

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.**  
**California State University, San Bernardino**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 12:04 p.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz (Zoom), Diego Rendon (Zoom), Autumn Hudson, Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara, Kaelyn Blackwell, James Chalk, Nasir Harris, Anaya Player, Derek Sweem, Kya Sauls, Joshua Bature, Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Paz Oliverez (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Dalaiah Graham and Jessie McVicker.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Joelle Lock, Sharlin Vaz and Ruben Trejo.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**REPORTS:**

*President:* President Fajardo met with the Commercial Enterprises Committee on January 26<sup>th</sup>. He had a 1:1 meeting with Chief Gutierrez and Carlos “Two Bears” Gonzales this week. He is working to establish a committee that meets with student representatives and student leaders across campus. He deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs and Ms. Stone who gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

*Executive Vice President:* Mx. Ruiz stated that Howl Squad members will now have priority registration.

*Vice President of Palm Desert Campus:* Mr. Rendon stated that he distributed free merchandise with Dr. Avi Rodriguez’ assistant in the spirit cart on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Palm Desert Career Showcase will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The contract with Anytime Fitness and the PDC Recreation and Wellness Center will end soon, as a result, a survey was sent out to students regarding their preference of Anytime Fitness or EOS. Snow Day at PDC will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

*College of Natural Sciences:* Mr. Harris stated that after holding three open forms he learned that students would like more tutoring options.

*Athletics:* Ms. Blackwell stated that AOTD will be meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

*External Affairs:* Ms. Sauls stated that lunch with CSU Trustee, Lillian Kimbell will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; she asked the Board to email her if they are interested in attending. A Lobby Corps meeting was held today.

*Executive Director:* Dr. Rister stated that Howl Squad members will now have priority registration. He met with the NACADA Excellence and Academic Advising Committee today.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BD 07-24 M/S Rister/Chalk: Permission to transfer \$11,555.00 from Unallocated Reserves to A.S. Corporate Operating – Unallocated Staff Increase (660894 RN001 A4100) for an additional two percent salary increase for Pro-Staff effective January 1, 2024 with a five percent salary retroactive to July 1, 2023.**

Dr. Rister said there was a memo sent out by the CSU System on January 16th indicating that it was ratified by the CSU Board of Trustees on November 7th. This provides salary and benefit program provisions for a year and is effective July 1<sup>st</sup> with a five percent general salary increase.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, Hunsaker, Oliverez, Rendon, Rister and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (11/0/0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mx. Ruiz.

**BD 10-24 M/S Fajardo/Blackwell: Appointment of Executive Vice President Pro-Tem.**

President Fajardo asked if there were any nominations.

Mx. Ruiz nominated Mr. Sweem as the Executive Vice President Pro-Tem. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, Hunsaker, Oliverez, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Sweem.

Passed (10/0/1).

**BD 11-24 M/S Fajardo/Sweem: Adoption of 2023-24 ASI STAND Objectives.**

President Fajardo stated that the previous Policy Agenda was too lengthy and had too many different goals that weren't achievable within a two-to-three-year time frame. The executive officers have worked to create a new goal-setting technique. The STAND Objectives represent the five pillars that ASI values as a corporation and below each pillar are two to three goals that can be achieved in a year. He briefly reviewed the STAND Objectives.

M/S Fajardo/Chalk: To amend the second goal listed under Support to read "Survey students to determine the preferred modality of CSUSB classes". Passed (9/0/1).

Mr. Rendon suggested creating a video for the TVs on campus to promote these goals. President Fajardo stated that he plans on working with the ASI marketing and graphic design team to promote the goals on social media.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Harris, Oliverez, Rendon, Rister and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Fajardo.

Passed (9/0/1).

**BD 12-24 M/S Fajardo/Blackwell: Appointment of Ruben Trejo as the ASI Elections Committee Chair.**

President Fajardo stated that according to ASI policy, it is traditional for the ASI president to recommend the ASI Elections Chair, however, since he is running for re-election he has chosen to delegate the selection to Dr. Rister.

Dr. Rister spoke in favor of Mr. Trejo. He deferred to Mr. Trejo who shared why he believes he will be a good fit for the ASI Elections Chair position.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Harris, Oliverez, Rendon, Rister and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Fajardo.

Passed (9/0/1).

Mx. Ruiz passed the gavel back to President Fajardo.

**BD 13-24 M/S Blackwell/Sweem: Revision of the ASI Elections Policy and Procedures. (First Reading)**

Ms. Blackwell deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the changes made to the Elections Policy and Procedures.

Dr. Rister asked the Board for their opinion on applicants being able to file jointly as a Ticket for the ASI President and any one of the Vice Presidents positions.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Sweem/Harris: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

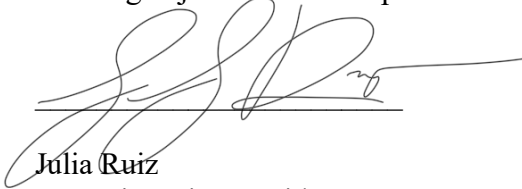
Ms. Blackwell stated that home basketball games will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Rister stated that the Student Veterans Organization will be hosting a watch party for Apple TV+'s "Masters of the Air" on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

President Fajardo reminded the Board to submit their class schedules by February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Ruiz', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Julia Ruiz  
Executive Vice President