

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 1, 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), Oluwaseyi Adeoye, Sri Alapati, Dr. Daria Graham (Zoom) Kim Hunsaker, Denise Laughlin, Jessie McVicker and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Dr. Paz Oliverez

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, John Gutierrez and James Chalk.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of August 25th were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo met with John Griffin and Michelle Mondorf from University Enterprises Corporation (UEC) and Chair Angelica Agudo from the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Board of Directors to discuss how UEC will be working with the SMSU Board. He attended the Welcome Black Barbeque last week. He met with the Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Advisory Committee. He is working on setting up a meeting with the Department of Strategic Communication to discuss the ASI logo. He deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs. Ms. Stone gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

Executive Vice President: Mx. Ruiz and Mr. Fajardo will be serving on the SMSU Board of Directors. Dr. Rister and herself have been meeting with IT Services to revise MyCoyote. The guest speaker form has been finalized and will be sent out shortly.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon is finalizing the plans for the Coachella Valley Firebirds Hockey game night. The PDC Advisory Committee had their first unofficial meeting on Thursday to get to know one another. Their first official meeting will be held next Thursday.

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Alapati met with the Dean. She is having a meeting on September 12th with all the club presidents. A Tea with the Dean event will be held on September 21st.

College of Arts & Letters: Ms. McVicker met with the Theatre Arts box office student assistant to brainstorm ideas on how to better promote performances to students. She is planning to meet with the club president, Ana Gonzalez, of The Players of the Pear Garden club.

Student-at-Large: Ms. Adeoye stated that the Vacancy Committee has been working on interviewing candidates for the vacant Board positions.

Ms. Hudson arrived at the meeting.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that minimum wage will be increasing by fifty cents starting January 1, 2024. The budget for this year will be affected by \$3,000 due to this increase. The auditors from Clifton Larson Allen will be coming to a Board meeting at the end of the month for a presentation. He has been participating on the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee for the month of September. He has been working with the University Police Department. There will be a Safety Walk event for students in the next few weeks. He worked at the Ask Me booth for the first week of school.

ASI Advisor: Dr. Graham stated that the free sandwich machine on the first floor of SMSU South went fully online this week. Every student can get one free sandwich per day. The Come and Get It program started this week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Adeoye/Rister: To remove BD 58-23 from the agenda since Steven Yopez shared that it would be difficult to attend meetings in-person and therefore would be declining the offer. Passed (9/0/0).

M/S Rister/Adeoye: To remove BD 56-23 from the agenda since the amount listed is incorrect. Passed (9/0/0).

The agenda was adopted as amended.

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Gutierrez, Chief of Police introduced himself. He stated that the department was able to prepare both campuses for the storm that recently occurred, hence the minimal damage. He shared that the parking fee is always a challenge for students, however, our fee is the lowest out of all the California State Universities. The Safety Walk will be held on September 20th. Cameras are in the process of being installed in the back parking lot. The department will be continuing their partnership with the school of criminology here on campus. This partnership allows students who graduate with a criminal justice degree to be put on a career path through the police academy and then the opportunity to serve the campus. He is working on a proposal with Dr. Graham and Dr. Oliverez to serve those with mental health issues in crisis. The department is in the process of looking for housing for the homeless community. He is working on creating a partnership with Amazon to facilitate free food to the Obershaw Den.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 55-23 M/S Rister/Adeoye: Permission to transfer \$15,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Advocates – Student Assistant (601303 RN001 A4130) to fund the Internal Affairs Director position.

Mr. Rister stated that this item was brought to the Finance Committee to reestablish the funds for the Director of Internal Affairs position.

Ms. Hudson stated that at the Finance Committee meeting Mr. Gonzalez explained that the position helps connect the campus with the Board to establish exactly what students need from them.

Mr. Gonzalez shared what the revised positions responsibilities will be.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Fajardo, Graham, Hunsaker, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

BD 57-23 M/S Adeoye/McVicker: Appointment of James Chalk as the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences representative to the ASI Board of Directors.

Ms. Adeoye spoke in favor of Mr. Chalk.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Fajardo, Graham, Hunsaker, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

BD 59-23 M/S Adeoye/Rendon: Appointment of Laura Moorehead as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. Moorhead.

Ms. Hunsaker left the meeting.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

BD 60-23 M/S Alapati/Rendon: Appointment of Karyme De La Rosa as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. De La Rosa.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

BD 61-23 M/S Rister/Adeoye: Approval of the ASI Telecommuting Program.

Mr. Rister stated that this program is a continuation of what was done in the past. The program will be similar to the state's telecommuting program with two days allowed to individuals who qualify. The difference between the two programs is managerial staff will be allowed to telecommute.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Laughlin, McVicker, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Mr. Rendon stated that the alternative for PDC Convocation was decided. A Bowling Disco event will be held on Tuesday at PDC.

Dr. Graham thanked everyone for their hard work.

President Fajardo congratulated Mr. Chalk and Ms. Laughlin on their appointment. He plans on scheduling 1:1 meetings soon. He will be cancelling next week's Board meeting for September 8th. He reminded the Board that agenda request forms are due each Monday at 12:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President