

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:36 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson (late), Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara (Zoom), James Chalk, Dalaiah Graham, Denise Laughlin, Jessie McVicker, Dr. Daria Jackson-Graham (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Oluwaseyi Adeoye, Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Arnim Cerella, Elizabeth Puga and Kya Sauls.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 6th were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo announced that Nathan Sandoval submitted his resignation and will no longer serve as the Student-at-Large representative. He attended CSSA and the CSU Young Males of Color Conference this past week. He held his first Pizza with The Prez event on October 12th and plans on holding the next one on November 30th. He is working with the CSSA staff on having CSUSB host one of the conferences for the next academic year. He deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs and Ms. Stone who gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon attended the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) Summit. Next week, he will have an opportunity to have meetings with various counselors across the Coachella Valley to discuss the opportunities available to students at the Palm Desert Campus (PDC).

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk stated that a workshop discussing research opportunities was held on October 10th.

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Alapati stated that Tea with The Dean has been changed to Desserts with The Dean.

Housing: Ms. Graham had a meeting with the Associate Director for Residential Education, Holly Allar; the Director for Housing and Residential Education, Jon Merchant and the Residence Halls Association (RHA) Director, Destiny Shavers. They all agreed to meet individually twice a month to discuss various issues.

College of Arts & Letters: Ms. McVicker spoke on a panel with California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) representatives to about 300 students from the Rialto Unified School District on October 10th. She is working on scheduling a day for her monthly meeting with the Dean. She attended the First Year Mixer on October 12th.

External Affairs: Ms. Sauls stated that she attended CSSA this past week. The Young Legislators event hosted by Assembly Member Eloise Gómez Reyes will be held on October 20th from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. She will be tabling on October 16th and 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to help recruit students to Lobby Corps.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister attended the CSU Young Males of Color Conference in San Diego on October 9th and 10th. The Hispanic Heritage Month Committee will be holding its final event on October 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at SMSU South.

ASI Advisor: Dr. Jackson-Graham attended the Campus-Wide Safety Committee meeting on October 10th. She met with a group of twelve students to discuss the Black Student Success report this past week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mx. Ruiz.

BD 78-23 M/S Fajardo/McVicker: Appointment of Viviana Cabrera as a Corporate representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.

Mr. Fajardo spoke in favor of Ms. Cabrera.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Graham, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon, Rister and Jackson-Graham.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Fajardo.

Passed (9/0/1).

BD 79-23 M/S Fajardo/Chalk: Appointment of Kya Sauls as Chair of the ASI Policy Committee.

Mr. Fajardo spoke in favor of Ms. Sauls.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Graham, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon, Rister and Jackson-Graham.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: Fajardo.
Passed (9/0/1).

Mx. Ruiz passed the gavel to President Fajardo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Young Legislators event will be held on October 20th; he asked the Board to RSVP via email by October 16th. On Friday, he will be leaving campus at 3:00 p.m. to attend Fall Fest at the PDC campus and offered a ride to Board members if needed. He plans on holding a campus cleanup later in the semester.

Mr. Rister stated that a Spirit Cart will be available with free spirit materials for students on Thursdays.

Dr. Jackson-Graham stated that Hispanic Heritage Month will close out on October 16th with a celebration in SMSU South from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ History Month will close out on October 24th with a celebration on the SMSU North Court Patio from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The open house for SMSU South will be held on November 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Ruiz', is written over a horizontal line.

Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President