

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daisy Ramos at 12:32 p.m.

Present: Daisy Ramos, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Alexia Maciel, Alexis McGowan, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, Angelique Melendrez, Michael Vazquez, Alfredo Barcenas, Dr. Daria Graham and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Hannah Wagner (unexcused).

Guests: Marina Stone and Herbert Gonzalez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of June 29th were approved.

REPORTS:

Interim Executive Director: Mr. Barcenas welcomed Board members and encouraged them to ask questions during the meeting. He deferred to Ms. Stone who gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

Ms. Ramos passed the gavel to Ms. Galvez.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 51-21 M/S Ramos/Romero: ASI President's appointment of a Vice President of Finance as described in Article IV, Section E of the ASI Bylaws.

Ms. Ramos announced that Alejandra Rodriguez submitted her letter of resignation and will no longer serve as the Vice President of Finance. She explained that according to the ASI Bylaws, the President shall appoint a Vice President of Finance from the BoD. She nominated Ms. Echevarria and spoke in favor of her.

Ms. Echevarria accepted the nomination. She stated that she is thankful for the opportunity.

Mr. Barcenas and Ms. Romero spoke in favor of Ms. Echevarria.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Ramos, Maciel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, Barcenas, Graham and Melendrez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Echevarria.

Passed (9/0/1).

Ms. Galvez returned the gavel to Ms. Ramos.

BD 52-21 M/S Barcenas/Romero: Appointment of two Board of Directors representatives to the ASI Policy Committee.

Mr. Barcenas stated that the Policy Committee ensures that there are policies and procedures in place for the organization. He explained that two voting members are needed from the Board to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Barcenas nominated Mr. Torres to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

Mr. Barcenas nominated Ms. Maciel to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Maciel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Melendrez, Vazquez, Barcenas, Echevarria, Graham and Galvez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Ramos.

Passed (10/0/1).

BD 53-21 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Appointment of five Board of Directors representatives to the ASI Ad-Hoc Vacancy Committee. One of the five representatives will be appointed as the Chair.

M/S: Barcenas/Vazquez: To make a friendly amendment to replace “Ad-Hoc Vacancy Committee” with “Vacancy Committee.”

Mr. Barcenas explained that the purpose of the Vacancy Committee is to fill vacant positions on the Board.

Ms. Echevarria shared her experience chairing the Committee.

Ms. Echevarria nominated Mr. Vazquez to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

Ms. Romero nominated herself to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Barcenas nominated Ms. Melendrez to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

Mr. Torres nominated himself to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Barcenas nominated Ms. McGowan to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Maciel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Echevarria, Graham and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Ramos.

Passed (10/0/1).

BD 54-21 M/S Romero/Melendrez: Appointment of three Board of Directors representatives to the ASI Executive Committee.

Mr. Barcenas explained that the purpose of the Executive Committee is to deal with all emergency matters concerning the corporation. According to the ASI Bylaws, the membership of the Committee consists of three BoD representatives including the ASI President, the ASI Executive Director and the ASI Advisor.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Melendrez nominated herself to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Barcenas nominated Ms. Romero to sit on the Committee. The nomination was rejected.

Ms. Echevarria nominated Mr. Torres to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

Ms. Echevarria nominated Mr. Vazquez to sit on the Committee. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Maciel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Echevarria, Graham and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Ramos.

Passed (10/0/1).

BD 55-21 M/S Romero/Maciel: Adoption of the 2021 ASI Policy Agenda.

Mr. Barcenas explained that the Policy Agenda is utilized by the Board to effectively advocate for change, explore avenues in which to engage in meaningful dialogue and identify opportunities for collaborations that will lead to academic and student success. He briefly reviewed some changes made to the Policy Agenda and explained that some of the language was revised.

Mr. Torres recommended that they revise the wording for Policy Goal 1, Strategy 3 which states *Explore relief funding opportunities for students.*

Mr. Torres recommended the following revision for Policy Goal 1, Strategy 4: Advocate for faculty to reasonably accommodate to all students equally.

Mr. Torres inquired into the Parking Lot Space Capacity Counter System. Ms. Ramos stated that she and Ms. Galvez would like to advocate for students in order to let them know how many parking spaces are available to decrease their driving time and to ensure they are not late to class.

Dr. Oliverez stated that Policy Goal 3 aligns with one of the Student Affairs Strategic Plan goals. *Policy Goal 3: Ensure CSUSB students have an equal opportunity to succeed in their education by fostering academic equity, promoting wellness, and advocating for diverse and inclusive policies.*

She recommended that ASI collaborate with Student Affairs.

Discussion ensued.

M/S Barcenas/Maciel: To table BD 55-21 until the next Board meeting. Passed.

Discussion closed.

BD 56-21 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Appointment of Executive Vice President Pro-Tem.

Mr. Barcenas explained that there must be someone in place in the event that the Executive Vice President is unable to fulfill her duties.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Vazquez nominated himself.

Mr. Torres nominated himself.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor of Vazquez: Echevarria and McGowan.

In Favor of Torres: None.

Abstentions: Oliverez, Maciel, Vazquez, Romero, Torres, Melendrez and Barcenas.

Mr. Vazquez was appointed as the Executive Vice President Pro-Tem.

BD 57-21 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Appointment of Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Mr. Barcenas stated that there must be someone in place in the event that the Vice President of Finance is unable to fulfill her duties.

Ms. Echevarria nominated Mr. Torres. The nomination was accepted.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Maciel, McGowan, Romero, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Echevarria and Oliverez.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: Torres and Ramos.

Mr. Torres was appointed as the Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Mr. Barcenas reminded the Board to check their ASI emails.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President