

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Graciela Moran at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Graciela Moran, Paola Galvez, Marina Stone, Carlene Luna, Suany Echevarria, Nathaly Ramos, Mario Marquez, Rhejean King-Johnson (late), Holly Chea, Jessica Zacarias, Guadalupe Romero, Alexandra Thambi, Victoria Ayala, Angelica Agudo, Jesse Felix, Dr. Daria Graham, Dr. Angela Horner, Robert Garcia and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Alfredo Barcenas, Sage Keyner, Daisy Ramos, Mary Richarte, Jeanette Hazelwood, Moises Ramirez, Jorge Navarro, Lesley Davidson-Boyd, Aia Islamova, Charlotte Iradjpanah and Alanis Perez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of April 6th were approved.

REPORTS:

Sustainability: Ms. Thambi stated that the open forum she hosted was a success.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix deferred to the following: Ms. Keyner gave a detailed report on behalf of Programs. Mr. Ramirez gave a detailed report on behalf of Marketing. Ms. Ramos gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs. Ms. Hazelwood stated that she emailed the Legislative report to the ASI team.

President: Ms. Moran encouraged Board members to attend her office hours to discuss any items they would like to see on the BoD agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Felix/Markquez: To move BD 38-21 to the top of the agenda. Passed unanimously.

M/S Ayala/Felix: To place BD 39-21 through BD 41-21 on consent calendar A. Passed.

Ms. Agudo spoke in favor of Alondra Gomez, Mariah Somarriba and Jacqueline Gomez.

Ms. Luna spoke in favor of Alondra Gomez.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

OPEN FORUM:

Lesley Davidson-Boyd stated that CSUSB will initiate the filing of graduation checks based on units

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completed and remaining degree requirements. This is referred to as the University Initiated Grad Check (UIGC).

Jorge Navarro stated that he created a petition to have an in-person graduation and has emailed many individuals regarding this topic, however, he feels like students are not being heard. He is hoping that the Board could do something in order to have an in-person graduation. Ms. Ayala stated that the Board will be discussing a drive-in commencement for the graduating class of Spring 2021.

Charlotte Iradjipannah stated that she met with Dr. Freer to discuss the Route 15 transportation system.

Time Certain: (12:30 p.m.)

GUEST SPEAKER:

Michael Casadonte, Director of Digital Transformation gave a brief presentation on Opt-In channels.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 38-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Review and approval of the ASI 2021-22 annual budget. (First Reading)

Ms. Galvez explained the estimated funds available to ASI and the estimated expenses. Each line item of the budget was presented and explained.

Mr. Felix stated that the Finance Committee approved to move \$5,000.00 from the ASI Grant and Service Programs - Howl Grant to Grant and Service Programs - The Den.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Ms. Moran commended Mr. Felix and Ms. Galvez for their hard work.

Discussion ended.

BD 37-21 M/S Ayala/Echevarria: Discussion on a drive-in commencement for the graduating class of Spring 2021.

Ms. Ayala stated that students have emailed the Board regarding a drive-in commencement. She would like the Board to discuss this item due to its importance.

Ms. Echevarria stated that last year when COVID-19 began, graduating students were able to have a virtual commencement with an option of having an in-person graduation at a later date. She stated that she would rather wait to walk across the stage for commencement and have family be there to celebrate safely.

Ms. Agudo stated that regardless of her personal feelings, she agrees with the University's decision on having a virtual commencement and an in-person commencement at a later date. She explained that whether students have an in-person or virtual commencement they should know that they have

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worked hard for their degree.

Ms. Chea expressed her concerns regarding students not being heard. She explained that some students such as international students cannot return to have an in-person commencement at a later date.

Dr. Oliverez stated that graduation is a shared desire for everyone, however, safety is extremely important. She explained that they are having challenges with the timing for an in-person commencement, however, when they make a decision, they will let students know as soon as possible.

Ms. Romero stated that she understands the frustration of students and explained that some miscommunication occurred and urged the campus to be more direct with its students.

Discussion closed.

M/S Ayala/Felix: To open consent calendar A:

BD 39-20 Appointment of Alondra Gomez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 40-20 Appointment of Mariah Somarriba as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 41-20 Appointment of Jacqueline Gomez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed (13/0/0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Graham thanked Ms. Echevarria and Ms. Keyner for attending the Blue Table event last week.

Mr. Felix encouraged the Board to review the budget and give any feedback at next week's second reading.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.



Marina Stone (Apr 23, 2021 12:41 PDT)

Marina Stone
Executive Vice President