal Poly student
Roberto Lopez - Cal Poly student
Melanie Orozco - Cal Poly student
Aiden Smith - Cal Poly E-sports
Mackay Hash - Cal Poly student
Lars Holien - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Anny Bibby - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Grace Peek - College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences student
Rocco Trapani - Orfalea College of Business student
Sujanya Srinath - Cal Poly student
Jackson Martinez - Cal Poly student
Elliott Halcon - Cal Poly student

I. **Call to Order: Meeting #25-16 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**

A. *Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak tit'u tit'u yak tithini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak tit'u tit'u 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. Chair Denny received 20 letters from Cal Poly students including:
i. 17 letters from students from the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences in support of Resolution #25-07: Resolution Opposing Non-Agricultural Development in All Areas of West Campus.

- ii. Letters in support of Ashleigh Spragins as the next chair of the ASI Board of Directors
- iii. Letter in support of Alyson Engel as the next Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.

B. With 20 members in attendance, quorum was met.

III. **Open Forum**

- i. 16 students from the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences spoke in support of Resolution #25-07: Resolution Opposing Non-Agricultural Development in All Areas of West Campus.
- ii. Scott Drouin & Tyler Coari spoke in support of Alyson Engel for the next Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.
- iii. Aiden Smith, Cal Poly student spoke in support of Resolution #25-09: Resolution Calling for Allocation of a Physical space for Cal Poly Esports and Gaming. He stated that six computers were donated for Esports use but there is nowhere to put them.
- iv. Eva Robins spoke in support of Endorsement #25-03: Endorsement of AS-988-25 Resolution in Support of Cal Poly's Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Community.
- v. Director Cavazos was recognized at 6:14 p.m.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of minutes from Meeting #25-15, May 14, 2025

- i. **Motion #1 (Reyes/Fewel) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #25-15, May 14, 2025."**
- ii. **Motion #2 (Kong/Short) "Move to amend Action Item A under New Business by striking "President Spragins" and replaced with "Vice Chair Engel" to read "Director Romero nominated Vice Chair Engel, and she accepted."**
- iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- iv. **Motion #3 (Kong Fewel) "Move amend Action Item A under New Business by striking "Vice Chair Engel" and replace with President Spragins to read "Director Gomes nominated President Spragins, and she accepted."**
- v. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- vi. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

V. **Representatives' Reports**

A. **University President's Representative - Dr. Joy Pedersen**

- i. Dr. Pedersen stated that she was happy to be back to attend the last board meeting as she had been serving at Cal Maritime.
- ii. Full report submitted.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Jerusha Greenwood

- i. Dr. Greenwood stated that it was a privilege to sit at this table and commended the board for their collective action. She announced that she will serve as the Chair of the Academic Senate again for the next academic year.
- ii. Full report submitted.

B. Cal Poly Partners Representative – Cody Van Dorn

- i. Cody shared Cal Poly Partners accomplishments this year including completion of the Partners Plaza, Poly Access, Tech Park, new robots, and dining getting consistently better. He reported that new venues opening in the fall include expanding groceries at Poly Canyon Village, Julians at the library, and Sequel Tea at Campus Market.
- ii. Full report submitted.

II. Leaders' Reports

A. ASI Chair of the Board – Reagan Denny

- i. Chair Denny thanked members for their dedication and that it has been a pleasure serving as chair this year. She encouraged members to consider all action items on the agenda seriously and thoughtfully.
- ii. She reported that she received the Club Sports annual report and it will be presented in the fall.
- iii. Written report submitted

B. ASI President – Ashleigh Spragins

- i. Cody announced that Ashleigh & Trey Bernard were selected as the student directors on the Cal Poly Partners Board of Directors.
- ii. Ashleigh stated that she has enjoyed her year as President and announced that she completed 99% of her promised goals to the student body. She thanked members for their support with her initiatives.
- iii. Full written report submitted.

C. Chair of UUAB – Marc Cabeliza

- i. Marc reported that UUAB approved four proposals and announced that Sofia Buduchina was selected as Vice Chair of UUAB for the 2025-26 academic year.
- ii. Full written report submitted.

D. ASI Chief of Staff – Colin Shea

- i. Colin reported that Transportation and Parking Services will attend the Executive Cabinet meeting to share information about the Transit Talks data. They received 287 responses.
- ii. He reminded members about Spirit Day and thanked members for an enjoyable year.
- iii. He reported that he will serve as the Interfraternity president for the 2025-26 academic year.
- iv. Full written report submitted.

