ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President, Amira Shalabi at 1:03 p.m.

Present: Amira Shalabi, Samantha Coronado, AJ Fernandez, Dante Ramirez, Heather Sharp (late), Alanna 'Milo' Meza, Kennedi Jones, Seth Whiting, Melanie Radan, Jason Hicks, Dhruvil Kumbhani, Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Haakon Brown, Dr. Blanca Martinez-Navarro and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Taslima Mozumder and Dr. Matthew Smith.

Guests: Matthew Dinsdale, Nicholas Scott, Davoud Pirniakan, Melanie Huerta, Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Johan Rosales, Alondra Lopez and ASL Interpreters (2).

(The above listed were present via Zoom.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 9th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Rister/Hicks: To move BD 71-26 to the top of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Shalabi attended the California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary at California State University, Chico. Lunch with the President will be held on October 27th. She will meet with President Gomez next week.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Coronado conducted one-on-one meetings with Mr. Whiting, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Ramirez. She is conducting outreach to recruit student-at-large members for the Office of Student Research and Innovation (OSRI) Award Committee, the Space Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) and the Finance, Technology & Operations (FTO) Student Advisory Committee. Recruitment for the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) has concluded. She visited PDC to meet with Ms. Lopez regarding student engagement and Howl Squad.

Vice President of Finance: Mr. Fernandez met with Dr. Morfin to discuss the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) expenditure audits. He attended the Campus Budget Open Forum and

Homecoming. The first Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He will attend PDC Hockey Night on Friday, October 23rd.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Ramirez attended the Desert Hot Springs State of The City alongside Dr. Avi Rodriguez. The 7th Annual Young Men of California (YMOC) Conference will be held from November 19th to November 20th. The first PDC Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. He is developing a student feedback survey for the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) refrigerator system.

Ms. Sharp entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that the transfer of $1.7 million from student fees for summer and fall operations is still in progress. An additional transaction is expected in Spring to provide a full budget. There are currently no open Workers' Compensation reports; ASI has maintained zero open reports for several years.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Mr. Rosales stated that Homecoming was held on October 10th; the event had a good turnout with nearly 490 items sold in less than two hours. Wicked Nights and Friendsgiving are being planned. The recruitment process for the Activities Committee has concluded. He tabled at Direct Admissions Day and assisted the Legislative Team with Vote and Vibe 2.0. Ms. Lopez stated that PDC Tie-Dye Time was held on October 6th. They assisted RMSC with Fall Fest and Drag Loteria. PDC Hockey Night will be held on October 23rd.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Pirniakan expressed concerns regarding CSUSB's support for homeless students. He questioned the housing eligibility criteria, the coordination between the Success Centers and the Basic Needs department and the transparency of program funding. He requested that ASI bring these concerns to university leadership, review how homeless students access support and how university resources are allocated.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 71-26 Approval of the ASI 2025-26 audit and financial statements.

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Dinsdale who briefly presented the audit results alongside Mr. Scott. The audit included reviewing sample transactions, large transactions and financial records. Mr. Dinsdale clarified that the audit does not examine every transaction and that the auditors are not providing an opinion on internal controls. Mr. Scott stated that there were no litigation or legal proceedings that needed to be disclosed for the audit. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

Mr. Hicks requested clarification on the meaning of material weaknesses in an audit. Mr. Scott explained that material weaknesses are audit deficiencies that vary in severity; he clarified that none were identified during this audit.

Passed unanimously.

BD 70-26 Discussion on challenges with Services to Students with Disabilities.

Ms. Meza stated that many disabled students have faced challenges when trying to access Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD). She inquired into whether ASI can potentially provide additional support for disabled students.

Mr. Hicks recommended contacting the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) with any concerns or challenges related to SSD and discussing the issues with the President.

Dr. Rister explained that an additional meeting could be held to discuss the specific challenges students are facing and identify ways ASI could provide support.

Ms. Hunsaker stated that students can submit accessibility concerns to the Campus Accessibility Advisory Board and the Campus Health and Safety Committee.

Mr. Hicks stated that he has encountered several restrictions when submitting concerns online and expressed interest in developing a more effective process to ensure disabled students receive the support they need.

Discussion closed.

REPORTS:

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. Sharp attended the College of Arts and Letters Alumni Talk at the Performing Arts Center.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Whiting served on the Direct Admissions Day student panel. He met with Ms. Coronado and attended Homecoming.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Ms. Meza served on the Direct Admissions Day student panel. She will give a presentation on the ASI STAND Goals next week.

Athletics: Ms. Jones attended a Zoom meeting regarding electric scooter use on campus. She will work to promote campus safety among student-athletes who use scooters for transportation and encourage helmet use. Senior Night for the women's and men’s soccer teams will be held on October 17th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Hunsaker stated that the Student Health Center will be partnering with Panera to raise money for the Student Health Justice Fund.

President Shalabi stated a board meeting will not be held on October 23rd. The next meeting will be held on October 30th at PDC. Mr. Ramirez encouraged the Board to dress up for the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Samantha Coronado
Executive Vice President