

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daisy Ramos at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Alfredo Barcenas, Suany Echevarria, Paola Galvez, Daria Graham, Savreen Kaur, Jessica Madrigal, Angelique Melendrez, Paz Oliverez, Daisy Ramos, Nathaly Ramos, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, and Michael Vazquez.

Absent: Angel Contreras (unexcused) and Beth Steffel.

Guests: Siddharth Jindal, Mary Robles, Kudakwashe Magwenzi, Dianna Samantha Solis, Marina Stone, and Julia Ruiz.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of April 11th were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Ramos stated that she met with the student trustee Reynes and advocated for there to be a representative from the SB and PDC campus on the commencement planning committee. She met with two candidates running for the CSSA President position. She encouraged the board members to complete their SOTES.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Galvez announced the Safety Walk will be taking place on May 2nd. She has attended VETI Committee meetings. The search committee has been in the process of interviewing for an executive director.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Echevarria is on the Search Committee for the Vice President of Finance. She will be working on proposals for the 2022-2023 IRA Committee.

Interim Executive Director: Mr. Barcenas stated that the headliner for Coyote Fest will be Tinashe. The end of year reports is being worked on. He reminded the Board their position term is active until June 30th. He deferred to Ms. Stone to give a detailed report on behalf of programs.

International: Ms. Kaur is on the search committee for the new dean of CGI. On May 9th CGI will be hosting a spring commencement reception for all international students.

Palm Desert Representative: Ms. Melendrez hosted the press conference to advocate for more funding at the Palm Desert Campus from the State.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 26-22 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Revision of the ASI Personnel Policy. (Second Reading)

Mr. Barcenas explained the edits members received included the academic support language.

Ms. Galvez explained that it came to her attention that the personnel policy didn't implement paid time leave for individuals who have emergencies such as birth of a child or adoption. She believed it's important to advocate for those factors in employees lives for that 12-week period.

Section 3, Coordination of Benefits

To Add:

and Pay for the Time Off Due to Birth or Placement of Child

Notwithstanding that family care and medical leaves are generally unpaid, time off that taken under this policy for the birth of a child or placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care will be paid up to 30 days of the employee's regular pay when the time off commences no later than 60 days after the birth or placement of the child. If leave commences more than 60 days after the birth or placement of the child, the time off will be unpaid.

Ms. Echevarria inquired where this is implemented on the budget. Mr. Barcenas explained this is already part of employee's salaries, so it wouldn't change.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Romero inquired if this is the only change on the policy. Mr. Barcenas reviewed the changes made.

M/S Barcenas/Melendrez: To add paid time off for a birth or placement of a child. Passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Barcenas, Graham, Kaur, Madrigal, Melendrez, Oliverez, Romero, Vazquez and Ramos.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Torres

Passed (9/0/1).

BD 27-22 M/S Vazquez/Barcenas: Revision of the ASI Bylaws. (Second Reading)

Mr. Barcenas briefly reviewed the changes that made to the bylaws.

To add the following subsections:

Section 6, Subsection Special Advisors (a-6)(a-7):

To add: “May participate as members on Committees.”

To add: “Are exempt from BoD Meeting attendance requirements.”

Section 5, Subsection General Elections (c.)

To strike: “In any election, no endorsement by ASI or it’s executive officers, directors, chairs, or employees of the corporation in their position may be stated or implied. The current and past ASI logo cannot be used in any campaigning materials unless otherwise approved by the Election Coordinator. Specifics of provisions will be stated in the ASI Elections Policy.”

The Following Subsections were removed:

Section 2, Subsection Composition (a-2) (a-10):

To strike: “One director from the Palm Desert Campus.”

To strike: “One director representing Sustainability.”

Section 2, Wages (d.)

To remove:

- b. Entitled to a supplemental scholarship to be indexed against the in-state fees designated and/or revised by the California State University Chancellors Office. This scholarship may not be applied to past or future fees.

To add:

- b. Summer on campus housing options.

Discussion ensued.

Section 8, General Responsibilities (a.)

To add:

- a. Board members who fail to meet their committee requirements throughout academic year may be removed from office.

- b. Board members who fail to establish and attend office hours during the academic year may be removed from office.
- c. Not miss more than 4 meetings in an academic year. Board members who fail to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings in an academic year will be removed from office. An attendance report shall be kept from Executive Vice President.
- d. Reports. Board Members are required to submit written reports on behalf of their constituency the last Wednesday of every month to the ASI board chair (not including summer) Those reports must be placed on the ASI website.
- e. Training and Orientations. Board members will be found in breach of their responsibilities if they fail to attend meetings or orientations. Excusal from these responsibilities will require written communication submitted to the ASI President ahead of time. A training and orientation may only be considered mandatory after majority of the BoD has voted in favor of having one at regularly scheduled meeting. Board members may only be excused for valid medical emergencies or illnesses.

M/S Barcenas/Vasquez: Postpone the Bylaws for a third reading. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 31-22 M/S Barcenas/Madrigal: Approval of the 2022-2023 ASI Budget. (First Reading)

Mr. Barcenas gave a presentation on the budget for 2022-23. He explained the different components it includes such as mandatory funding, the new CA Minimum wage laws, removal of box office, and increase of cost recovery charges.

He went over the new budget items, including the Office of Board of Education Policy and Legal Initiatives, new student roles, and the ASI Community Garden.

Discussion ensued.

President Ramos commended Mr. Barcenas for his hard work on the presentation.

Ms. Echevarria asked for a breakdown of the allotment of funds for cost recovery. Ms. Robles informed the board about her presentation she'd share with them via email to answer those questions.

Ms. Melendrez explained her conversations at the Palm Desert Campus, they may need to raise student fees to be able to provide more funding for the building. Ms. Robles explained the student referendum and deferred the conversation to Mr. Barcenas.

Mr. Barcenas explained the different alternative consultation processes that affect the referendums. He offered to answer further questions or explain one on one about the budget.

Discussion closed.

BD 32-22 M/S Vazquez/Melendrez: Confirmation of the 2022 ASI Election Results.

Mr. Jindal commended everyone for their hard work during elections week. He thanked Mr. Barcenas, advisors, and the ASI Elections Committee for their support. He announced the results of the elections and the Howl Grant recipients.

Mr. Vazquez stated that there was a voter increase this year.

President Ramos commended Mr. Jindal and the Elections Committee for their hard work throughout the elections process.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Barcenas, Graham, Madrigal, Melendrez, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, and Ramos.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Torres

Passed (8/0/0).

BD 33-22 M/S Romero/Torres: Creation of an awareness week for Endometriosis

Ms. Romero explained the importance of Endometriosis and how it impacts 1 in 10 women. She stated that it is important to have an awareness week to show support since it impacts some of the student population.

Ms. Echevarria and Ms. Galvez commended Ms. Romero for bringing this item to the Board.

Discussion closed.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

President Ramos encouraged the Board to complete their SOTES and to remind their peers. Coyote Fest will take place on May 6th.

Ms. Echevarria stated that the Osher-Adult Re-Entry Center will be hosting a family picnic on April 30th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President