

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

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

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

Absent: Holly Chea (excused) and Jessica Zacarias (unexcused).

Guests: Sage Keyner, Alfredo Barcenas, Daisy Ramos, Jeannette Hazelwood, Molly Springer, Tomas Morales, Lesley Davidson-Boyd, Douglas Freer, Julie Lappin, Sastry Pantula, Jake Zhu, Cesar Caballero, Robert Nava, Rachel Beech, Samuel Sudhakar, Raylene Chung, Shari McMahan, Lawrence Rose, Chinaka DomNwachukwu, Rafik Mohamed, Katherine Hartley, Dorota Huizinga, Aaron Burgess, Mary Richarte and Moises Salazar-Ramirez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

M/S Felix/Ayala: To add Mr. Garcia's comment under BD 06-21, "Accessibility to technology is important". Passed.

The minutes of February 9th were approved with the above addition.

REPORTS:

Executive Director: Mr. Felix reminded the Board to schedule their one-on-one meetings with him. He commended Mr. Burgess on his hard work. He deferred to the following: Ms. Keyner gave a detailed report on behalf of graphics, marketing, and programs. Ms. Ramos gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs. Ms. Hazelwood gave a detailed report on CSSA and ASI Lobby Corps.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Stone reminded the Board to include dates in their reports. The Student Grade Appeal panel needs three BoD representatives to sit on the panel.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Galvez stated that the Mental Health Services work group met on February 11th.

President: Ms. Moran stated that the Campus Safety work group met today. Faculty Senate met last week to discuss the credit/no credit option and SOTEs.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Ayala/Agudo: To approve the adoption of the agenda. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 06-21 M/S Felix/Ramos: Creation of the Accessible Procurement of Information and Communication Technologies Policy. (Second Reading).

Mr. Felix explained that policies require two readings prior to a vote of approval by the Board of Directors. He stated that no changes were implemented since the first reading.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Garcia spoke in favor of this policy.

M/S Marquez/Echevarria: To approve BD 06-21. Passed unanimously.

Time Certain: BD 07-21 (12:30 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 07-21 M/S Felix/Marquez: Introduction of the CSUSB Presidential Cabinet and Academic Deans.

Mr. Felix deferred to Dr. Morales.

Dr. Morales recognized all administrators, faculty and staff for their hard work. He introduced Dr. Daria Graham, Molly Springer, Dr. Paz Oliverez, Dr. Lesley Davidson-Boyd, Dr. Douglas Freer, Julie Lappin, Dr. Sastry Pantula, Dr. Jake Zhu, Cesar Caballero, Robert Nava, Rachel Beech, Dr. Samuel Sudhakar, Raylene Chung, Dr. Shari McMahan, Lawrence Rose, Dr. Chinaka DomNwachukwu, Dr. Rafik Mohamed, Katherine Hartley and Dr. Dorota Huizinga. He commended Ms. Moran and the ASI Board for their hard work. He stated that they are currently working on a Post Pandemic Planning Committee which is made up of several committees that will envision what CSUSB will look like post pandemic. He hopes that ASI, Faculty Senate and Staff Council encourage students to attend summer session.

The ASI Board of Directors introduced themselves to the CSUSB Presidential Cabinet and Academic Deans.

Discussion closed.

BD 08-21 M/S Ayala/Marquez: Discussion of the 2021 Spring Commencement.

Ms. Ayala deferred to Mr. Nava.

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Mr. Nava stated that due to COVID-19, a virtual commencement for Spring 2021 will be held on May 22nd with an option of having an in-person graduation at a later date. He gave a presentation on how the virtual commencement will take place. He encouraged the Board to provide feedback.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Echevarria shared her experience with graduating virtually. She explained that it was nice for students to share their graduation with family from afar.

Ms. Ayala inquired into what specialized gifts are being planned for graduating students. Mr. Nava explained that Ms. Wymer-Lucero, Director of Alumni Relations will meet with ASI to discuss the gift.

