

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 12:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Kaelyn Blackwell.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Joelle Lock, Sharlin Vaz, Kayla Seamone and Sai Chandrahas Kaveripakam.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of January 19th were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo stated that he attended CSSA at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo this past weekend. He met with Jonathan Escobar, a Vice President at Chase bank, and the Financial Literacy Center to discuss the initiatives Mr. Escobar would like to implement on campus. He attended the IT Governance Executive Committee meeting. 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 reminded the Board to submit their reports.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson stated that she will not hold any CAB workshops this semester, however, if an officer that was CAB-trained leaves the club she will request that the club inform her via email.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon stated that he met with five students on January 24th to discuss the potential theme for the PDC mural; this morning, he met with Angela Allen, Chair of the Color Our Campus Committee. On February 1st, he will be distributing free merchandise in the spirit cart along with Dr. Avi Rodriguez's assistant. The Coachella Valley Firebirds Hockey Game Night will be held on February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk stated that he met with Dean Hassija earlier this week.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Harris stated that the College of Natural Sciences will be holding open forums on January 30th, February 1st and February 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

International: Mr. Balsara stated that he met with Dean John Binkley this week.

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Alapati stated that Improve to Thrive will be held on February 16th.

External Affairs: Ms. Sauls attended CSSA at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo this past weekend. The first Lobby Corps meeting was held today.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that currently 240 tickets have been claimed and 58 tickets are left for the Coachella Valley Firebirds Hockey Game Night.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Chalk/McVicker: To place BD 05-24 through BD 06-24 on a consent calendar. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 04-24 M/S Rister/Sweem: Revision of the ASI Telecommuting Policy. (Second Reading)

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the changes made to the Telecommuting Policy.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Graham, Harris, Hunsaker, McVicker, Player and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Oliverez, Rister, Fajardo and Rendon.

Passed (9/0/4).

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S Sweem/Chalk: To open the following consent calendar:

BD 05-24 Appointment of Alexis McGowan as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.

BD 06-24 Appointment of Sai Chandrahas Kaveripakam as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (13/0/0).

BD 07-24 M/S Rister/Sweem: 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 stated that the university issued a five percent salary increase for faculty and staff starting July 1, 2023. ASI approved a three percent COLA increase last semester. The intent is to match what the university approved for faculty and staff.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Harris/Sweem: To table this item until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

BD 08-24 M/S McVicker/Chalk: Permission to transfer \$350,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to A.S. Productions – Programs and Publicity (660901 RN001 A6200) for Coyote Fest 2024.

Ms. McVicker deferred to Ms. Stone who gave a presentation on the use of funds for the event and the potential artist.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, Hunsaker, McVicker, Player and Rendon.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Rister and Sweem.

Passed (7/0/2).

BD 09-24 M/S Chalk/Sweem: Discussion on the California Faculty Association labor strike at CSUSB.

Mr. Chalk read a message from Dr. Corrigan who stated that he presumes CFA leadership will be holding meetings with CFA members at each campus to explain the tentative agreement and how the ratification vote will work.

Ms. Sauls said there was a lack of communication for students regarding the strike. She believes that ASI should assist in sharing unbiased information to students.

Dr. Rister stated that the CFA asked the faculty not to post anything on Canvas to inform students.

Ms. Sauls stated that if another strike is held, she recommends providing students with a statement letting them know they are not alone in their confusion.

Ms. McVicker suggested providing more educational information such as explaining what the CFA is, what unions are, what to expect during a strike, etc. as well as providing resources to students.

M/S McVicker/Sweem: To extend the BoD meeting for 10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued.


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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. McVicker said she will not be able to attend the next Board meeting. She has a meeting with the Dean on January 30th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.



Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President