

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:33 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Oluwaseyi Adeoye (Zoom), Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara (Zoom), James Chalk, Dalaiah Graham, Jessie McVicker, Dr. Daria Graham and Kim Hunsaker.

Absent: Denise Laughlin, Dr. Paz Oliverez and Dr. Michael Rister.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Elizabeth Puga, Edugar Pazmino, Nathan Sandoval, Johan Rosales, Karis Rizzo and Scarlett Hernandez-Arellanes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of September 15<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**REPORTS:**

*President:* President Fajardo attended the CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation Executive Committee meeting as well as police officer candidate interviews this week. He has a meeting with President Morales scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Flags Initiative Ceremony will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. On September 15<sup>th</sup> he had a meeting with the Department of Strategic Communication to discuss the ASI logo. He plans on sending an email to students informing them about the new Wall Street Journal service being offered. 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 Finance:* Ms. Hudson stated that the remaining CAB funding workshops for this month will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>. CAB funding workshops for the remainder of the fall semester have been finalized. The Finance Committee approved retirees receiving dental and vision benefits.

*Vice President of Palm Desert Campus:* Mr. Rendon stated that ASI hosted a Bead-a-Palooza event on September 21<sup>st</sup>. ASI filmed a video to highlight the Career Showcase to students. He had a meeting with Dr. Edna Martinez, Associate Vice President and Administrator in Charge. He attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Desert Campus Garner Holt Student Fast Pitch Competition on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Grace Munyiri, Parking Director was a guest at the PDC Advisory Committee meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

*College of Arts & Letters:* Ms. McVicker had her first meeting with Dean Chuang and Associate Dean Feizzaringhalam on September 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a new Professional and Career Readiness Center implemented at the Dean's Office. Associate Dean Feizzaringhalam will be

offering tutoring services to those taking linguistic classes. She attended the University Curriculum Committee meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

*College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative:* Mr. Chalk had a meeting with Dean Hassija. The Student Success Center webpage has been updated. Dr. Jose Munoz has been hired as the Assistant Dean of Student Success. A visit to PDC is scheduled for next week.

*ASI Advisor:* Dr. Graham stated that there were approximately 25,000 people on campus each day for the Pow Wow event. Today is California Native American Day.

*Staff Council Representative:* Ms. Hunsaker invited the Board to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Augie's Pop of Kindness Day on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Basic Needs and Student Support has already helped 3,000 students this semester.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

M/S McVicker/Chalk: To place BD 68-23 through BD 71-23 on a consent calendar. Passed (10/0/0).

The agenda was adopted as amended.

### **OPEN FORUM:**

Edgar Pazmino stated that he is a student with a learning disability and requires an audiobook software program which will read a book out loud at three times the speed while he follows along with a physical book. This allows him to not fall behind in any of his classes. On September 6<sup>th</sup> he received his books late from the Coyote Bookstore which caused him to fall behind in his studies, assignments and quizzes. When he received his books, the store manager told him that his books were ordered late due to the store being understaffed. After receiving his books, he went to meet with his counselor, Ken at the Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD) Center to ask if his audiobooks were ready. One of the workers at the SSD Center told him that the order had never been placed due to Ken not mentioning anything in his accommodations. He hopes the Board could look into this issue in order to prevent it from happening to other students in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BD 65-23 M/S Rendon/McVicker: Approval for ASI to support the implementation of Follet Exclusive ACCESS.**

M/S Alapati/Chalk: To table BD 65-23 until the next Board meeting since Dr. Owen and Dr. Barder are currently working on receiving a contract from Follet to present to the Board. Passed unanimously.

**BD 66-23 M/S McVicker/Alapati: Appointment of Dalaiah Graham as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.**

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. Graham.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Fajardo, Hunsaker, McVicker and Rendon.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Graham and Graham.

Passed (8/0/2).

**BD 67-23 M/S McVicker/Rendon: Appointment of Nathan Sandoval as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Board of Directors.**

Ms. Adeoye spoke in favor of Mr. Sandoval.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Balsara, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Graham, Hunsaker, McVicker and Rendon.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Alapati.

Passed (9/0/1).

M/S Alapati/McVicker: To open the following consent calendar:

**BD 68-23 Appointment of Sri Alapati as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.**

**BD 69-23 Appointment of Johan Rosales as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.**

**BD 70-23 Appointment of Karis Rizzo as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.**

**BD 71-23 Appointment of Scarlett Hernandez-Arellanes as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.**

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Adeoye, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Graham, Hunsaker, McVicker, Rendon and Sandoval.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Alapati.

Passed (9/0/1).

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

Mx. Ruiz stated that California Native American Day will be celebrated at the SMSU Amphitheatre from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Gonzalez asked the Board to RSVP to the Flags Initiative Ceremony on September 28<sup>th</sup> on the second floor of the SMSU North building from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Chalk stated that he will be attending the International Studies Association West Annual Conference today and tomorrow.

Mr. Fajardo stated that he will schedule a 1:1 meeting with Mr. Sandoval.

Ms. Locke stated that there will be a Create Your Own Salad Dressing Workshop on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Coyote Garden at 9:30 a.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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

Julia Ruiz  
Executive Vice President