

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz (Zoom), Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Sri Alapati, Bhavishh Balsara, James Chalk, Nasir Harris, Jessie McVicker, Derek Sweem, Kya Sauls, Joshua Bature, Ruben Trejo (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Paz Oliveriez

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Elizabeth Puga, Joelle Lock, Sharlin Vaz, Alondra Lopez, Valeria Bueno, Juan Sibrian, Brandon Sierra, Tanner Carollo, Christopher Olguin, Norman Lucero-Hellebuyck, Sofia St. John, Juan Padilla, Francico Cruz, Christian Gordo, Brenda Franco, Dylan Duthaler, Marilyn Lua and Miguel Milla.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of March 22nd were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended Holi Bash, the men's basketball watch party, and the SMSU Board of Directors meeting this week. He met with UCR's Vice President of External Affairs. 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.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon spoke at a panel for Future Yoti Night on March 28th. The PDC Advisory Committee will meet at 2:15 p.m. today.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk met with the Dean on March 21st. He attended the 7th Annual Rabbi Cohn Endowed Lecture on March 26th.

International: Mr. Balsara had a meeting to discuss how the AANPI Grant could be used for clubs and organizations.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister is working on the budget with Ms. Hudson.

External Affairs: Ms. Sauls will be going to Washington, D.C. for CSU Hill Day.

Internal Affairs: Mr. Bature attended the SMSU Board of Directors meeting this week.

Elections Coordinator: Mr. Trejo held four candidate orientations thus far.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

OPEN FORUM:

Alondra Lopez thanked the Board for holding a meeting at PDC.

Valeria Bueno addressed transportation safety issues with the bus no longer being used only by students.

Juan thinks that it is a great idea to have the Board hold a meeting at PDC at least once each semester.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Tanner Carollo, Director of Institutional Research & Analytics and Brandon Sierra, Interim Director of Administrative Computing and Technology Support introduced themselves. Mr. Carollo stated that they are developing a text messaging policy that presents personalized information to each student. The system should ideally be drafted by the Summer and be ready to use by the Fall. There will be a 160-word limit per text. The option to receive text messages will be available through MyCoyote. Text messages will not be used to advertise and increase awareness of events.

Christopher Olguin, Norman Lucero-Hellebuyck and Sofia St. John, Academic Coaches for College Possible Catalyze introduced themselves. College Possible is an AmeriCorps organization powered by AmeriCorps members who serve as near-peer academic coaches to college students at PDC. Academic coaches primarily focus on academic success, personal development and financial management. They currently serve approximately 200 students. They are working on collaborating with orientation leaders to be a part of the next transfer orientation.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 26-24 M/S Rister/Sweem: Approval of the ASI Educational Assistance Policy. (Second Reading)

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the Educational Assistance Policy.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, McVicker, Rendon, Rister, Ruiz and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Hudson.

Passed (10/0/1).

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 27-24 M/S Rister/Hudson: Discussion on summer training sessions for ASI Board of Directors.

Dr. Rister requested feedback from those who attended last year's training and would like to hear suggestions from those who were later appointed

Mr. Gonzalez stated that they are currently in the stages of planning the summer training, therefore, he would like the Board to provide their thoughts.

Ms. Sauls recommended reviewing Roberts Rules and more team bonding opportunities.

Mr. Balsara suggested reviewing the expectations of each role.

Ms. Hudson suggested connecting with the Dean before the academic year begins.

Mr. Chalk suggested reviewing what is expected in a weekly report.

Ms. McVicker suggested that information be provided on how to make an appointment with the Dean. She also recommended finding a way for the person in the position previously to be able to connect with the person currently in the position.

Ms. Hudson inquired whether it is possible to make the training into a Canvas course. Dr. Rister stated it could be done, however, research would need to be conducted on how to maintain it.

Mr. Balsara asked if it was possible to record the training. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the plan is to record all of the trainings through Zoom.

M/S McVicker/Chalk: To close discussion.

CLOSED SESSION:

M/S Hudson/Harris: To move to a closed session. Passed.

BD 28-24 M/S Rister/Hudson: Permission to transfer \$1,417.32 from Unallocated Reserves to A.S. Corporate Personnel – Senior Program Coordinator (601851 RN001 A4100) for hiring of the full-time position. This is a 2% increase from the current salary.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, Hudson, McVicker, Rendon, Rister, Ruiz and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (11/0/0).

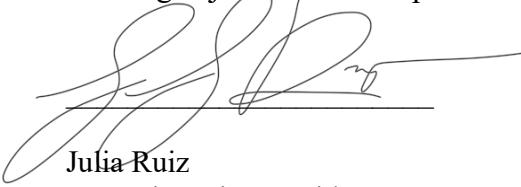
M/S McVicker/Hudson: To end closed session. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Fajardo stated that the April 5th Board meeting is cancelled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 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