### ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC. California State University, San Bernardino

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

**OCTOBER 1, 2019** 

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

Present: Adonis Galarza, Helen Martinez, Kristy Robles, Yingtai Xu, Suany Echevarria, Doris Egbo, Mark Sanchez, Marilyn Lua, Marvin Macharia, Miao Zhang, Jonathan Lowell (Zoom), Jesse Felix and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Dr. Angela Horner (excused) and Yomara Donis (excused).

Guests: Alejandro Garcia, Alfredo Barcenas, Yera Nanan, Nicholas Flowers, Charlotte Iradjpanah, Sage Keyner, Brittany Montenegro and Ray He.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Lowell stated that he was present for the Board meeting on September 24th.

Mr. Macharia corrected the spelling of Dean Pantulhe to Dean Pantula.

M/S Lowell/ Macharia: To approve the minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Passed unanimously.

The minutes of September 24, 2019 were approved with the above corrections.

### REPORTS:

Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Lowell reported that he is currently working on recruiting students to the PDC Advisory Committee. He met with the PDC Life Committee to discuss the technology and resources that CSUSB has to offer.

*President of Finance:* Ms. Robles reported that she met with a representative from Accounting to make a report of the ASI expenses during the summer.

President's Representative: Dr. Oliverez reported that the Title IX Training deadline is fast approaching and recommends that flyers are reposted on social media.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix reported that the summer program went well. He congratulated Brittany Montenegro and the ASI Graphics team for creating an amazing planner and ASI stickers, and also for increasing our followers on social media. Mr. Felix deferred his time to Brittany Montenegro, Sage Keyner and Alfredo Barcenas. Ms. Montenegro provided an update on marketing materials and requested feedback from the Board. Ms. Keyner updated the Board on El Grito, Student Convocation and Late Night. Mr. Barcenas informed the Board that Ciera Hammond, Director of External Affairs will email them every two weeks to provide a legislative affairs update.

College Of Arts and Letters: Ms. Echevarria reported that during the time she was tabling for the "Ask Me" booth, students came with concerns regarding classes.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Dr. Oliverez/Lua: To vote on adoption of agenda. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted.

#### OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Garcia reported that 11% of the student population is experiencing homelessness and 39% of 40% are experiencing frequent security issues. Mr. Garcia invited the Board to attend the meetings with him in order to raise awareness. He proposed having an event full of services for all students. Homelessness Awareness is November 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. California State University Dominguez Hills usually celebrates awareness for seven days. Dr. Paz referred Mr. Garcia to the Basic Needs Committee.

Ms. Iradjpanah stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She stated that she will be meeting with the Victor Valley community to discuss public transportation. She made a complaint against the Student Union in regards to accessibility.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Yera Nanan, President of The Movement gave a brief presentation about The Movement. Mr. Nanan wants to create a home for those students that consider themselves African American and make a movement of change, advocacy and resources. He stated that the number of African Americans on this campus has decreased (currently at 984 students). Mr. Nanan encourages the Board to take action and give African American students the opportunity to be in the same leadership positions. He announced that Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) meetings take place on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Pan-African Center and directly following the Black Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. in the Cross Cultural Center. Mr. Felix offered to announce ASI open positions during the SAAB meetings.

Nicholas Flowers, SAAB Lead Coordinator added that incoming African American freshmen feel that they do not have a voice on our campus. He encourages the Board to market towards the African American community, so they can be involved and feel like they have a voice on campus.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

BD 75-19 M/S Felix/Lowell: Resolution honoring the services of Susan Avery.

Mr. Felix stated that the resolution is a one time scholarship and the amount is open for discussion as well as the resolution.

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Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Ms. Robles expressed the concern of not knowing the cost of enrolling children at the Children's Center.

M/S Felix/Egbo: To table this item until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### BD 79-19 M/S Felix/Macharia: Review of Financial Statements for year ending June 30 2019

Ms. Robles gave a brief presentation regarding how funding allocation works.

Discussion followed by questions from the Board.

### BD 80-19 M/S Zhang/Felix: Appointment of Miao Zhang as Board of Director Representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Zhang stated that she would like to be part of the Finance Committee to learn the financial structure of the organization.

Passed unanimously.

### BD 81-19 M/S Lowell/Zhang: Appointment of Marvin Macharia as Board of Director Representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Robles stated that three Board of Directors representatives are needed to sit on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Macharia explained that last year he was a member of two clubs and this would be a good experience.

Passed unanimously.

# BD 82-19 M/S Sanchez/Lowell: Appointment of John Pham as student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Robles stated that John Pham was part of last year's committee and was awarded for being the best Finance Committee member.

Passed unanimously.

### BD 83-19 M/S Echevarria/Lua: Appointment of Bassem Rizkalla as student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Robles explained that Mr. Rizkalla brings experience that will benefit the Committee.

Passed unanimously.

### BD 84-19 M/S Lowell/Macharia: Appointment of Leonardo Becerra as student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Robles stated that Mr. Becerra is a returning Committee member.

Passed unanimously.

### BD 85-19 M/S Lowell/Sanchez: Appointment of Lackvir Kaur as student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Robles stated that Ms. Lackvir was a member of the Activities Committee last year.

Passed unanimously.

# BD 86-19 M/S Lua/Sanchez: Appointment of Natalie Martinez as student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Lua explained that in reviewing Ms. Martinez' application, she admires the fact that she is a freshman taking initiative to be involved in ASI.

Passed unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Lowell announced that Fall Fest will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at PDC.

Ms. Robles announced that the first CAB workshop will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She stated that she will have a CAB workshop at PDC on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Galarza reminded the Board to submit their reports by the end of the day.

Mr. Macharia announced that the College of Natural Sciences will have a Town Hall meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and he encouraged the Board to set up their programs.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Helen Martinez

Executive Vice President