ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OCTOBER 30, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President, Amira Shalabi at 1:02 p.m.

Present: Amira Shalabi, Samantha Coronado, AJ Fernandez, Dante Ramirez (Zoom), Heather Sharp (Zoom), Alanna 'Milo' Meza, Seth Whiting, Taslima Mozumder (Zoom), Jason Hicks, Dhruvil Kumbhani, Kim Hunsaker (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Dr. Haakon Brown, Dr. Blanca Martinez-Navarro, Dr. Matthew Smith, Kennedi Jones and Melanie Radan.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Johan Rosales, Alondra Lopez, Swikar Polkharel, Abigail Ochoa, Erik Chavez and ASL Interpreters (2).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 16th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Coronado/Meza: To place BD 72-26 through BD 74-26 on a consent calendar. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Shalabi attended the following: the California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary at CSU Chico, the CSU Student Success Symposium at San Jose University, the CSU San Marcos visit and the KVCR Golf Tournament alongside Dr. Rister. She met with President Gomez.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Coronado met one-on-one with Ms. Stone. She tabled at Direct Admissions Day and PDC alongside Ms. Lopez and Mr. Ramirez to promote Howl Squad. She spoke at the Persist Women's Political Engagement Conference at UC Riverside. The Vacancy Committee met on October 23rd and October 26th to select candidates for the available Board positions.

Vice President of Finance: Mr. Fernandez attended the IT Governance Executive Committee meeting, the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Finance & Contracts Committee meeting and PDC Hockey Night. The first Finance Committee meeting was held on October 20th; they reviewed the budget and funding requests. He gave a brief financial update on expenditures from the following accounts: Grant and Service Programs, CAB and the Activities Committee.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Ramirez attended Coachella State of the City and the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade. He assisted the Philanthropic Foundation with a student feedback survey. He met with Dr. Martinez and Dr. Rodriguez. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) refrigerator system was held on October 19th. The 7th Annual Young Men of California (YMOC) Conference will be held at CSUSB from November 19th to November 20th. The first PDC Advisory Committee meeting was held on October 20th; they discussed the committee's goals and student engagement. The next meeting will be held on November 3rd.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that the quarterly financial report previously presented to the Board was submitted to the CSUSB finance office; a report on the second quarter will be provided in mid-January. The campus-wide DEI programming through the President's Office is underway; the office will begin reviewing applications for funding proposals and partnering with other departments to introduce new initiatives. The ASI professional staff and student teams are developing new initiatives and team goals. Each team has established goals and is in the early stages of development including determining how to track, collect and report data. The office can develop volunteer opportunities across campus and strengthen campus partnerships through its internal goals. He believes ASI has developed a strong internship program that could serve as a model for other departments looking to provide similar opportunities. Sustainability initiatives and opportunities for further campus partnerships are additional areas of focus. Each department prioritizes the development of professional skills that student staff would carry into future careers which aligns with the CSU strategic goal focused on developing transferable skills that can be applied in various professional settings. He attended the KVCR Golf Tournament alongside President Shalabi.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that they received the new ASI polos. She is preparing for Peak; a volunteer sign-up list will be available next week. Mr. Rosales stated that over 100 students attended Wicked Nights. He attended the CSU San Marcos visit. Cosmic Coyote will be held on November 5th and Friendsgiving on November 19th. The Programs team is developing content to promote the Creator Collective Program. Ms. Lopez stated that the RMSC held Lunch and Learn last week. PDC Hockey Night was held on October 23rd. The PDC Hospitality team hosted a panel for Women Leaders to interact with students and held a Hospitality Gala at the JW Marriott. The team is preparing for the PDC Cody Cup.

Sustainability: Ms. Ochoa hosted a garden decorating event and a printmaking event in the Visual Arts Building. The garden crops will soon be donated to the Obershaw DEN in the coming weeks.

Legislative Affairs: Mr. Gonzalez is finalizing the search for the Director of Internal Affairs; a candidate will be appointed in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Kumbhani stated that Lobby Corp has over 15 applications.

Policy Committee: Mr. Kumbhani stated that the first Policy Committee meeting was held today.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 72-26 Appointment of Monica Gutierrez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

BD 73-26 Appointment of Alanna 'Milo' Meza as a Board of Directors representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

BD 74-26 Appointment of Dhruvil Kumbhani as a Board of Directors representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

The consent calendar was approved.

REPORTS:

External Affairs: Mr. Kumbhani hosted Vote and Vibe 2.0 on October 15th. He attended the CSSA Plenary at CSU Chico alongside President Shalabi and visited Chaffey College. Ballot Break was held at PDC. CSUSB is ranked ninth in the California Ballot Bowl. The Lobby Corps applications are being reviewed.

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. Sharp is preparing to host the 2nd Annual College of Arts and Letters Showcase in the spring. She is working with the Performing Arts Center to host the annual comedy night.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Whiting attended Mosaic on October 27th and the CSU San Marcos visit. He is planning a College of Natural Sciences Resource Fair.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Ms. Meza assisted the Programs team with Wicked Nights and tabling for Direct Admissions Day. She attended the Pop Culture Market and spoke at a History Department meeting.

International Representative: Ms. Mozumder attended an event in the International Student Services Department and Lunch with the President.

Students with Disabilities: Mr. Hicks met with Ms. Coronado. He is working to develop a questionnaire regarding campus accessibility for students. He attended the CSU San Marcos visit.

CAMPUS-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Instructionally Related Activities: Mr. Fernandez stated that the first Instructionally Related Activities Committee meeting will take place today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Rister stated that Board members who are planning upcoming events should notify the Programs teams in advance to allow sufficient time for preparation.

Ms. Mozumder stated that the Spirit of the Entrepreneurs Awards will take place on November 12th and that volunteer opportunities will be available.

Mr. Kumbhani stated that in-person voting and ballot drop-off locations are available at the San Bernardino campus and PDC on November 3rd.

Ms. Stone stated that applications for the Creator Collective Program are now open.

Mr. Whiting stated that he will host a workshop on November 4th to teach students how to read a scientific paper.

President Shalabi stated that a campus visit to San Diego State University is scheduled for November 19th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Samantha Coronado
Executive Vice President