Ms. Romero left the meeting due to a class conflict.

Discussion closed.

BD 09-21 M/S Felix/Marquez: Discussion of the Post-Pandemic Planning Committee.

Dr. Oliverez stated that the Cabinet is working on a Post Pandemic Planning Committee that is made up of several committees: Student affairs and student services; strategic enrollment management, external relations and special events; instruction and academic programs; facilities, human resources and risk management; information technology.

Ms. Echevarria inquired into how they will address student and faculty concerns upon returning to the campus. Dr. Oliverez deferred to Dr. Freer who explained that it would depend on the status of the pandemic at that time. He stated that students would have the option to take online or in-person classes.

Dr. Horner inquired whether scientists, virologists, epidemiologists or public health specialists will be involved in these Committees. Dr. Freer explained that all day-to-day operations and decisions are reviewed by San Bernardino County and Riverside County Public Officers.

Ms. Agudo inquired into the contact tracing process. Dr. Oliverez stated that Dr. Beth Jaworski works closely with Risk Management and keeps track of students whether they are on campus or not. She explained that a daily screening must be completed before coming to the campus which could be accessed through MyCoyote.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Marquez inquired whether enrollment has decreased at CSUSB. Dr. Oliverez deferred to Ms. Beech who explained that enrollment may be down if you look at how many units are being taken in a term, however, there are other factors impacting enrollment.

Ms. Ayala inquired whether CSUSB would work with other CSU campuses to determine

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different ways in which to transition the campus. Dr. Oliverez stated that CSUSB will consult with other CSU campuses.

Ms. Luna inquired into how the return to campus for athletes is going to be different. Dr. Morales explained that a Governing Board of Presidents will make the decision on whether athletes would be able to compete and the Cabinet will make the decision on whether it's safe to allow intercollegiate athletes to practice or compete. The Cabinet decided not to have athletes compete since it is unsafe.

Discussion closed.

BD 10-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Discussion of the SMSU Expansion Update.

Mr. Felix commended Mr. Burgess and Dr. Freer on their hard work on this project.

M/S Felix/Echevarria: To table BD 10-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

BD 11-21 M/S Marquez/Felix: Discussion of First Year Experience.

Ms. Moran deferred to Ms. Beech.

Ms. Beech explained that CSUSB recognizes the importance and value of a positive first-year experience for students and the need to facilitate students' effective transition to the University by providing a variety of experiences, opportunities, and foundational skills to help them become successful students. She encouraged the Board to provide feedback.

Mr. Marquez inquired whether CSUSB is prioritizing freshmen since they have never stepped on to the campus. Ms. Beech stated that they have discussed making sure that first year students are prioritized as well as graduating students.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion closed.

BD 12-21 M/S Marquez/Echevarria: Discussion of Ethnic Studies.

Ms. Moran deferred to Dr. McMahan.

Dr. McMahan stated that in Fall 2021 students will be required to take a three-unit course on Ethnic Studies. She explained there will be two classes which will begin the Ethnic Studies Program, an Introduction to Ethnic Studies class and a Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality class. A department of Ethnic Studies is also being planned.

Ms. King-Johnson, Ms. Ayala and Mr. Marquez spoke in favor of adding courses on Ethnic Studies.

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Discussion ensued.

Discussion closed.

Mr. Felix thanked the President's Cabinet and Academic Deans for attending the meeting.

BD 13-21 M/S Felix/Luna: Appointment of two Board Members to the Campus Safety working group.

M/S Felix/Agudo: To table BD 13-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

BD 14-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Creation of the Critical Theory Event working group.


M/S Felix/King-Johnson: To table BD 14-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Graham stated that Tea with The VP will be held today from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She encouraged the Board to attend the Blue Table Talk event on February 18th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.


Marina Stone (Feb 20, 2021 10:12 PST)

Marina Stone
Executive Vice President