ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President, Amira Shalabi at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Amira Shalabi, Samantha Coronado, AJ Fernandez (Zoom), Dante Ramirez, Heather Sharp, Alanna 'Milo' Meza, Seth Whiting, Kennedi Jones, Melanie Radan (Zoom), Taslima Mozumder, Jason Hicks, Dhruvil Kumbani, Dr. Matthew Smith and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Dr. Haakon Brown.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Kim Hunsaker, Johan Rosales, Miguel Millan (Zoom), Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Swikar Pokharel, Ricardo Guevara and ASL Interpreter (1).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of August 28th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Shalabi attended Welcome Back Pack at PDC, Lunch with the President and the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Board of Directors meeting. She spoke at the swearing-in ceremony for the newly appointed CSUSB Chief of Police, Steven Griffin.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Coronado sent out an email listing the upcoming Vacancy Committee meeting dates; the first meeting will be held next week. She has been appointed to the IT Governance Committee and the Sustainability Committee. She attended Waves and Donuts with the Dean.

Vice President of Finance: Mr. Fernandez is working with the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee. He was appointed to the SMSU Finance Committee and the Philanthropic Foundation Audit Committee.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Ramirez has conducted several interviews with applicants for the Palm Desert Advisory Committee; he will hold additional interviews next week. He was appointed to the Philanthropic Foundation Advocacy & Community Engagement Committee as an ad hoc member. He is planning to introduce himself as the Vice President of PDC at the Homecoming Kickoff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister met with Dr. Smith, Dr. Sudhakar and Sesar Morfin regarding budgeting and finances. There is a new process for reviewing the financials of the campus auxiliaries; it will focus on revenue and debt-to-service ratio. ASI does not have debt-to-service ratio requirements and is therefore exempt from that area. The CSU Office will receive quarterly updates on ASI's financials. ASI has approximately $145,000.00 in expenditures since July 1st. The Office of Student Research and Engagement (OSR) has utilized approximately $18,000.00 since July 1st to cover student travel, reimbursements and lab resources. He will be meeting with Jessica Carrillo in two weeks to review policies and procedures related to the distribution of financial resources.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone and her team will be attending the AdobeMax conference. The ASI Marketing Intern application will close today at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Rosales is in the process of reviewing the applications for the San Bernardino Programs Specialist position. Waves was held last night. Safety Walk will be held on September 17th. Mr. Millan assisted the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) with Welcome Back Pack. He mentioned that PDC students are actively engaged and getting involved with ASI. They are currently promoting Pizza with the President.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms. Wymer-Lucero, Director of Alumni Relations, briefly introduced herself. She stated that the Office of Alumni Relations will be partnering with the Office of Academic Success and Undergraduate Advising (ASUA) to implement new Career Ready workshops. These workshops consist of six lessons; once completed, students will receive a micro-credential that they can include on their resume. The first workshop will be held on September 15th.

Dr. Rister inquired into how ASI can support these workshops. Ms. Wymer-Lucero explained that ASI can assist with promoting the workshops to students.

Mr. Ramirez asked if these workshops will be held on both campuses. Ms. Wymer-Lucero stated that the program will initially be held at the San Bernardino campus and will be held at PDC the following year.

Mr. Hicks asked for clarification on how this program benefits students. Ms. Wymer-Lucero explained that students who complete the program will receive a free micro-credential.

Ms. Mozumder inquired if the micro-credential will be visible in student transcripts, to which Ms. Wymer-Lucero confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Shalabi passed the gavel to Ms. Coronado.

BD 46-26 M/S Shalabi/Rister: Appointment of Kim Hunsaker as the Staff Council Representative to the Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Ms. Shalabi explained that Ms. Hunsaker previously served as the Staff Council representative; she is now being reappointed to the role.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
In Favor: Shalabi, Fernandez, Coronado, Ramirez, Sharp, Meza, Jones, Radan, Mozumder, Hicks, Dr. Smith and Dr. Rister.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (12/0/0)

BD 47-26 M/S Shalabi/Ramirez: Adoption of the 2026-2027 STAND Objectives.

Ms. Shalabi stated that the 2026-2027 STAND Objectives were developed during the summer. She briefly reviewed the objectives with the Board.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
In Favor: Shalabi, Fernandez, Coronado, Ramirez, Sharp, Meza, Jones, Radan, Mozumder, Hicks, Dr. Smith and Dr. Rister.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (12/0/0)

REPORTS:

External Affairs: Mr. Kumbhani is in the process of contacting other CSU campuses and universities. He will connect with California Polytechnic State University Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) for the California State Students Association (CSSA).

Athletics: Ms. Jones is working with athletes to plan events that include the various sports and athletic teams on campus.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Whiting introduced himself to first-year students as the Natural Sciences representative. He is connecting with clubs within the College of Natural Sciences.

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. Sharp met with the Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center. She is continuing to work with the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA).
She is starting an initiative to increase recognition of Arts and Letters students on campus.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Ms. Meza attended Waves and Donuts with the Dean.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Coronado stated that the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) is looking for student representatives.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the SMSU Board of Directors development day will be held next Friday, September 11th; it will be held once a month. The civic engagement campaign Voice Your Choice has been launched. Vote and Vibe will be held on Tuesday, September 15th.

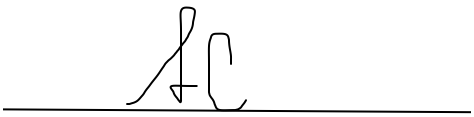
Ms. Hunsaker stated that the Health Center will be holding two Optometry Clinics on September 23rd and October 28th.

Ms. Stone mentioned that the ASI Marketing Intern job includes creating promotional content and tabling events. Dr. Rister stated that the Marketing Intern gets a $1,000.00 stipend for their services.

Dr. Smith stated that the campus Pow Wow will be held from September 18th through September 20th. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th and Hispanic Serving Institution Week will be held from September 15th through September 20th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



Samantha Coronado
Executive Vice President