

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

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

Present: Carson Fajardo, Autumn Hudson, Oluwaseyi Adeoye, Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara (late), James Chalk, Dalaiah Graham, Denise Laughlin, Jessie McVicker, Dr. Daria Graham, Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Diego Rendon, Julia Ruiz, Nathan Sandoval and Dr. Paz Oliverrez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Joelle Lock, Michael Casadonte, Blaise Morita, Andrew Tran, Tracy Luu, John Griffin, Dr. Bradford Owen and Dr. Cary Barber.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of September 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved.

**REPORTS:**

*President:* President Fajardo had meetings with the Faculty Senate, Chief Guttierrez and President Morales this week. Pizza with the Prez will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Coyote Walk. He attended the CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation Executive Committee meeting. An Alumni Center has been approved to be implemented in SMSU East. An email will be sent out to students today 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.

*College of Business & Public Administration:* Ms. Alapati hosted Snacks with Sri on September 28<sup>th</sup> to connect with students.

*Executive Director:* Dr. Rister stated that the process of hanging the flags in each college will start today. He plans on sending the Board a list of committees in need of student members.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Michael Casadonte, Director of Digital Transformation introduced himself and his colleagues: Blaise Morita - Project Coordinator, Andrew Tran - Data Architect, and Tracy Luu - UX Designer. He stated that Digital Transformation oversees the campus website, the MyCoyote portal, the mobile app and the chat box. They are actively working on redesigning the MyCoyote

portal to be more user friendly and personalized to each student. They hope to launch the updated version by next year. Mr. Tran presented a MyCoyote portal mockup.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Ms. McVicker asked how the program would be implemented for students with disabilities. Dr. Barber stated that he received a guarantee from Follet that all student needs would be met.

Dr. Rister asked if there would be an opt-out countdown on the MyCoyote portal as a reminder for students. He inquired whether there is a way for students to partially opt out of the program. Dr. Barber thought implementing a countdown on MyCoyote is a great idea; unfortunately, the only option would be a full opt-out of the program. Dr. Owen stated that at San Diego State University there was a 22 percent opt-out rate and at California Polytechnic State University, Pomona there was a 23.5 percent opt-out rate.

Ms. Hudson asked if there would be an orientation for students. Dr. Barber replied that they plan on holding an orientation and advertising all the information to students.

Ms. Hudson inquired where the program revenue would go. Mr. Griffin stated that the money would go back to Follet to cover the costs of the publishers, handling fees and the remainder would go to the University Enterprises Corporation (UEC).

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Discussion ensued.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Chalk, Graham, Graham, Hunsaker, McVicker and Rister.

Opposed: Fajardo and Laughlin.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (7/2/0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BD 72-23 M/S McVicker/Alapati: Approval of the ASI 2022-23 audit and financial statements.**

Dr. Rister introduced Heather McGee who presented the audit and financial statements. There were no findings.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Graham, Hunsaker, Laughlin and McVicker.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Rister.  
Passed (9/0/1).

**BD 73-23 M/S Rister/Alapati: Appointment of Serenity Chavez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Sustainability Committee.**

Ms. Lock spoke in favor of Ms. Chavez.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:  
In Favor: Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Graham, Hunsaker, Laughlin, McVicker and Rister.  
Opposed: None.  
Abstentions: None.  
Passed (9/0/0).

**BD 74-23 M/S Rister/Alapati: Appointment of Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.**

Ms. Hudson nominated Ms. Graham. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:  
In Favor: Alapati, Chalk, Fajardo, Hunsaker, Laughlin, McVicker and Rister.  
Opposed: None.  
Abstentions: Graham and Graham.  
Passed (7/0/2).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Gonzalez requested to be contacted by Board members who would like to hold an event similar to Snacks with Sri.

Mr. Chalk stated that he will not be able to attend the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Dr. Graham stated that she attended the Senior Diversity Officers meeting for the Chancellors Office on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.



Julia Ruiz  
Executive Vice President