Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ASI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting #27-02

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 5:10 p.m. PST

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, University Union (Bldg. 65), Room 220

Cal Poly Maritime Academy, Physical Education & Aquatics Center (PEAC), Conference Room 217

Meeting ID: 876 3490 7586

Voting Members Present:

Alli Aguiar – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Riley Balmaceda – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics (recognized at 6:32 p.m.)

Hanna Birdsong – College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences

Diego Castillo - College of Liberal Arts

Tiffany Chau – Orfalea College of Business

Jenesis De Jesus - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (recognized at 6:19 p.m.)

Christie DeNicola - College of Liberal Arts (recognized at 6:27 p.m.)

Tommy Fewel - Orfalea College of Business

Jack Flath - Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Addison Godfrey - College of Liberal Arts

Sophia Gonzalez - Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Sophie Gunter - Orfalea College of Business (left 5:43 p.m., returned 5:47 p.m.)

Naomi Jung – College of Engineering

Hudson Kammerer – College of Liberal Arts

Sam Katz - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Ben Muro - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Ginger O'Grady – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics

Diego Pardo – College of Engineering

Liz Quintero-Rubio – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Stone Ramage - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Justin Szeto - Orfalea College of Business (recognized at 6:21 p.m.)

Nimisha Thakur – Vice Chair, College of Engineering

Gia Espejo – ASI Maritime Academy Council Vice Chair

Billy Plampin – Maritime Academy Director

Voting Members Absent:

None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Olivia Short – Chair, ASI Board of Directors

Tanner Schinderle – ASI President

Weston Patrick – ASI Chief of Staff

Carlos Arencibia – Chair, ASI Maritime Academy Council

Michelle Crawford – ASI Executive Director

Catherine Ogden – Board of Directors' Advisor

Terrance Harris – University President's Representative

Cody VanDorn – Cal Poly Partners Representative

Samuel Frame – Academic Senate Representative

Tracy Watson – Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Vacant – Chair of UUAB

Guests:

Missi Allison-Bullock - ASI Director, Programs and Services

Meghan Schuler-Jones – ASI Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Student Success

Ellen Curtis – Cal Poly Partners, Associate Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives

Russell Monteath – Cal Poly Partners, Associate Executive Director, Commercial Services

Troy Stahlecker - Director of Project Delivery

Erandy Fernandez Ortiz – ASI Executive Cabinet

Sawyer Claussen – Cal Poly Student

Chloe Gonzales – Cal Poly Student

Ainsley Demoria – Cal Poly Student

Wyatt Rippley – Inter Housing Council

Kayla Ngo – Cal Poly Student

Arielle Tarr – Cal Poly Student

I. **Call to Order: Meeting #27-02 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**

A. *Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak tit^{y}u tit^{y}u yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak tit^{y}u tit^{y}u yak tiłhini have a documented presence in this area for over 10,000 years. The tiłhini 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 17 voting members present, quorum was met.

III. **Open Forum**

A. Troy Stahlecker, Facilities Management Development, spoke about the progress on new housing with Phase A completion by spring 2027, Phase B by late October, and Phase C completed by late 2027.

B. Students expressed their concern on the West Campus development project on Agriculture lands. They stated that this is against Cal Poly's 2025 Master Plan. They encouraged members to continue to be the voice of students, keep up the fight against the project and stand behind Resolution #25-07.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of minutes from Meeting #27-01, August 19, 2026

i. **Motion #1 (Ramage/Kammerer) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #27-01, August 19, 2026**
ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

V. **Representatives' Reports**

A. University President's Representative – Terrance Harris

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Terrance introduced himself and welcomed students back.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Samuel Frame

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Dr. Frame gave highlights from his report.

C. Cal Poly Partners Representative – Cody VanDorn

i. Cody shared a presentation and provided an overview of Cal Poly Partners that supports over 300 Cal Poly *Learn by Doing* programs through dining options, course materials, cutting edge technology and research, spirit gear, and faculty and staff housing.

ii. ASI and Cal Poly Partners goals include enhancing student communications, alleviating food insecurity, and advancing student affordability.

VI. Leaders' Reports

A. Chair of the Board – Olivia Short

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Olivia gave highlights from her report.

