Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ASI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting #27-03

Wednesday, September 16, 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), Room 217

Meeting ID: 876 3490 7586

Voting Members Present:

Alli Aguiar – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left 7:50 p.m., returned 7:52 p.m.)

Riley Balmaceda – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics Alternate

Hanna Birdsong – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left 7:25 pm, returned 7:27p.m., left 7:52 p.m., returned 7:54 p.m.)

Diego Castillo - College of Liberal Arts (left 7:22 p.m., returned 7:24 p.m.)

Tiffany Chau – Orfalea College of Business

Jenesis De Jesus - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left 8:11 p.m.)

Christie DeNicola - College of Liberal Arts Alternate

Tommy Fewel - Orfalea College of Business

Jack Flath – College of Engineering

Addison Godfrey - College of Liberal Arts

Sophia Gonzalez - Bailey College of Science and Mathematics (left 7:25 p.m., returned 7:27 p.m.)

Sophie Gunter - Orfalea College of Business (left 8:11 p.m., returned 8:20 p.m.)

Naomi Jung – College of Engineering (left 8:30 p.m.)

Hudson Kammerer – College of Liberal Arts (left 7:27 p.m., returned 8:30 p.m.)

Sam Katz - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Ben Muro - College of Architecture and Environmental Design (left 7:14 p.m., returned 7:21 p.m.)

Ginger O'Grady – Bailey College of Science and Mathematics (left 7:21 p.m., returned 7:22 p.m., left 8:02 p.m., returned 8:07 p.m.)

Diego Pardo – College of Engineering (left 7:04 p.m., returned 7:13 p.m., left 8:02 pm., returned 8:03 p.m.)

Liz Quintero-Rubio – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (left 7:27 p.m., returned 7:40 p.m.)

Stone Ramage - College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Justin Szeto - Orfalea College of Business (left 6:55 p.m., returned 6:58 p.m.)

Nimisha Thakur – Vice Chair, College of Engineering (left 6:55 p.m., returned 6:58 p.m.)

Gia Espejo – ASI Maritime Academy Council Vice Chair

Billy Plampin – ASI 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

Russel Monteath – Cal Poly Partners Representative

Samuel Frame – Academic Senate Representative

Tracy Watson – Board of Directors' Assistant

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Vacant – Chair of UUAB

Guests:

Heather Zacker - ASI Director, Finance

Ashley Jones Lee – Lead Coordinator, Club & Organizations

Samantha Elliot – Club Sports Council

Kate Miller – Club Sports Council

Trey Bernard – Club Sports Council

Steve Madera – UUAB – College of Engineering

Erandy Fernandez-Ortiz – ASI Executive Cabinet

Sawyer Claussen – Student

Ava Curtis – Student

Weather Cretu – Student

Cora Cabrera – Student

Asher Lawless – Student
Avery Dubois – Student
Yaymur Wernimont – Student
Maggie Hromls – Student
Nicole Sundrini – Student
Adysen Asclipiadis – Student
June Meadows – Student
Cayden Winterstein – Student
Parker Lewis – Student
Brooklyn McGruder – Student
Jenna Ahmed – Student
Gillian Beaulieu – Student
Marco Mohdebhyn – Student
Mae Freas – Student
Jay Harcom – Club Sports

I. **Call to Order: Meeting #27-03 was called to order at 5:11 p.m.**

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Land Acknowledgement

Cal Poly sits on the traditional lands of the yak titᵘ titᵘ yak tiłhini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region. The yak titᵘ titᵘ 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.

Cal Poly Maritime Land Acknowledgement

For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

II. **Letters & Roll Call**

A. Olivia read four letters expressing concern about a Flock surveillance camera positioned toward the beach volleyball courts. The writers stated that the camera creates an unsafe and vulnerable environment for students and recreational players, particularly because athletes may wear swimwear while using the courts. They questioned why an AI-powered camera, typically used for traffic and parking enforcement, is

directed at the courts and stated concerns about potential misuse, stalking, sexual harassment, and exploitation of surveillance systems. The writers requested that Cal Poly publicly address the camera's placement and called for its removal of Flock cameras on campus.

