

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the President, Diego Rendon at 12:09 p.m.

Present: Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Ayanna McAlister (late), Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Samantha Coronado, Joseph Gonzales (Zoom), Nailah McAllister, Judah Rubin (Zoom), Heather Sharp, Amira Shalabi, Dr. Matthew Smith, Dr. Haakon Brown, Dr. Michael Rister and Dr. Paz Oliverez (late).

Absent: Jennifer Cornejo, Melanie Radan, Md Yeasin, Ashley Smith and Kim Hunsaker.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Swikar Pokharel, Miguel Millan, Ricardo Guevara, Ahmed Burgos, Camille Berutto, Nadir Esmail, Michael Casadonte and Kenneth Juarez.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of April 17th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon attended the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities (HACU) 32nd Annual National Capitol Forum along with Marisa Yeager. They met with Ken Calvert, Pete Aguilar, Jay Obernolte and two senators. The California State Student Association (CSSA) elections will be held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.; the link is on the CSSA Plenary meeting agenda.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Rosas attended Black Bazaar and a Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Finance and Contracts Committee meeting. She plans to attend the quarterly Campus Police Advisory Committee meeting and a student tour with President Rendon next week. The Queer and Transgender Resource Center will hold the 2nd Annual Kiki Ball tonight.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. McAlister stated that there have been many Club Allocation Budget (CAB) submissions. The Finance Committee approved the budget. She attended Black Bazaar and the Legacy Gala for President Morales.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez stated that Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) is currently reviewing proposals. She collaborated on a video with the Undocumented Student Success Center. She is in the process of creating internship opportunities for Palm Desert Campus (PDC) students in the ASI office. She plans to meet with Dr. Rodriguez in regard to commencement and PDC Grad Days.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that the following scholarships will be awarded: Dacia Woods Scholarship (\$1,000.00 to one recipient), Aaron Burgess Scholarship (\$993.00 to one recipient), the Class of 2019 ASI Scholarship (\$2,439.00 to one recipient) and Associated Students Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000.00 to 44 recipients). Scholarship funds will be awarded now, however, the disbursement to students will occur during the 2026–2027 fiscal year. A preliminary meeting was held with the new audit firm, Baker Tilly, alongside SMSU, the Children’s Center and the University Enterprises Corporation; a follow-up meeting is scheduled. ASI student staff applications are available and Board positions will be posted soon for appointments through the Vacancy Committee. He attended the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) President’s Luncheon and Black Bazaar. The Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Melts Orientations are in the process of being planned.

Ms. McAlister arrived at the meeting.

Ms. McAllister left the meeting.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. McAllister returned to the meeting.

Programs: Mr. Millan attended the Legacy Gala for President Morales. Since there were no Election Runoff events, a meet-and-greet with the newly elected Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance and Vice President of PDC was held. They are preparing for Coyote Fest; the shuttle from PDC to the San Bernardino campus was announced. Ms. Stone stated that two of the three Coyote Fest artists have been announced; the final artist will be announced once the contract is finalized. The collaboration shirt with Nine Eight Five Coffee will be distributed during Coyote Fest which will be held next Thursday; volunteers are still being accepted. She encouraged the Board to provide feedback since it has previously not been held on a Thursday.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr. Casadonte, Director of Digital Transformation briefly introduced himself. The customizable myCoyote Student Profile will hopefully launch on Monday, May 18th. He encouraged the Board to provide feedback. Mr. Juarez, Analyst and Programmer demonstrated the upcoming change. The “Top Tools” section of the website will be renamed “My Links” and students can adjust the links they wish to display.

President Rendon suggested sending a mass email to students explaining the update.

Ms. Rosas suggested creating a short tutorial video to demonstrate how to use the updated website.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 32-26 Rister/McAlister: Review and approval of the ASI 2026-2027 annual budget.

Ms. McAlister explained that the presentation format has been updated to be more concise for better understanding. The line-item breakdown will be available, however, each account will be separated by sheet. The budget is based on the anticipated student enrollment projections and the amount of fee waivers. Each line item of the budget was explained.

Ms. McAllister left the meeting.

Dr. Rister stated that this is the first year that the referendum funds are allocated into the budget. A few line items cannot be altered such as referendum funds that have been allocated, wages and insurance.

Ms. Lopez inquired whether the PDC Programs line item was funded through the PDC account or the Programs account. Dr. Rister replied that it is funded through the PDC – Miscellaneous Operating Expenses account, however, the general Programs account is used on expenses that accommodate both campuses, such as the buses for events and merchandise.

President Rendon inquired whether ASI will hire a Public Relations employee. He deferred to Ms. Stone who replied that the position has remained vacant for a couple of years, however, the account is used to fund items such as tablecloths, student merchandise and internships.

President Rendon suggested that the Board attend CSUnity if there are enough funds.

Discussion closed.

BD 33-26 Rister/Rosas: Permission to change legal firms from Brown, White & Osborn to Kutak Rock.

Dr. Rister stated that ASI has worked with Brown, White & Osborn for many years, however, a change in legal counsel led to complications. After briefly working with another law firm that works with other CSUs, a contract was created. He suggested switching law firms.

Ms. Rosas inquired when the change would take effect. Dr. Rister replied that the change would occur immediately.

In favor: Rendon, Rosas, McAlister, Lopez, Coronado, Gonzales, Rubin, Sharp, M. Smith, Brown, Rister and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

President Rendon passed the gavel to Ms. Rosas.

BD 34-26 Rendon/McAlister: Discussion on the Board Transition Playbook.

President Rendon explained that the playbook was implemented two years ago to guide the incoming Board members and executives. He deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who stated that the template and previous playbooks can be found on Teams. Returning Board members should still complete a playbook so it remains consistent every academic year.

Dr. Rister encouraged the Board to consider the information that was helpful during the beginning of their terms as well as useful contacts while completing the playbook.

Discussion closed.

BD 35-26 Rendon/Coronado: Discussion on scheduling the final Board meeting.

President Rendon stated that due to an additional reading of the Bylaws, another meeting needs to be scheduled. He suggested having a Zoom meeting on either May 18th or May 19th to avoid finals week and other scheduling conflicts.

Ms. Sharp inquired whether the May 8th meeting would still occur of which President Rendon confirmed.

Discussion closed.

Ms. Rosas passed the gavel back to President Rendon.

BD 36-26 Rister/Coronado: Confirmation of the 2026 ASI Election results.

Dr. Rister deferred to Ms. Darijbara who gave a presentation on the 2026 ASI Elections. There was a total of 41 applicants, however, only 24 could run due to ineligibility, disqualifications and withdrawals. There were four in-person candidate orientations and events. Sixteen applications were submitted for the Howl Grant, however, only thirteen were eligible. She recommended that Board members should not be permitted to endorse candidates or join the Elections Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Rosas stated that today is the opening night for the Theatre Arts production of Little Shop of Horrors; she encouraged the Board to attend. Kiki Ball will be held today from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Coyote Film Club will hold their first International Yotie Film Fest on Thursday, May 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Rendon announced that Coyote Fest will be held this Thursday; he encouraged the Board to volunteer. He will join an AVID tour on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.; Board members should let him know if they wish to participate. Mr. Gonzalez extended calendar invites for the last Board meeting on May 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.



Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President