III. **Executive Directors' Report - Michelle Crawford**

- A. Michelle thanked members for serving this year.
- B. Full written report submitted.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. **Action Item: 2025-26 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors Nominations**
 - i. **Motion #1 (A. Marino/Buduchina) "Move to open the 2025-26 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors nominations."**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iii. There were no additional nominations.
 - iv. **Motion #2 (Dixon/Romero) "Move to close the 2025-26 ASI Chair of the Board of Directors nominations."**
 - v. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - vi. **Motion #3 (Engel/Jaminet) "Move to recess at 7 p.m. and return at 7:10 p.m."**
 - vii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
 - viii. **The meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m.**

V. **New Business**

- A. **Action Item: Approval of Proposal for Updates to the ASI Policy Manual**
 - i. **Motion #4 (Buduchina/Finch) "Move to approve the proposal for updates to the ASI Policy Manual."**
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- B. **Action Item: Approval of the Proposal to Rescind the ASI College Club Council Funding Policies and Procedures."**
 - i. **Motion #5 (Jaminet/Fewel) "Move to approve the proposal to rescind the ASI College Club Council Funding Policies and Procedures."**
 - ii. Director Kong stated that this shift aims to promote consistency and efficiency, due to college councils not using the funding. This will transition College Councils to a conventional Registered Student Organization (RSO) under the existing ASI Club Funding framework.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

- C. **Action Item: Approval of the Proposal to Establish New ASI Club Seed Funding Policy**
 - i. **Motion #6 (Stafford/Dixon) “Move to approve the proposal to establish a new ASI Club Seed Funding Policy.”**
 - ii. **Motion #7 (Reyes/Kong) “Move to amend the ASI Club Seed Funding Policy by striking 14-day extension may be granted upon written request by Club Services” and inserting, “extensions will be granted to RSOs in cases where there are pending campus entity billings.”**
 - iii. **Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iv. **Main motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- D. **Action Item: Approval of the Proposal to Update ASI Club Sponsorship Procedures.**
 - i. **Motion #8 (Kong/Fornera) “Move to approve the proposal to update ASI Club Sponsorship procedures.**
 - ii. **Motion #9 (Kong/Fewel) “Move to amend the proposal to add an additional bullet point stating, “ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc Committee recommend that the policy be added to the ASI Policy Manual.” Director Kong stated that this would be consistent and centralize with other ASI policies.**
 - iii. **Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iv. **Motion #10 (Reyes/Fewel) “Move to amend the proposal by striking 14-day extension may be granted upon written request by Club Services” and inserting, “extensions will be granted to RSOs in cases where there are pending campus entity billings.”**
 - v. **Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - vi. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- E. **Action Item: Approval of the Proposal to Update ASI Club Event Co-Sponsorship Procedures.**
 - i. **Motion #11 (Marino/Dixon) “Move to approve the proposal to update ASI Club Event Co-Sponsorship Procedures.”**
 - ii. **Motion #12 (Kong/Fewel) “Move to amend the proposal to add an additional bullet point stating, “ASI Club Funding Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the policy be added to the ASI Policy Manual.”**
 - iii. **Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iv. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- F. **Action Item: Approval of Club Funding Split for FY 2025-26 at \$86,125 to Cal Poly Club Sports and \$98,875 to Clubs**
 - i. **Motion #13 (Robin/Romero) “Move to approve the Club Funding Split for FY 2025-26 at \$86,125 to Cal Poly Club Sports and \$98,875 to Clubs.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

- G. **Action Item: Ratification of 2025-26 ASI/UU Summer Board of Directors**
- i. **Motion #14 (Cavazos/Stafford) “Move to ratify the 2025-26 ASI/UU Summer Board of Directors.”**
 - ii. Summer Board includes:
 - a) Joe Fewel, Bailey College of Science & Mathematics
 - b) Bella Twiss, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
 - c) Bishop-Amer Davis, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
 - d) Ava Marino, College of Engineering
 - e) Scott Drouin, College of Liberal Arts
 - f) Ashleigh Spragins, Orfalea College of Business
 - iii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- H. **Action Item: Ratification of Tanner Schinderle as the 2025-26 ASI Chief of Staff**
- i. **Motion #15 (Cavazos/Dixon) “Move to ratify Tanner Schinderle as the 2025-26 ASI Chief of Staff.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- I. **Action Item: Endorsement #25-03: Endorsement of AS-988-25 Resolution in Support of Cal Poly’s Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Community**
- i. **Motion #16 (Stafford/Cavazos) “Move to approve Endorsement #25-03: Endorsement of AS-988-25 Resolution in Support of Cal Poly’s Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Community.”**
 - ii. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- J. **Action Item: Resolution #25-07: Resolution Opposing Non-Agricultural Development in all Areas of West Campus**
- i. **Motion #17 (Dixon/Short) “Move to approve Resolution #25-07: Resolution opposing non-agricultural development in all areas of west campus.”**
 - ii. Director Dixon thanked members for their due diligence while listening to students during open forum and letters read. She stated she is proud of the student advocacy.
 - iii. Members spoke in favor of the resolution stating that preserving the land supports sustainability of all students and should keep the land as it was intended for by providing food in a Learn by Doing fashion.
 - iv. Some members were concerned that this resolution only supports Agriculture students, however, argument was compelling, and members appreciated the support from the campus community.
 - v. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**

