

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

April 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President, Adonis Galarza at 12:06 p.m.

Present: Adonis Galarza, Helen Martinez, Kristy Robles, Mark Sanchez, Yomara Donis, Jonathan Lowell, Marvin Macharia, Nathaly Ramos, Marilyn Lua, Angelica Agudo, Suany Echevarria, Jesse Felix, Dr. Angela Horner and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Alfredo Barcenas, Juliana Crespo, Ciera Hammond, Ruth Navarro, Victoria Ayala and Dr. Clare Weber.

(The above listed were present via Zoom.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Special meeting minutes of the March 13th were approved.

The minutes of March 17th were approved.

REPORTS:

Graduate: Ms. Agudo stated that she held her office hours earlier today.

Housing: Ms. Lua stated that she has been working with ASI Programs to create a Netflix party in collaboration with the Residence Halls Association. She will host an open forum in collaboration with “Cocinando con Helen” to make it a “Sopa de Letras”. She will host office hours on April 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

College of Business and Public Administration: Ms. Donis stated that she met with Dr. Oliverez to discuss bylaws and other policies as well as recommendations. She will be meeting with Mr. Gonzalez to plan her open forum. She met with Mr. Barcenas to discuss her office hours for the Spring Quarter.

Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Lowell stated that he will not be attending next week’s BoD meeting since he will be hosting an open forum on April 14th at 12:00 p.m.

College of Arts and Letters: Ms. Echevarria stated that there are four candidates for the Dean of College of Arts and Letters. She will keep the Board updated on the search.

President’s Representative: Dr. Oliverez stated that Tea with The VP will be held on April 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Instagram Live. She encouraged the Board to follow @ csusbstudentaffairs on Instagram to ensure information is being relayed. ITS is distributing 600 computers for students in need. An Emergency Grant Program is available for students due to the current situation.

Faculty Representative: Dr. Horner recommended that students help faculty if they are having trouble with zoom.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Robles stated that the Sustainability Committee will create engaging campaigns and challenges for students to learn about sustainability. She stated that

\$35,000.00 was left in CAB funding and she has decided to equally disperse those funds to all chartered clubs and organizations.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Martinez stated that she is proud of the ASI Team for balancing academics, social distancing, work, and other responsibilities at home while working on ways to program and market to students during these difficult times. She reminded the Board to submit their availability (two office hours per week) to Mr. Barcenas and send their Spring Quarter class schedule to asi-frontdesk@csusb.edu. Her office hours are held on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix reported that he would like to thank Dr. Oliverez and Dr. Morales for always advocating for the students. He deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who summarized all the events that ASI was able to host and collaborate with different departments for the Winter Quarter. Mr. Felix deferred to Mr. Barcenas who gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs and highlighted Ms. Hammond for all her hard work.

President: Mr. Galarza reported that the University Enterprise Corporation will be pursuing a contract with Chartwells.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Felix/Lua: To place BD 48-20 through BD 51-20 on consent calendar A. Passed (11/0/0).

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Mr. Galarza left the meeting.

Mr. Galarza returned to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Alfredo Barcenas, Chair of Staff Council invited the Board to attend the Staff Council meetings held every other Wednesday starting April 8th at 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 46-20 M/S Macharia/Echevarria: Approval of ASI Communications and Documentation Policy. (Second Reading)

Mr. Galarza stated that this is the second reading for the policy.

Passed (11/0/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 52-20 M/S Felix/Echevarria: Appointment of Sharon Tewari as the International representative to the ASI Board of Directors.

Mr. Macharia spoke in favor of Ms. Tewari.

Passed (11/0/0).

BD 53-20 M/S Felix/Macharia: Revision of the ASI Howl Grant Policy. (First Reading)

Mr. Felix stated that students did not have the opportunity to apply for Howl Grant. He recommended that the Board alter eligibility to allow students to receive the funds and remove Section 1, Subsection b and c. He recommended that Section 3 states, “All chartered clubs and organizations will be placed on the ASI general elections ballot for the Howl Grant Policy”.

Mr. Galarza stated that since this is the first reading, it will be placed on next week’s agenda for a second reading.

Discussion closed.

BD 54-20 M/S Felix/Donis: Consultation regarding the California State University, San Bernardino Grading Policy Considerations in response to the COVID-19 Disruptions.

Mr. Felix deferred to Dr. Weber.

Clare Weber, Deputy Provost and Vice Provost Academic Programs stated that the CSU and other campuses around the country have been considering a Credit/No Credit option for Spring quarter. CSU campus faculty determined whether or not a course will be available for letter grading only, credit/no credit only, or whether the student may make a choice between the two. The faculty made this determination based on factors such as their academic requirements, appropriateness of the course for one system of grading or the other, and accreditation, certification or licensure requirements. When a student enrolls in a course, if given the option, they may select either letter grading or CR/NC. Individual campuses set their own deadlines for making this decision, and campuses also determine how many CR/NC units in total a student may use towards the 120 units required for graduation. There has not been a decision, this is a consultation item.

Discussion followed by questions from the Board.

Dr. Horner clarified that students would self-select either letter grading or CR/NC.

Dr. Oliverez inquired whether the Faculty Senate would be approving this as an item.

Dr. Weber stated that the Faculty Senate may make a recommendation. Ultimately, it would be a Cabinet decision based on consultation with the Faculty Senate.

Mr. Felix clarified that this is a discussion item and not an action item. He stated that this would be an action item at next week’s BoD meeting.

Discussion closed.

BD 48-20 Appointment of Krista Dena as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 49 20 Appointment of Maliah Haroldson Briceno as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 50-20 Appointment of Joelle Hazher as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 51-20 Appointment of Julie Lopez Juarez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed (10/0/1).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Echevarria announced that she is working on co-hosting her open forum with the Dean of Arts and Letters.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Martinez', written over a horizontal line.

Helen Martinez
Executive Vice President