

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the President, Diego Rendon at 1:03 p.m.

Present: Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Ayanna McAlister, Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo (Zoom), Jennifer Cornejo, Samantha Coronado, Joseph Gonzales, Juan Sibrian (Zoom), Melanie Radan, Beatriz Castellanos, Judah Rubin, Heather Sharp, MD Yeasin, Amira Shalabi, Ashley Smith, Dr. Matthew Smith, Dr. Haakon Brown, Dr. Michael Rister and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Joseph Morales, Miguel Millan (Zoom), Dhruvil Kumbhani, Ivan Limon, Julian Ochos, Katie Luther, Kim Hunsaker and Komori Sumners.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of September 12th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S McAlister/ Rubin: To place the following items on separate consent calendars: BD 60-25 through BD 62-25, BD 63-25 through BD 66-25, 67-25 through BD 69-25, 72-25 through BD 73-25 and 74-25 through BD 76-25. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon met with the Philanthropic Foundation Executive Committee. He participated in the CiviliTEA Cafe with Jordan Fullam, Faculty Senate Chair. A Residents Hall Association (RHA) Board meeting is being held on September 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office will be posting the CSU AI Survey on September 22nd; those who participate can enter a giveaway. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 3rd. He was appointed to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Student Advisory Council.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Rosas attended the Alumni Center Tile Wall unveiling as well as IT Governance and Audit Committee meetings. A megaphone has been purchased for the person-to-person announcements on Coyote Walk. She will be sitting on the Facilities and Sustainability committee as well as the Philanthropic Foundation Board next week.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. McAlister stated that the Club Allocation Budget (CAB) Canvas course is in operation. Finance Committee meetings will begin next week. The Vacancy Committee is searching to fill the College of Education and College of Social and Behavioral

Sciences representative positions. She is in the process of appointing students to Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Board and the Vital and Expanded Technologies Initiative (VETI) Committee. She attended Civic Canvas, the Alumni Anniversary dinner, a luncheon with Dr. Sudhakar and his team as well as a luncheon hosted by the Office of Black Student Success (OBSS).

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez met with the Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Advisory Committee student-at-large members, Dr. Edna Martinez and Dr. Avi Rodriguez. She attended the Direct Admissions Day and Kinesiology Student Association (KSA) meetings. They received funding for transportation to the October 2nd volleyball game. A bus to transport students to Homecoming is being organized. The CSUSB Model United Nations Program received 20 applications from PDC students, 7 were accepted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that the investment account data has not been reported, however, approximately \$200,000.00 has been used from accounts for the corporation. Once the census data is finalized, a fund transfer from stateside to auxiliary accounts will be initiated to cover a balance of approximately one million dollars. The audit is nearly complete with no current findings or issues identified. The Wall-Street Journal contract was not renewed due to low participation, however, discussions are ongoing as a free renewal option may be possible. He attended a campus-wide Health and Safety Committee as well as a Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA) Board meeting. If ASI plans to implement a scooter program as previously discussed, it is necessary to coordinate with Facilities Planning and Management, the Health Center and other administrative stakeholders.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Summers suggested using housing facilities to host events to increase community bonding and school pride with support from ASI.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms. Luther, Prevention and Education Manager introduced herself. The Institutional Equity and Compliance office is responsible for investigating complaints or questions regarding the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy. The office handles Title IX complaints and Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (DHR) against any protected class. Complainants may file reports anonymously on the website, through the care team, the University Police Department, phone, email or walk-in. There are formal and informal resolution processes available.

Ms. Rosas inquired into the amount of reports filed and whether they were resolved. Ms. Luther stated that in the last academic year approximately 200 reports were received, however, under 50 were within the jurisdiction of the office; 14 of the reports were investigated.

Ms. Castellanos inquired into how the investigators are assigned to a case and what steps would be taken if the complainants are unsatisfied with the results. Ms. Luther stated that a compliance

coordinator will begin the outreach process; the process varies depending on how the report was submitted. The complainant could file an appeal and they will receive a Notice of Investigation or Notice of Non-investigation.

Ms. Smith inquired into how many students have completed the Title IX training. Ms. Luther stated that approximately 10,000 students need to complete it while about 8,600 have submitted it already. The deadline to complete the training is September 29th.

