

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the President, Diego Rendon at 12:07 p.m.

Present: Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Ayanna McAlister, Jennifer Cornejo, Samantha Coronado (Zoom), Nailah McAllister, Judah Rubin, Heather Sharp (Zoom), Md Yeasin (Zoom), Ashley Smith, Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Matthew Smith, Dr. Haakon Brown and Dr. Michael Rister (Zoom).

Absent: Alondra Lopez, Melanie Radan, Joseph Gonzales, Amira Shalabi and Dr. Paz Oliverrez.

Guests: Marina Stone, Joseph Morales, Swikar Pokharel and Vilayat Del Rossi (Zoom).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of March 13th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon attended the following: Choose CSUSB Day at Palm Desert Campus (PDC), dinner with a California Student University (CSU) Student Trustee and a Policies and Procedures Committee meeting. He sent a calendar invitation to the Campus Open Forum being held on March 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) South Theatre. He plans to attend the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) this weekend.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Rosas held the first Personnel & Development Committee meeting last Friday. She attended an IT Governance Committee meeting as well as a Finance and Contracts Committee meeting. There will soon be an Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) referendum.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister encouraged the Board to attend the Campus Open Forum being held on Monday since it is in regard to the new President search. There is a link to submit questions for anyone who cannot attend; the Board can provide him with questions as well since he plans to attend.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that Splash into Spring Break will be held next Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Library Lawn; she encouraged the Board to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 19-26 M/S Cornejo/McAlister: Approval of the ASI Whistleblower Policy. (Second Reading)

Ms. Smith briefly reviewed the ASI Whistleblower Policy.

A roll call was conducted as follows:

In favor: Rendon, Rosas, McAlister, Cornejo, Coronado, McAllister, Rubin, Sharp, Hunsaker, M. Smith, Brown and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstention: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

(No response from Mr. Yeasin.)

President Rendon passed the gavel to Ms. Rosas.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 20-26 M/S Brown/McAlister: Permission to transfer up to \$100,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Programs — ASI Donations (660723 RN001 A4700) for Recreation & Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative Project. This donation is contingent upon the contribution of up to \$100,000.00 from the Santos Manuel Student Union.

President Rendon has been collaborating with the SMSU and the Recreation & Wellness Center since July to enhance the outdoor basketball and tennis courts. This donation would be similar to the previous \$50,000.00 donated for the Leadership Challenge Course. The outdoor area

currently has a cracked surface, no lighting and no access control (student accessibility and security). Sports help improve mental and physical health; the nearest courts are at the Drayson Center in Loma Linda. The ability to hold more activities, student tournaments, leadership retreats as well as provide more outdoor gathering space could increase campus community. He summarized the return on investment as follows: the donation will result in a \$200,000.00 student capital improvement, bringing new use to an underutilized space, tangible impact within 12 months and no ongoing financial obligation. The request is for a one-time \$100,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves with no intention to exceed \$200,000.00 between ASI and SMSU. The construction would be completed by the Fall 2026 semester if initiated in the near future.

Ms. Smith expressed her agreement that students deserve new spaces and it would provide a good venue for future events, however, the university should make improvements.

Ms. Cornejo expressed concern that the courts would become as unmaintained as the pool. She suggested donating half of the requested amount.

Dr. Brown made the following inquiries: Would President Morales contribute? Is there a preliminary budget that itemizes the expenses? Would ASI have outlays on maintenance? What department would be in charge of maintenance? How would we ensure that the area is not neglected in the future?

Dr. Rister stated that President Morales allocated funds to the sand volleyball court. He deferred to Mr. Del Rossi who clarified that the courts area currently belongs to the university, however, if this item is approved, it will belong to Recreation & Wellness and a Memorandum of Understanding will be made with explicit maintenance expectations. This is similar to the Leadership Challenge Center when it became the responsibility of Recreation & Wellness to maintain after capital improvements were made.

President Rendon explained that President Morales will contribute \$175,000.00 to the sand volleyball courts, however, that is a separate project. The item needs to be approved to receive a preliminary budget, however, the current estimate is under \$70,000.00. The donation will not move forward if the estimated budget is over the requested amount. Currently, around 988 students participate in intramurals and around 7,088 students participate in games and tournaments. About \$700,000.00 is allocated annually of CSUSB's deferred maintenance, however, the funds are usually allotted for other priorities such as faulty roofs, housing and the Coussoulis Arena.

Mr. Rubin inquired whether ASI and SMSU were matching funds; President Rendon confirmed this is so.

President Rendon clarified that even if the item is approved today, the SMSU Board would still need to approve it next week.

Dr. Brown inquired whether the proposal would still be presented to the SMSU Board if it does not get approved today. President Rendon clarified that the proposal will still be presented to the SMSU Board regardless of the results since the Recreation & Wellness Committee already approved it and their meetings are less frequent.

Ms. Coronado inquired into the construction schedule if the item is approved. President Rendon stated that the process would begin this Spring and end in the Fall. The construction would initiate and be completed during the Summer.

Ms. Coronado inquired into the maintenance for the area. President Rendon replied that this is a one-time investment for ASI, however, the SMSU is committed for future maintenance. Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Del Rossi who stated that Recreation & Wellness would incorporate this into their custodial and maintenance programs. The ongoing costs would be incurred by the Recreation & Wellness budget to ensure sustainment.

A roll call was conducted as follows:

In favor: Rubin and Sharp.

Opposed: Rosas and McAllister.

Abstention: Rendon, McAlister, Coronado, Cornejo, Yeasin, Hunsaker, M. Smith, Brown and Rister.

Failed (2/2/9).

Ms. Rosas passed the gavel back to President Rendon.

REPORTS:

College of Natural Sciences: Ms. Coronado attended a woman-led conference yesterday. She plans to attend CHESS on Saturday.

Director of External Affairs: Ms. Smith is working with Mr. Gonzalez on new civic engagement campaigns for the summer to promote local and state elections as well as developing the Civic Engagement Committee. She plans to attend CHESS. The California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary is currently reviewing two bills. The CSSA System Wide Affairs Committee is discussing grant and program funding reductions for Hispanic and minority serving institutions. Lobby Corps had a training session with the Office of Government, Tribal and Community Relations team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rosas stated that there are policies being made to ensure departments regularly update the information on their websites. The IT Governance Committee is in the process of removing scantrons.

Ms. Cornejo stated that faculty and staff will be required to use Gradescope which is similar to scantrons, however, they can be printed from any printer and students can submit them with a scanner. The transition will initiate in the Fall 2026 semester and be established by the Spring 2027 semester.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President