ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 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 (Zoom), Heather Sharp, Alanna 'Milo' Meza (Zoom), Kennedi Jones, Seth Whiting, Taslima Mozumder, Jason Hicks, Dhruvil Kumbhani, Dr. Blanca Martinez-Navarro, Dr. Matthew Smith and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Melanie Radan, Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Haakon Brown.

Guests: Steven Griffin, Herbert Gonzalez, Swikar Polkharel, Johan Rosales and ASL Interpreters (2).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 2nd were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Ramirez/Fernandez: To place BD 64-26 through BD 65-26 on consent calendar A. Passed unanimously.

M/S Fernandez/Whiting: To place BD 66-26 through BD 69-26 on consent calendar B. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Shalabi is planning to visit additional CSU Campuses. She is also collaborating on events with President Gomez and Summer Steele. The campus budget open forum will be held next week.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Coronado attended Representative Pete Aguilar's press conference regarding basic needs and the importance of food assistance programs. She is promoting campus-wide committees to students. The Vacancy Committee has completed interviews for the Board of Directors Housing Representative.

Vice President of Finance: Mr. Fernandez is working with Ms. Robles to begin holding the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee meetings. The first Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 20th.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Ramirez will hold the first Palm Desert Advisory Committee meeting on October 20th. He met with the Philanthropic Foundation regarding food access for students. He gave two additional classroom presentations and attended Fall Fest.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that ASI's expenses for the first quarter decreased from approximately $627,000.00 in the previous fiscal year to $513,000.00 this year, reflecting an 18% decrease in spending. The decrease is due to more precise spending on marketing materials and programming as well as vacant staff positions. The financial office will transfer approximately $1.7 million in ASI student fees collected by the state which includes summer fees. ASI projected approximately $1.6 million in revenue but received approximately $1.7 million after accounting for reduced fees and waivers. Fee and waiver deductions for the fall and spring semesters total approximately $176,000.00 with the current under projection at approximately $173,000.00. The spring revenue will provide a clearer picture of the year-end financial position.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Affairs: Mr. Gonzalez stated that Vote and Vibe 2.0 will be held on October 15th. A survey was sent to students who attended the ASI and SMSU retreat over the summer to gather feedback on their experience. The survey focused on four learning outcomes: teamwork, collaboration, personal growth & goal setting and adaptability. Most students agreed or somewhat agreed that these outcomes were met. Feedback on the overall experience, lodging and comfort, sessions, breakout sessions and organization was generally positive. The bonfire, s'mores and evening games were among the most popular activities with plans to consider bringing them back for future retreats. Concerns and suggestions were also collected and will be shared with the team to help guide planning for the 2027 summer retreat.

Sustainability: Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Fall Printmaking event will be held on October 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Visual Arts building.

Programs: Mr. Rosales stated that the CSUSB x Feruza Regida collaborative merch will be available to buy at Homecoming on October 10th. An additional Activities Committee appointment will be placed on the agenda. The Programs team tabled for Direct Admissions Day.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chief Griffin, University Police Department (UPD) briefly introduced himself. He briefly discussed his experience in community-based policing. He is encouraging his officers to be engaged with the campus community, attend events and collaborate with ASI and campus clubs. UPD is working to provide permanent services at PDC; an officer will soon be assigned to the campus. UPD will soon fill two officer vacancies and a Lieutenant vacancy which will give the department 18 officers in total. Coffee with a Cop was held on October 8th; many students attended and were interested in the Community Service Officer position that the department offers. UPD will collaborate with ASI in Spring for Splash into Spring Break.

Mr. Hicks inquired into whether UPD has training where they interact with students with disabilities. Chief Griffin explained that there is the Blue Envelope Program developed through the Sheriff's Department; students with disabilities can present a blue envelope with any health or communication concerns to UPD so they know what services to offer.

Mr. Ramirez inquired into whether UPD is planning an event at PDC to introduce the officer who will be assigned to the campus. Chief Griffin explained that there will be a tabling event and social media promotion once the officer is deployed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 62-26 Appointment of Roberto Ramos as the ASI PDC Vice President Pro-Tem.

Passed unanimously.

BD 63-26 Appointment of Kennedi Jones as the ASI Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Passed unanimously.

BD 64-26 Appointment of Angelina Leon as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

BD 65-26 Appointment of Lillian Nelson-Phillips as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

Consent calendar A was approved.

BD 66-26 Appointment of Alondra Lopez as a Corporate representative to the ASI Policy Committee.

BD 67-26 Appointment of Gwendolyn Watson as a Corporate representative to the ASI Policy Committee.

BD 68-26 Appointment of Heather Sharp as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Policy Committee.

BD 69-26 Appointment of Seth Whiting as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Policy Committee.

Consent calendar B was approved.

REPORTS:

External Affairs: Mr. Kumbhani gave 20 classroom presentations and interacted with over 550 students.

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. Sharp served on the Direct Admissions Day student panel. She is collaborating with the Performing Arts Center.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Whiting gave a campus tour for Direct Admissions Day. He will soon collaborate with the Dean of Natural Sciences for an event.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Ms. Meza had a meeting with the Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She is planning to discuss the ASI STAND Goals with students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Coronado reminded the Board to schedule their one-on-one meetings.

Mr. Ramirez stated that the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Fellows Program will have an event at PDC on October 15th.

Ms. Meza stated that Mosaic will be held on October 15th.

Dr. Rister stated that Homecoming will be held on October 10th.

Mr. Kumbhani requested that the Board encourage students who are interested in Lobby Corps to apply. Vote and Vibe 2.0 will be held on October 15th.

Mr. Ramirez stated that the first Board meeting at PDC will be held on October 30th; he encouraged the Board to dress up for the meeting.

President Shalabi stated that next week's Board meeting will be held on Zoom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.



Samantha Coronado
Executive Vice President