Ms. Smith inquired whether a hold would be placed on a student's account for not completing the training. Ms. Luther stated that it depends on the campus President and the decision will be finalized closer to the deadline.

Ms. Cornejo inquired whether the complainant would have the same coordinator throughout the entire process to avoid repeating their testimony. Ms. Luther stated that it is possible the complainant will have to repeat it, however, it is limited as much as possible.

Ms. Luther stated that any student who completes the training before the deadline will be automatically entered in a giveaway.

M/S Rister/Coronado: To have a three-minute recess. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 57-25 M/S Rister/Sharp: Approval of the Student Parking Permit Award Policy. (Second Reading)

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the policy.

Dr. Oliverez suggested adding language to include student athletes for the portion explaining the level of on-campus engagement.

Ms. Smith expressed concern with a randomized selection since some students require using the basic needs services more frequently.

Ms. Castellanos inquired whether it was possible to allocate a certain amount of passes to students with disabilities. Dr. Rister stated that it is possible to prioritize groups using the Qualtrics system, however, he advised against doing so and suggested prioritizing being unbiased.

Dr. Brown suggested completing the vetting process and then randomizing the selection instead of vice versa to avoid the possibility of selecting applications that do not meet the requirements.

Ms. Smith suggested adding a question regarding how recently a student utilized a basic needs service to the application for the Finance Committee to use during the vetting process.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sibrian inquired regarding the possibility of including a video tutorial explaining how to find and upload the necessary documents. President Rendon deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who explained they are working with Financial Aid and the Student Financial Services (SFS) to receive a step-by-step guide on how to retrieve those documents.

M/S Brown/Sharp: To edit sections *A*, *B* and *C* in the following way: Swapping *A* with *B* and editing the language as follows from what would now be *B*: Selection of the recipients will be based on a random, unbiased drawing from the applications vetted and approved by the ASI Finance Committee. In section *A*, change the word “reviewed” to “vetted”.

Ms. McAlister requested clarification on whether the motion encouraged focus on the vetting or randomization process. Dr. Brown clarified that the motion is intended to have the vetting process before the randomized selection to avoid unqualified applicants from being selected.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Sibrian/Rosas: To strike “Thoroughly” from the language on Dr. Brown’s motion in subsection i and ii. Passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Rister/Coronado: To extend the meeting until 3:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Brown stated that the Finance Committee can still decide how to go about the vetting process since the language in the policy is general.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Brown withdrew his motion.

Discussion ensued.

M/S McAlister/Cornejo: To table BD 57-25 until the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

President Rendon passed the gavel to Ms. Rosas.

BD 59-25 M/S Rendon/Coronado: Discussion on next steps for the 2025-2026 ASI STAND Objectives.

President Rendon stated that the STAND objectives will be presented to the Board and finalized on October 3rd.

Ms. Rosas passed the gavel back to President Rendon.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 60-25 Appointment of Judah Rubin as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

BD 61-25 Appointment of Juan Sibrian as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

BD 62-25 Appointment of Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed unanimously.

BD 63-25 Appointment of Demia Lotson as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

BD 64-25 Appointment of Dhruvil Kumbhani as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee

BD 65-25 Appointment of Jainam Goswami as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

BD 66-25 Appointment of Malak Edais as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed unanimously.

BD 67-25 Appointment of Felipe Robles Jimenez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI PDC Advisory Committee.

BD 68-25 Appointment of Abraham Carbajal as a student-at-large representative to the ASI PDC Advisory Committee.

BD 69-25 Appointment of Garrett Vratney as a student-at-large representative to the ASI PDC Advisory Committee.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed unanimously.

M/S McAlister/Cornejo: To extend the meeting until 3:45 p.m. Passed.

Dr. Oliveriez left the meeting.

BD 70-25 M/S Lopez/Rubin: Appointment of Felipe Robles Jimenez as the Vice President of Palm Desert Campus Pro- Tem.

Ms. Lopez spoke in favor of Mr. Jimenez.

Passed unanimously.

BD 71-25 M/S Rosas/Rister: Appointment of Alicia Chipres-Jimenez as the Corporate representative to the ASI Personnel and Development Committee.

Ms. Rosas spoke in favor of Ms. Chipres-Jimenez.

