

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 17, 2025**

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

Present: Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo (Zoom), Samantha Coronado (Zoom), Juan Sibrian (Zoom), Melanie Radan (Zoom), Melissa Saldana (Zoom), Ashley Smith (Zoom), Dr. Matthew Smith, Dr. Michael Rister and Dr. Paz Oliverez (Zoom).

Absent: Ayanna McAlister and Md Yeasin.

Guests: Dr. Haakon Brown (Zoom), Kim Hunsaker, Herbert Gonzalez (Zoom), Marina Stone (Zoom) and Joseph Morales.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

M/S Rister/Lopez: To place BD 40-25 through BD 43-25 on a consent calendar. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

*President:* President Rendon stated that the ASI Executive Officers published a joint statement regarding immigration on Instagram. This summer, he met with various faculty members to discuss ASI and goals for the academic year. He participated on panels for the Chancellor's Office Annual Basic Needs conference as well as the transfer and freshman orientations. He encouraged Board members attending the summer retreat to prepare STAND goals for the upcoming academic year; anyone not attending the retreat could email their ideas. He attended the ASI and SMSU Board training and plans to attend the CSSA Plenary in Long Beach and CSUnity at CSU Fullerton. He reminded the Board to submit their Board paperwork to the Front Desk.

*Executive Vice President:* Ms. Rosas has been working with Ms. Carrion-Fajardo to create a club coalition to unite and improve communication between club leaders. She will be meeting with the Undocumented Student Success Center and the Faculty Senate Chair to discuss ways to support undocumented students. She attended two School Spirit meetings.

*Vice President of Palm Desert Campus:* Ms. Lopez announced that orientations are coming to an end at PDC. She met with the new PDC Programs Assistant in order to get him acclimated to the position. She attended the School Spirit meetings.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

*Executive Director:* Dr. Rister stated that ASI, SMSU and University Enterprises Corporation (UEC) are in the beginning of an audit. After discussions with the university, the cost allocation will remain as the originally allocated amount. Board training has concluded. The CSU Office requested that ASI, along with other auxiliaries, complete an assessment on short notice which was finalized in a timely manner. An official template is being developed with SMSU and UEC since it will be an annual assessment.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Ms. Vargas, Student Engagement Coordinator for Student Clubs and Organizations introduced herself. She gave a brief overview of the duties and resources provided by the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement (OSLE).

President Rendon inquired how ASI could better support clubs and organizations. Ms. Vargas stated that the Clubs and Organizations representative position on the Board has been influential in showing that OSLE is not the only department supporting clubs and organizations. CAB funding should be more accessible and promoted to students.

Ms. Coronado inquired how ASI Directors could better support OSLE. Ms. Vargas suggested that the Board and OSLE staff have an event to be introduced to each other to increase familiarity.

Ms. Rosas inquired into the process of chartering a club. Ms. Vargas briefly described the process which includes three main steps (submit an application, attend the training, and sign the trust fund fact sheet).

Dr. Oliverez arrived at the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Rendon passed the gavel to Ms. Rosas.

**BD 37-25 M/S Rosas/Rister: Approval of Executive Order #01 issued on July 2nd for the following Vacancy Committee members: Ayanna McAlister, Alondra Lopez, Melissa Saldana, Melanie Radan and Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo.**

President Rendon stated that he issued an Executive Order with the objective of filling the vacant Board positions soon since it is a lengthy process.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Rosas, Lopez, Coronado, Radan, Sibrian, Saldana, Rister, M. Smith, Oliverez

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Rendon and Carrion-Fajardo.

Passed (9/0/2).

Ms. Rosas passed the gavel back to President Rendon.

**BD 38-25 M/S Rister/Rosas: Approval of the 2025-26 ASI Budget Addendum for allocation of referendum funds collected from student fees.**

Dr. Rister explained that the budget which was approved last semester is based on the anticipated number of students enrolled. The expected enrollment has not changed, however, the increased student fee resulting from the referendum has been implemented; the funds would be available for the Fall instead of the Spring semester. Internal auditors suggested adding an addendum to the current budget to account for the unallocated funds. He briefly reviewed each line item on the addendum. Once the addendum is approved, the Finance Committee may begin disseminating the funds.

M/S Rister/Sibrian: To replace “Parking Pass Scholarship Funding” with “Parking Pass Award” in the Addendum.

Mr. Sibrian reminded the Board that the Finance Committee approved the allocation of \$1,500.00 per semester to each of the 13 ASI Student Directors. He inquired whether the funds would be allocated from the “Student Entertainment” or “General ASI Funds” line item. Dr. Rister stated that the funds will be allocated from the “General ASI Funds” line item, however, the Finance Committee will disseminate the funds into the budget.

Passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Rendon, Rosas, Lopez, Coronado, Radan, Sibrian, Saldana, Carrion-Fajardo, Rister, M. Smith and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (11/0/0).

**BD 39-25 M/S Rister/Smith: Approval of the 2025-26 Human Resources Agreement between Associated Students Inc. and the Santos Manuel Student Union.**

Dr. Rister explained that the agreement is up for renewal. The agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which the SMSU may operate as the Human Resources for ASI. Previously, the agreement was renewed annually, however, due to its consistency it is now renewed every three years.

President Rendon stated that the agreement has been approved by the SMSU Board of Directors and it is awaiting the ASI President and ASI Executive Director signatures.

Dr. Smith left the meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Rendon, Rosas, Lopez, Coronado, Radan, Sibrian, Saldana, Carrion-Fajardo, Rister and Oliveriez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (10/0/0).

President Rendon passed the gavel to Ms. Rosas.

M/S Rendon/Coronado: To open the following consent calendar:

**BD 40-25 Appointment of Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Policy Committee.**

**BD 41-25 Appointment of Ayanna McAlister as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Policy Committee.**

**BD 42-25 Appointment of Joseph Morales as a Corporate representative to the ASI Policy Committee.**

**BD 43-25 Appointment of Miguel Millan as a Corporate representative to the ASI Policy Committee.**

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Rosas, Lopez, Coronado, Radan, Sibrian, Saldana, Rister and Oliveriez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Rendon and Carrion-Fajardo.

Passed (8/0/2).

**BD 44-25 M/S Rendon/Lopez: Appointment of Ashley Smith as Chair of the ASI Policy Committee.**

President Rendon spoke in favor of Ms. Smith.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Rosas, Lopez, Coronado, Radan, Sibrian, Saldana, Carrion-Fajardo, Rister and Oliveriez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Rendon.

Passed (9/0/1).

Ms. Rosas passed the gavel back to President Rendon.

## **REPORTS:**

Dr. Smith returned to the meeting.

*Athletics:* Ms. Radan is in the process of reinstating tailgates before the games.

*College of Natural Sciences:* Ms. Coronado, with the help of Ms. Stone and Mr. Morales, is planning her first event; a webinar for pre-med students with three guest speakers. She is starting the Samaritans in Action Club to help support underserved communities and immigrant families. She encouraged the Board to share the club information.

*Student-at-Large:* Mr. Sibrian had a discussion with other ASI team members on how to improve support for undocumented students and students who have long commutes to campus. He was a panelist in the transfer orientation on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Clubs and Organizations:* Ms. Carrion-Fajardo attended the Hispanic Educational Technology Services (HETS) Student Passport Conference. She gave a presentation on Coyote Connection along with Ms. Saldana. She is in the process of creating campaigns that increase engagement between clubs and creating a club coalition.

*External Affairs:* Ms. Smith began preparations for Lobby Corps. She will be attending CSSA this weekend in Long Beach with President Rendon. The last day to apply for Lobby Corps is September 17<sup>th</sup>. She will meet with the University of California, Redlands to discuss legislative goals and future collaborations.

*President's Representative:* Dr. Oliverrez will be hosting two Coyote Jumpstart events held on July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> to minimize the summer melt when students attend orientation but do not attend in the Fall. It will consist of an on-campus job fair, sessions with the Career Center, Financial Literacy Center and end with a showing of "The Lego Movie" on the library lawn on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The next event will consist of lunch with the faculty on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. She encouraged the Board to attend the School Spirit meetings held every other Tuesday; the next meeting will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The Immigration Enforcement Rapid Response Team will be meeting next week.

*Programs:* Ms. Stone stated that the team has been engaged in the CSUSB and PDC orientations and have hosted several Cosmic Coyotes. The fall events calendar will soon be finalized, the 111XPANITA scholarship has been publicized and preparation for the new academic year and logo has begun. The team is helping with the Coyote Jumpstart programming; she and Mike will be attending on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morales stated that he is on the committee to review applications for the 111XPANITA scholarship along with Ms. Rosas. The committee is searching for an additional two members who are neither affiliated with ASI nor planning to apply for the scholarship. He requested that the Board share the information with interested students.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Gonzalez stated that interviews for the Director of Internal Affairs position have been completed and the interviews for Special Projects will begin soon. The ASI & SMSU Big Bear Campout Retreat will be held next week; those attending were sent an email with information. The sustainability coordinator is in the process of redesigning the rain garden and is collaborating with the Art department to create a student-made sign for the garden. The Parking Award Policy and BoD Canvas Course are in the process of being developed. He will be reaching out to Board members to update their availability hours on the ASI website.

President Rendon reminded the Board to submit their Board paperwork to the Front Desk.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



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Kimberly Rosas  
Executive Vice President