

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:37 a.m.

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

Absent: Kim Hunsaker, Denise Laughlin and Dr. Paz Oliverez

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Marco Jimenez, Ramtin Ranjpour, Sharlin Vaz, Kya Sauls, Brandon Sierra, Bruce Hagan, Naidelyn Ramirez, Alex Espinoza and Nasir Harris.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 20th were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended the Graduation Initiative 2025 Conference and the Faculty Senate meeting this week. He had a meeting with Brandon Martinez, a CSSA staff member, to discuss the possibility of CSUSB hosting a conference for the next academic year. He attended the Residence Halls Association (RHA) Spooktacular event on October 26th. 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.

Executive Vice President: Mx. Ruiz has been working on creating marketing material to advertise Howl Squad.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson stated that CAB has currently dispersed around \$5,000 to clubs and organizations. The Finance Committee has a meeting today at 4:00 p.m.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon stated that Angela Allen, the Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute invited him to join the Color Art Campus Committee. He attended his first meeting this week where they discussed the committee's goal of painting a mural at the Palm Desert Campus (PDC). He met with Margaret Phillips, President of the PDC History Club. The PDC Advisory Committee hopes to have more guests at their meetings.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk had a 1:1 meeting with Dr. Hassija last week. The President's DEI Board will be meeting with the Alumni and Community Outreach subcommittee on November 2nd. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board will be holding its first meeting on November 28th.

Athletics: Ms. Blackwell stated that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) held a fundraiser for the month of October where students could donate socks in the two bins located in the Kinesiology Department. She is planning a More Than An Athlete event where student athletes will be recognized for their hobbies rather than their sports.

International: Mr. Balsara had a 1:1 meeting with Dr. Oh on October 24th. The College of Extended and Global Education is hosting a Multicultural Fashion Show.

Housing: Ms. Graham stated that RHA hosted a forum for students to address their concerns.

Student-at-Large: Ms. Adeoye attended the Young Legislators event on October 20th. She plans on scheduling 1:1 meetings with students who commute more than two hours to learn why they decided to attend CSUSB and to learn how ASI could better support them. The Vacancy Committee will be reviewing the Student-at-Large and the College of Natural Sciences applications.

College of Arts & Letters: Ms. McVicker stated that the Theatre Arts Department has been hosting a Halloween event which ends on October 28th. The University Art Advisory Committee had a meeting on October 13th.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister has been communicating with the Office of the Registrar about implementing Howl Squad into priority registration.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brandon Sierra, Assistant Director for Technology Support Center introduced himself. He stated that the new digital Coyote OneCard will be launched on November 1st. This Monday and Tuesday they will be hosting a Zoom meeting for students to view a live demo of how the Coyote OneCard will work. He demonstrated to the Board how the Coyote OneCard will work. He plans on having the Coyote OneCard available through mobile wallets by next fall. SOTEs will start on November 6th and will conclude on November 27th.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 82-23 M/S Blackwell/Adeoye: Appointment of Diego Rendon as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.

Mx. Ruiz spoke in favor of Mr. Rendon.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, McVicker, Rister and Jackson-Graham.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: Rendon.
Passed (10/0/1).

BD 83-23 M/S Adeoye/McVicker: Appointment of James Chalk as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.

Mx. Ruiz spoke in favor of Mr. Chalk.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Fajardo, Graham, McVicker, Rendon, Rister and Jackson-Graham.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: Chalk.
Passed (10/0/1).

BD 84-23 M/S Rister/Chalk: California state increase for minimum wage from \$15.50 to \$16.00 starting January 1, 2024.

Dr. Rister stated that the State of California will be increasing minimum wage to \$16.00 an hour starting January 1st.

Mx. Ruiz asked if this would affect pro-staff wages. Dr. Rister stated that currently there is a proposal being viewed by the Finance Committee to increase all student workers and pro-staff wages by three percent.

Discussion closed.

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mx. Ruiz

BD 85-23 M/S Fajardo/Rister: Discussion on implementing greater representation for Clubs and Organizations on the ASI Board of Directors.

President Fajardo stated that he would like to see more representation for clubs and organizations on the Board. He thinks this position will give clubs the chance to share their struggles and advocate for the resources they need.

Ms. Hudson recommended having one representative for Greek life and one representative for clubs since each have their own struggles.

Ms. Adeoye asked if the representative would need to be in a leadership position in their club or organization in order to be considered. President Fajardo stated that it is preferable if the representative is in a leadership position and have a year of experience.

Dr. Jackson-Graham recommended having a student involvement and engagement committee in order for all students to have the opportunity to advocate for their committees and organizations.

Ms. Sauls recommended that the Director of Internal Affairs oversee the committee in order to avoid any biases.

Mr. Rendon stated that a representative that could connect OSLE and the clubs would be crucial for PDC since currently club engagement is limited.

Discussion closed.

BD 86-23 M/S Blackwell/Fajardo: Discussion on implementing greater representation for Students with Disabilities on the ASI Board of Directors.

President Fajardo stated that he would like students with disabilities to be represented on the Board and be able to voice their specific concerns with accessibility on campus.

Ms. Adeoye mentioned that the representative would need to be provided with the proper accommodations.

Ms. Hudson stated that students with disabilities should have the opportunity to voice their opinions on what guidelines the description of the position should have. President Fajardo agreed and stated that they could set up a survey or find ways to have a direct conversation with students with disabilities.

Dr. Rister stated that he has already met with the Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD) Director and mentioned that she is in favor of the position. The Director recommended appointing someone who is registered with SSD. She also indicated that there are student leaders within their office and recommended potentially reaching out to those individuals regarding the position.

M/S Rister/McVicker: To extend the BoD meeting for 10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Rendon stated that the resources for students with disabilities at PDC are extremely limited and thinks a student advocate would be a great idea.

Discussion closed.

Mx. Ruiz passed the gavel to President Fajardo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. McVicker stated that the Theatre Arts Department's first performance of the year will be Agatha Christie's Murder on The Orient Express from November 10th to the 19th at 8:00 p.m. She hopes to plan an ASI night at the Theatre where ASI could potentially sponsor tickets.

Mr. Rendon stated that on November 3rd he will be giving a speech about ASI to roughly 250 juniors and seniors from Coachella Valley.

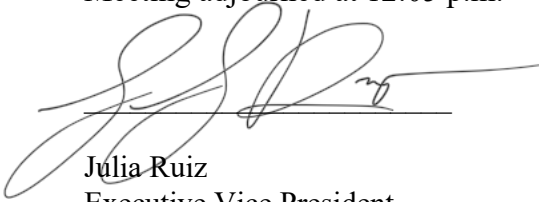
Ms. Blackwell stated that today there are two soccer games at 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. On November 5th there will be two soccer games at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that there will be a Dia de Los Muertos Dance held at PDC on November 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

President Fajardo asked Board members to give him a week's notice if they need a zoom link for the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President