

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 12:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Sri Alapati and Kim Hunsaker.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Joelle Lock, Sharlin Vaz, Jessie Felix, Ralph Figueroa and Vicky Lopez.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of February 23rd were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended the University Enterprises Corporation (UEC) Board, Philanthropic Foundation Board meeting and Faculty Senate meetings. He attended the CSU Student Trustee Interviews. He met with the Office of Government and Community Relations. The recent bylaw change concerning voting rights will not be in effect this academic year. 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 attended the University Enterprises Corporation (UEC) Board and Philanthropic Foundation Board meeting. She participated in Coyote radio's "March Is International Women's Month" blog.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on March 22nd.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon assisted the Career Center with the soft launch of Cody's Closet. He met with Grace Munyiri and Jerold Orcutt from Parking and Transportation Services to discuss creating a video to highlight the bus on March 18th. He met with the PDC Steering Committee on March 5th and the PDC Life Committee this week.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk stated that Donuts with The Dean was held on March 11th.

Graduate: Mr. Sweem attended the Faculty Senate and Graduate Student Success Society meeting.

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. McVicker stated that the University Art Advisory Committee met on March 1st.

Elections Committee: Mr. Trejo stated that the election application deadline has been extended to March 13th at 11:59 p.m.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister met with Ms. Hudson to discuss next year's budget.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ralph Figueroa, Rehabilitation Counselor Intern for Veterans Success Center introduced himself. Vicky Lopez, student worker for Veterans Success Center introduced herself. Mr. Figueroa stated that the Veterans Success Center has a specialized staff that is able to help student veterans and their dependents on campus. There is a sleeping center, computer lab and lounge that are accessible to all students. They offer blue books and scantrons that are free for all students. He stated that there needs to be more initiative to include student veterans in the decision-making process and representation within ASI. Upcoming events being held are "Mission Ready" each month, "Veterans Graduate Networking Mixer" on March 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., "She Served Cookout" on March 27th, and "Spring Salute Carnival" on April 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 16-24 M/S McVicker/Chalk: Appointment of Derek Sweem as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

Mr. Trejo spoke in favor of Mr. Sweem.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Balsara, Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, McVicker, Oliverez, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Sweem.

Passed (8/0/1).

BD 17-24 M/S Chalk/Harris: Appointment of Bhavish Balsara as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

Mr. Trejo spoke in favor of Mr. Balsara.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Chalk, Fajardo, Harris, McVicker, Oliverez, Rendon, Rister and Sweem.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Balsara.
Passed (8/0/1).

BD 18-24 M/S McVicker/Sweem: Discussion on upcoming ASI Board of Directors meeting at PDC.

Mr. Rendon discussed holding a Board meeting at PDC on March 29th with President Fajardo and has already submitted a graphics request for promotion. His goal is to have at least ten students at the meeting. Board members will have the option to attend via Zoom.

President Fajardo stated that this is an opportunity for Board members to get a tour of PDC and interact with PDC students. One of the professional staff members will be driving the suburban to PDC and there will be about seven to eight seats available for Board members. He offered to take any additional Board members in his car. The plan is to leave the San Bernardino campus at around 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. and hold the meeting at the same time from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be the first Board of Directors meeting held at PDC but he hopes to have a meeting held at PDC at least once each semester in the future.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Chalk/McVicker: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. McVicker stated that she received the tickets for Pippin. Students can use the code ASI to get a dollar off their tickets for any night of the show.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that “Grow Together” will be held at PDC on March 18th.

Dr. Oliverez stated that there will be a men’s basketball game tonight at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President