B. ASI President – Tanner Schinderle

i. Full report submitted

ii. Tanner gave highlights from his report.

C. Chair of UUAB – Vacant

i. No report

D. Chief of Staff – Weston Patrick

i. Full report submitted

ii. Weston gave highlights from his report.

E. Chair of AMAC – Carlos Arencibia

i. No report submitted.

ii. Carlos reported that the grand opening of the PEAC was a success and recruitment for the ASI Maritime Academy Council has been extended for one more week.

iii. He stated that they are looking into providing new programs to include PULSE, grocery shuttle, and advancing ASI to elevate student voices.

VII. Executive Director's Report – Michelle Crawford

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Michelle added that Maritime reopened three facilities including Morro Cove, Bodnar Field, and the Physical Education & Aquatics Center. They are hiring 60 new student staff and will continue to grow programs.

VIII. Old Business

A. None

IX. New Business

A. Action Item: Ratify Nimisha Thakur as the 2026-27 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors

i. **Motion #2 (Gunter/Flath) "Move to ratify Nimisha Thakur as the 2026-27 Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors."**

ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

B. **Action Item: Ratify New Director, Jenesis De Jesus, to fill the vacancy in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences**

   i. **Motion #3 (Godfrey/Pardo) "Move to ratify Jenesis De Jesus, to fill the vacancy in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences."**

   ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

   iii. Director De Jesus was recognized at 6:19 p.m.

C. **Action Item: Ratify New Director Justin Szeto to fill the Vacancy in Orfalea College of Business**

   i. **Motion #4 (Birdson/Katz) "Move to ratify Justin Szeto to fill vacancy in the Orfalea College of Business."**

   ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

   iii. Director Szeto was recognized at 6:21 p.m.

D. **Action Item: Ratify New Director, Peyton McClelland, to fill the vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics.**

   i. **Motion #5 (Castillo/Gonzalez) "Move to ratify Peyton McClelland, to fill the vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics."**

   ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

E. **Action Item: Ratify Alternate Director, Christie DeNicola, to fill the fall semester vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics**

   i. **Motion #6 (O'Grady/Fewel) "Move to ratify Christie DeNicola to fill the fall semester vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics."**

   ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

F. **Action Item: Ratify Alternate Director, Bella Bohne, to fill the fall semester 2026 vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics**

   i. **Motion #7 (Katz/Kammerer) "Move to ratify Bella Bohne to fill the fall semester 2026 vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics.**

   ii. Olivia stated that she received a message from Bella deciding not to fill the vacancy on the ASI Board of Directors. She noted that since it is being voted on, a formal resignation is required. Nimisha noted that she is voting yes to ratify Bella and will wait for her formal resignation.

   iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

G. **Action Item: Ratify Alternate Director, Riley Balmaceda, to fill the fall semester 2026 vacancy in Bailey College of Science and Mathematics.**

   i. **Motion #8 (Szeto/O'Grady) "Move to ratify alternate director, Riley Balmaceda, to fill the fall semester 2026 vacancy in Baily College of Science and Mathematics."**

   ii. **Motion passed unanimous roll call vote.**

   iii. Director Balmaceda was recognized at 6:32 p.m.

H. **Action Item: Approve the 2026-27 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and Accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules**

i. **Motion #9 (Flath/Pardo) "Move to approve the 2026-27 ASI Board of Directors Standing Rules and accompanying Standing Committee Operating Rules."**

ii. **Motion #10 (Ramage/Godfrey) "Move to amend the Internal Review Operating Rules to strike "11:50 a.m." and insert "10:50 a.m."**

iii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

iv. **Main motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

X. Committee Reports

A. ASI Business and Finance – Nimisha Thakur

i. No report submitted.

B. ASI Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice – Benjamin Muro

i. Report submitted.

C. ASI External Affairs – Tommy Fewel

i. Report submitted

D. ASI/UU Internal Review – Addison Godfrey

i. Report submitted.

ii. Director Godfrey noted that the next Internal Review Committee meeting has been canceled.

E. ASI Recruitment and Election – Hudson Kammerer

i. Report submitted.

F. ASI Club Funding Liaisons – Stone Ramage and Jack Flath

i. Report submitted.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 _____.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *Unanimous/Majority vote* on _____.

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ASI Secretary

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