Passed unanimously.

M/S Cornejo/Gonzales: To open the following consent calendar:

BD 72-25 Appointment of Juan Sibrian as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Personnel and Development Committee.

BD 73-25 Appointment of Jeidi Carrion-Fajrado as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Personnel and Development Committee.

Passed unanimously.

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

BD 74-25 Appointment of Joseph Gonzales as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Executive Committee.

BD 75-25 Appointment of Beatriz Castellanos as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Executive Committee.

BD 76-25 Appointment of Jennifer Cornejo as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Executive Committee.

Passed unanimously.

BD 77-25 M/S Rosas/Rubin: Appointment of Samantha Coronado as the ASI Executive Vice President Pro- Tem.

Ms. Rosas spoke in favor of Ms. Coronado.

Passed unanimously.

BD 78-25 M/S Yeasin/Sharp: Appointment of Kim Hunsaker as the Staff Council representative to the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Mr. Yeasin deferred to President Rendon who spoke in favor of Ms. Hunsaker.

Passed unanimously.

BD 79-25 M/S Sibrian/Rosas: Discussion on promoting Speechify and other free campus resources.

Mr. Sibrian stated that the VETI Committee approved approximately 18,000 licenses for Speechify, an AI-powered text-to-speech program. He suggested discussing methods on how to effectively promote the program to students.

Mr. Sibrian inquired whether ASI could create promotional items for Speechify and other campus resources.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Rosas inquired about the sign-up process. Ms. Sibrian stated that the student will complete a Google form. Ms. McAlister added that a sign-up link will be sent to the email address that will be used for the account.

M/S McAlister/Coronado: To extend the meeting until 4:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

President Rendon stated that inquiries can be directed to the upcoming guest speaker, Kevin Cleppe, Assistive Technologist for Accessible Technology Services at the next meeting.

Mr. Gonzales stated the QR code is needed to sign up.

Mr. Sibrian inquired whether advertisements could be added to the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) televisions and whether advertising free resources to students requires funding. Dr. Rister recommended learning about the program and being prepared in case inquiries are directed to ASI. He deferred to Ms. Stone who stated that the SMSU television advertisements are free; she could have flyers printed, however, there needs to be a discussion to determine which account would be used.

Dr. Rister clarified that ASI is only advertising the program.

Discussion closed.

REPORTS:

Ms. Sharp left the meeting.

College of Business & Public Administration: Mr. Rubin is assisting with the rechartering of the History club and creation of the Food Oasis club. He is in the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Fellows Program.

College of Natural Sciences: Ms. Coronado will hold her first event for pre-med students next Thursday.

International: Mr. Yeasin will meet with the Associate Dean of the College of Extended and Global Education.

External Affairs: Ms. Smith stated that Governor Newsom is in the process of signing Senate Bills (SB), however, SB 98 and SB 271 are yet to be signed. Civic Canvas was held this week. She will be a co-chair on the Social Justice Summit Planning Committee. She was appointed as Vice Chair of the California State Student Association (CSSA) Student Trustee committee and to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Board. She will be attending a CSSA Southern Regional meeting with President Rendon.

M/S Rosas/Cornejo: To extend the meeting by 5 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Students with Disabilities: Ms. Castellano attended the Neurodiversity club meeting. Students have raised concerns over the accessibility buttons not properly working.

Housing: Mr. Gonzales attended a Residence Halls Association (RHA) meeting.

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that the programs team is budgeting for next semester, working on the Peak Concert, Coyote Fest and the Student Zone for Homecoming. Mr. Morales stated approximately 1,000 students attended Waves. The webinar for students interested in pre-med will be held next Thursday and ASI Night with the women's volleyball will be held October 2nd. Mr. Millan stated that the Casino Night with the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) was held last Thursday. The ASI PDC Instagram account reached their goal of 1,450 followers, therefore, there will be an XBOX Series S opportunity raffle at Coyote Cup next Thursday. The PDC Civic Canvas will be held next Tuesday. Planning will soon begin for Fall Fest; those interested in volunteering can inform him or Ms. Stone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gonzalez stated that PDC Civic Canvas will be held next Tuesday. The Howl Squad Mixer will be held next Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are hiring for Special Projects.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President