

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2026

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

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

Absent: Jennifer Cornejo, Joseph Gonzales, Melanie Radan, Ashley Smith and Kim Hunsaker.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Joseph Morales, Miguel Millan (Zoom), Swikar Pokharel, Gwendolyn Watson, Johan Rosales, Erik Chavez, Nicholas Arvizu, Victoria Zataray, Kevin Gonzalez, Tomas Castro (Zoom) and Natalie Aguayo (Zoom).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of April 24th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon stated that Ms. Smith was elected as the Vice President of System Wide Affairs at California State Student Association (CSSA). He attended the following: Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Board of Directors, Board of Trustees meeting, Investment and Finance Committee and the Athletics banquet. The Dacia Woods Scholarship recipient has been selected. He met with Senator Schiff along with Ms. Smith. He also met with Ms. Coronado to help her transition into the Executive Vice President position. The sand volleyball courts ribbon cutting will be held next Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Next week, he plans to meet with President Morales as well as Crystal Wymer-Lucero, Director of Alumni Relations. He reminded the Board that the final Board meeting will be held on May 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; it is a hybrid meeting where attendance can be in-person or virtual.

Ms. Rosas arrived at the meeting.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Rosas stated that the first Yotie Film Festival was held yesterday. She attended the Police Campus Advisory Committee; they are looking to permanently fill the Chief of Police position.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez stated that Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Graduation Reception was held yesterday. She had a meeting with the Career Center and the incoming Vice President of PDC regarding more internship opportunities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that the student fees have been transferred into the account, totaling approximately \$776,000.00 for the spring term. A combined total of approximately \$2.3 million has been transferred into the account for the spring, fall and summer semesters which was referenced for the budget. A comprehensive end-of-year financial report will soon be provided once all departments have completed their closeout processes. The average monthly spending is approximately \$159,000.00 which is consistent with budget projections.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that they are currently planning events for the summer and orientations. Scantrons and treats will be distributed during finals week. Mr. Millan stated that they helped the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) Day of Play event. They helped during the PDC Graduation Reception. They will be helping the RMSC with their finals week events.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr. Castro, Climate Action Campaign Organizer briefly introduced himself. He gave a brief presentation on the Clean Air Policy that impacts the San Bernardino region. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the most influential air quality agency in California. The gas industry has heavily lobbied against the SCAQMD from passing clean air rules. There are approximately 6,000 furnances and large scale gas boilers in Southern California that account for a third of California's industrial pollution. There is an upcoming vote on a clean air rule that is meant to fix the public health impacts caused by the furnances and boilers. Mr. K. Gonzalez noted that there are boilers on university campuses making a significant impact on air pollution. CSUSB currently has 13 boilers which could damage the the ecosystem as well as harm the wildlife habitats. If the rule is passed, the boilers will not be replaced until after they finish their lifespan. Ms. Aguayo noted that the health issues caused by the furnances and boilers are preventable and are a direct result of pollution. She encouraged the Board to support policies that push for zero admission standards

Ms. Rosas inquired whether other California State Universities (CSU) campuses have similar advocates. Mr. Castro replied that it is a regional movement. Nine CSU campuses have passed resolutions regarding this; four of the Claremont Colleges support zero emission standards for this rule; University of Southern California (USC), University of California Riverside (UCR), UC Los Angeles (UCLA), UC Irvine and the UC Student Association have also shown their support.

Dr. Smith left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 32-26 M/S McAlister/Coronado: Review and approval of the ASI 2026-2027 annual budget. (Second Reading)

Ms. McAlister briefly reviewed the budget; the summarized budget will be available on the website.

Ms. McAllister left the meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

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(No response from Mr. Yeasin.)

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 37-26 M/S Rister/Sharp: Presentation of data from Econ Interns on ASI Elections and ASI Events.

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who explained that Ms. Zataray and Mr. Arvizu are the first ASI Econ Interns who researched the ASI elections and events from the previous five years.

Ms. Zataray gave a presentation analyzing the ASI events attendance. The data collected is from 2021-2025; across all five years a majority of the students who attended events were first generation, full-time students and attend the San Bernardino Campus. From 2023-2025, students in the College of Natural Sciences, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration attended the most events. Females attend more

events, however, it aligns with the student population. There was a decrease in male attendance during 2025. From 2023-2025, a majority of the students who attended events were seniors, juniors and first-time freshmen. There was steady attendance at events during the previous five years, however, 2023 had the highest number of attendance.

Mr. Arvizu gave a presentation analyzing ASI elections participation. The analysis is based on data received from the Office of Student Research (OSR) from 2021-2025 on more than 4,000 students. The highest turn out in votes occurred in 2025; the College of Natural Sciences had the highest participation numbers every year. On both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campus, females accounted for 69% of the votes. Seniors and juniors made up the majority of the votes, however, freshmen are overrepresented in the votes. Graduate students are the most underrepresented in the votes.

BD 38-26 M/S Rister/Sharp: Revision of the ASI Club Allocation Budget Policy. (First Reading)

Dr. Rister explained that the Club Allocation Budget (CAB) policy is being completely updated. It will be similar to the Student Research & Travel Policy where the OSR can allocate funds directly from its designated ASI account. He deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the ASI Club Allocation Budget Policy.

Ms. McAlister stated that currently CAB is through the Canvas course, however, there have been issues. The updated policy would allow for the CAB forms to be submitted through Coyote Connection with the event request forms.

Dr. Brown inquired into the current CAB approval process. Ms. McAlister replied that she approves the request and then sends it to the Front Desk to file the paperwork.

Dr. Brown stated that ASI may lose oversight of the process if the responsibility is placed on the Office of Student Leadership & Engagement. Dr. Rister explained that part of the delay in approving requests is the back and forth between the offices. ASI will remain involved; the Clubs and Organizations representative will help facilitate the process with students and the Vice President of Finance will have trainings throughout the semester.

Dr. Brown suggested including a faculty representative as a voting member in the CAB Review Committee since there are many faculty members involved with the process as club advisors.

Discussion closed.

BD 39-26 M/S Rister/McAlister: Revision of the ASI Bylaws. (First Reading)

Dr. Rister stated the the ASI Bylaws were thoroughly examined, especially the committees and the number of Board members on the committees. He deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the ASI Bylaws.

President Rendon stated that the changes are as follows: fixing inconsistent wording, one student-at-large representative position will be specifically for PDC, the Executive Vice President will Chair the Vacancy Committee and only vote to break a tie, the Finance Committee will only have one Board member, the PDC Advisory Committee will no longer include the President or Vice President of Finance, the Director of Internal Affairs will be the Vice-Chair of the Policy committee and there will be no Board members on the Elections Committee.

Discussion closed.

REPORTS:

College of Arts & Letters: Ms. Sharp encouraged the Board to attend the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA) 5th Annual Undergraduate Student Art Show being held today; the awards will be distributed at 6:00 p.m. and the gallery will be open from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

College of Business & Public Administration: Mr. Rubin stated that he was appointed as Vice President on the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Fellows Program Executive Board of Directors; there are vacant positions if anyone is interested in applying.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rendon deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who announced that the applications for the vacant ASI positions are available on the website. He reminded the Board that he sent an email with their transition documents.

President Rendon reminded the Board that their final meeting will be held on May 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Board members can attend in-person or virtually.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President