- K. **Action Item: Resolution #25-08: Resolution in Support of a Cal Poly Permanent Reuse Station**
- i. **Motion #18 (Posternack/Finch) “Move to approve Resolution #25-08: Resolution in Support of a Cal Poly Permanente Reuse Station.”**
 - ii. Director Posternack yielded the floor to Carina Ballek, co-author of the resolution to provide the background.
 - iii. Carina stated that the vision is to have a location that will function as an on-campus thrift store by redistributing donated clothing and items such as school supplies at no to low cost to students, faculty, and staff.
 - iv. Members were concerned about providing space to a single group when other clubs are desperate for space, and space is limiged. Others argued that there is a high demand for repurposed items and would be beneficial to all students. Some members agreed with the vision but would need to work with the university for space allocation.
 - v. **Motion #19 (Jaminet/Dixon) “Move previous question.”**
 - vi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
 - vii. **Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- L. **Action Item: Resolution #25-09: Resolution Calling for Allocation of a Physical Space for Cal Poly ESports and Gaming**
- i. **Motion #20 (Short/Fornera) “Move to approve Resolution #25-09: Resolution calling for allocation of physical space for Cal Poly ESports and Gaming.”**
 - ii. Members argued that this is a club, and we cannot allocate space for 450 clubs on campus. According to the Brailsford & Dunlavey study, only 45% of students were interested in gaming.
 - iii. **Motion #21 (Oliveira/Fewel) “Move previous question.”**
 - iv. **Motion passed majority voice vote.**
 - v. **Main motion fails.**
- M. **Action Item: Resolution #25-10: Resolution to Amend the ASI Articles of Incorporation**
- i. **Motion #22 (Palmer/Buduchina) “Move to approve Resolution #25-10: Resolution to Amend the ASI Articles of Incorporation.”**
 - ii. Director Palmer stated that the articles of incorporation have not been updated in decades.
 - iii. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - iv. **Motion #23 (Fewel/Dixon) “Move to dismiss for a five-minute recess.”**
 - v. **Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - vi. The meeting was called to order at 8:49 p.m.
- N. **Action Item: 2025-26 Chair of the ASI Board of Directors Elections**

- i. Chair Denny reviewed how the candidate presentations will work. Once both nominees have been presented, question and answer will occur.
- ii. Director Engel gave her presentation.
- iii. Director Spragins gave her presentation.
- iv. Candidates fielded questions and provided answers. Candidates were escorted out of the room for deliberations to begin.
- v. **Motion #24 (A. Marino/Dixon) "Move to open discussion."**
- vi. **Motion passed unanimous voice vote.**
- vii. After a randomized rollcall, Director Engel was elected as the 2025-26 Chair of the ASI Board of Directors.

VI. **Committee Reports**

- A. ASI Business and Finance Committee – Alyson Engel
 - i. Written report submitted.
- B. ASI Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice – Sofia Buduchina
 - i. Full written report submitted
- C. ASI External Affairs – Morgan Oliveira
 - i. Full written report submitted
- D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Jett Palmer
 - i. Full written report submitted
- E. ASI Recruitment and Elections – Sam Finch
 - i. Full written report submitted.
- F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Hannah Reyes and Alexis Kong
 - i. Full written report submitted.
- G. Club Funding Review Ad Hoc Committee – Alexis Kong
 - i. Full written report submitted
- H. ASI Cal Maritime Integration Ad Hoc Committee – Jett Palmer
 - i. Full written report submitted

VII. **Announcements**

- A. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 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 August 2025.

ASI Secretary

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous vote* on August 25, 2025.

ASI Secretary