

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the President, Adonis Galarza at 12:06 p.m.

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

Guests: Jared Brito, Joe Salas and Charlotte Iradjpanah.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 8th were approved.

REPORTS:

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Macharia reported that he met with the Ad-Hoc Vacancy Committee on October 18th to review the applications. They were unable to make a final decision given that some members were absent. A new meeting will be scheduled. He reported that he attended the State of Hate meeting.

House Representative: Ms. Lua reported that she was appointed as secretary for the Coyote Dining Campus Committee. There will be a Coyote Dining Campus Committee on November 4th.

Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Lowell congratulated everyone who worked on Homecoming. He reported that he was invited to join the program meeting with the Dean of PDC to discuss where they want to see PDC in the next five years.

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Donis reported that she attended the Shared Governance meeting alongside Mr. Macharia, Ms. Robles, Mr. Lowell and Ms. Martinez.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Robles reported that she held a CAB workshop at PDC last week. The Finance Committee just approved \$15,000.00 for the Census project and it will be brought to the Board in next week's meeting for presentation. She announced that there is an opening on the IRA Committee and encouraged the Board to join.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Martinez reported that she attended a meeting with Natalie Cleary to discuss how they can keep students engaged and aware.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix reported that the Spirit of Guelaguetza was a success. He stated that 2,300 planners were successfully distributed to students. Mr. Felix explained that the funds generated for ASI through campus fees will be brought to the Board for discussion on how it will

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be allocated; there was a \$10,362.00 delta. Mr. Felix congratulated Mr. Lowell on holding his first PDC Advisory Committee. During the State of Hate meeting, there was a request for ASI to provide food for the event.

Executive President: Mr. Galarza reported that he attended the Graduation Initiative Symposium 2025 in Sacramento; he stated that the CSU graduation rates are at its highest. Mr. Galarza explained that a letter of opposition was adopted at CSSA for the quantitative reasoning proposal which was introduced by the Chancellors Office. This proposal adds an additional requirement to incoming high school freshman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Dr. Oliverez/Felix: To amend the agenda to add the following item:

BD 96-19: Discussion of the UC and CSU Anti-Bias Training Pilot Program. Passed (12/0/0).

M/S Felix/Donis: To add a Time Certain for Joe Salas at 12:35 p.m. Passed (12/0/0).

The agenda was adopted as amended.

OPEN FORUM:

Charlotte Iradjpanah informed the Board that she would be attending a meeting with Dining Services.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Joe Salas, Community Organizer recognized the Board for all their hard work. He explained that his idea for ASI is to participate in San Bernardino Decides 2020. This is an event where the presidential candidates will visit the San Bernardino community and an ASI representative will ask questions regarding the community. He adds that ASI can ask questions of Bernie Sanders in regards to how he can help the City of San Bernardino and the Inland Empire County as a whole. He encouraged the Board to help fight for homelessness and foster youth community.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 92-19 M/S Donis/Felix: Appointment of Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Ms. Robles explained that according to the bylaws, the individual must be someone on the Finance Committee. The only qualified members are Marvin Macharia and Miao Zhang.

Mr. Macharia nominated Ms. Zhang; the nomination was accepted.

Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 94-19 M/S Edgo/Lua: Discussion of basic needs on campus.

Mr. Galarza explained that this item is to discuss and advocate on behalf of students regarding their basic needs. There will be a Homelessness Awareness week during the month of November. He explained that students have been asking for fruit vendors and he would like to see how the Board would address that matter.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Dr. Horner recommended that faculty have a confidential notification on a student who is having an issue.

Mr. Macharia encouraged the Board to promote and destigmatize the need for Cal Fresh.

Ms. Martinez mentioned that basic needs is not only about homelessness or food insecurity but about mental health as well. She recommended researching and reviewing the study conducted by the CSU system that addresses the issues of basic needs. The Student Health Advisory Committee is thinking of writing a letter and bringing it to the Board or ASI to remove the fee on space rentals.

Ms. Robles explained that students are having trouble finding the Den. She encourages the Board to take action and suggested that the Den be moved into the San Manuel Student Union (SMSU). Ms. Robles added that while visiting California State University Los Angeles (CSULA) to view their basic needs programs, they had a restaurant where students can get healthy food options for low prices.

Mr. Felix explained that it would be difficult to load food for the Den due to the SMSU not having a loading dock. He specified that last year, ASI, UEC and Housing donated funds towards food carts and suggested to make it happen again. Mr. Felix will be scheduling a meeting with Michael Casadonte, Director of Digital Transformation to discuss how to help combat food insecurity. Mr. Felix explained that the problem with food vendors is that there is a charge for space rental at \$75.00 dollars per day. The Health Center requested that the Finance Committee pay the fees to have the fruit vendors on campus but the Committee believed that the campus should have waived the fee instead.

Dr. Oliverez recommended collaborating with Natalie Cleary, Basic Needs Coordinator, whose role is to address basic needs. She encouraged the Board to consider looking at what other campuses do about basic needs and how the Board can adopt ideas on campus.

Discussion closed.

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BD 95-19 M/S Donis/Lowell: Establishment of goals and priorities for ASI Board of Directors.

Mr. Galarza explained that this item is to establish a clear goal for the organization. A policy agenda is in the works. He urged the Board to fill out the Qualtrics survey to set goals for the academic year.

Mr. Felix stated that they have discussed the policy agenda for the year and the idea is once the Board has responded to the Qualtrics, they are to view what everyone would like to address this year. The data will be brought to the next Board meeting and the top agenda items will be identified.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Discussion closed.

BD 96-19 M/S Oliverez/Lua: Discussion of UC and CSU Antibias Training and Pilot Program.

Dr. Oliverez explained that this item is a partnership with the University of California system to deliver Anti Bias training to promote diversity and inclusion, ensuring that those individuals selected are trained and are capable to train others to develop an inclusive culture across campus. The Four constituents' groups that are being targeted are senior administrators, faculty, staff and student leaders. She was asked to assign ten student leaders for the program. She encouraged the Board to ask for her help if needed. The deadline to apply is November 7th.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Discussion closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Macharia announced that Judy Cruz will be moving to a different position and he believes that it will be a disservice to the students. He explained that Ms. Cruz introduced him to the many resources that the campus has to offer.

Ms. Donis announced that her open forum is being held on October 23rd from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Jack Brown.

Mr. Galarza announced that a mass of student emails have been banned by ITS and must go through an approval process.

Mr. Lowell announced that an open forum to address student needs is being held this October

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24th at PDC.

Mr. Felix announced that during the Faculty Senate there was a discussion regarding the prices of books.

Dr. Horner announced that on October 24th, the Great Pumpkin patch will be held by Recreation and Wellness.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Helen Martinez
Executive Vice President