B. With 24 voting members present, quorum was met.

III. Open Forum

A. Members of the campus community opposed the West Campus Development Plan, emphasizing the importance of preserving prime agricultural farmland as a hands-on learning space for Cal Poly students. It was noted that the land contains valuable Class 1 soils necessary for growing crops and supports Cal Poly's Learn by Doing mission, particularly for agricultural students. They argued that the proposed mixed-use development conflicts with commitments in Cal Poly's Master Plan 2035 to preserve West Campus farmland and questioned whether the administration has adequately considered student input. While not opposed to development itself, speakers urged the University to pursue an alternative location.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from Meeting #27-02, September 2, 2026

i. **Motion #1 (Ramage/Kammerer) "Move to approve the minutes from meeting #27-02, September 2, 2026**
ii. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

V. Representatives' Reports

A. University President's Representative – Terrance Harris

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Vice President Harris addressed the students that spoke during Open Forum clarifying that the referenced Flock cameras are existing security cameras and are not license-plate-reader or AI-capable cameras.

iii. He reaffirmed the Universities commitment to Learn by Doing and maintaining living-learning laboratory opportunities and stated that substantive West Campus discussion and opportunities for campus input are expected to begin in October.

B. Academic Senate Representative – Dr. Samuel Frame

i. No report submitted.

ii. Dr. Frame reported on discussion of the academic calendar, including an anticipated feedback period through October 5 and possible Executive Committee consideration on October 20. He also noted the new Maritime Academy faculty Senate appointments, draft work related to student learning experience and internship/co-op policy, and a planned review of academic integrity policies and practices.

C. Cal Poly Partners Representative – Russell Monteath

i. Russell introduced his role as Associate Executive Director of Commercial Services and invited directors to share student feedback related to dining, retail, course materials, events, and Maritime Academy services.

VI. Leaders' Reports

A. Chair of the Board – Olivia Short

i. Club Sports 2025-26 End of Year Report

a) Members of the Club Sports Council presented the annual end-of-year report and gave highlights from last year.

ii. Full report submitted.

iii. Olivia gave highlights from her report and stated that she will be facilitating the UUAB meetings during the nomination and election process of selecting the new Chair of UUAB.

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. Carlos reported that Taco and Trivia, held at Morrow Cove, was a successful event with strong student participation. He stated that a key focus has been increasing awareness of ASI on the Maritime campus through orientation outreach, events, and student engagement. Carlos shared that more students now recognize ASI, are asking questions, and are interested in future events and involvement. AMAC is also seeking a marketing student to assist with campus outreach and promotion.

VII. Executive Director's Report – Michelle Crawford

i. Full report submitted.

ii. Michelle announced Cal Poly Universities' 2027 Rose Float theme is "Soaring as One," aligned with the Tournament of Roses parade theme, "Welcome." She stated that students from both campuses participated in a month-long design competition, and selected concepts were reviewed and refined by the Rose Float program before undergoing multiple approval processes with the Tournament of Roses.

iii. She shared that she will be supporting the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs in leading student

engagement related to Year-Round Opportunities. Working with Terrance and ASI student leaders, they plan to develop a campuswide student advisory board to inform students, gather feedback, and review emerging concepts, questions, and concerns. Michelle gave a commitment to transparency as the engagement process develops.

VIII. Old Business

A. None

IX. New Business

A. **Action Item: Accept the 2025-26 Annual Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report**

i. Heather Zacker, ASI Director of Finance, presented the 2025–26 annual audit report for Board acceptance. The audit is required by the CSU and the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 and serves as an independent review of ASI's financial statements, accounting practices, and compliance with CSU, state, and federal requirements. The audit process began in April and concluded with the report presented for acceptance. The Board's acceptance is a corporate responsibility and ensures the report is retained in ASI's permanent records.

ii. **Motion #2 (Castillo/Birdsong) "Move to accept the 2025-26 Annual Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report."**

iii. **Motion passed 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.

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 8:49 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 7th day of October 2026.

ASI Secretary

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by Unanimous vote on September 30, 2026.

ASI Secretary