

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

JUNE 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Graciela Moran at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Graciela Moran, Marina Stone, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Alexandra Thambi, Guadalupe Romero, Victoria Ayala, Angelica Agudo, Alfredo Barcenas, Rhejean King-Johnson, Robert Garcia and Dr. Daria Graham.

Absent: Jessica Zacarias, Nathaly Ramos, Holly Chea, Carlene Luna, Mario Marquez and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Jesse Felix, Sage Keyner, Anthony Roberson, Rebecca Nellen, Adriana Acuna-Tellez and Daisy Ramos,

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of June 1st were approved.

REPORTS:

College of Education: Ms. Echevarria stated that the San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools will be hosting an event on July 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Stone stated that she met with Ms. Galvez, the incoming Executive Vice President to transition her into her new role.

Interim Executive Director: Mr. Barcenas stated that Ms. Stone will be serving as the Senior Program Coordinator. He deferred to the following: Ms. Keyner gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

President: Ms. Moran stated that she met with Ms. Ramos, the incoming President to transition her into her new role.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Agudo/Barcenas: To amend BD 50-21 to read, "Permission to transfer \$170,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to AS Corporate Operating - Equipment (619001-RN001-A4200) for furniture cost for the ASI Offices and the Office of Student Engagement (\$55,000.00) in the SMSU North Building Expansion." Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Ms. Moran passed the gavel to Ms. Stone.

Ms. Stone returned the gavel to Ms. Moran.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Felix commended the Board for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 50-21 M/S Barcenas/Ayala: Permission to transfer \$170,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to AS Corporate Operating - Equipment (619001-RN001-A4200) for furniture cost for the ASI Offices and the Office of Student Engagement (\$55,000.00) in the SMSU North Building Expansion.

Mr. Barcenas deferred to Ms. Nellen who gave a presentation on the ASI furniture package.

Ms. Ayala inquired whether the break room has a sink. Ms. Nellen deferred to Mr. Roberson who stated that there is no sink.

Discussed ensued.

Mr. Roberson stated that ASI will have a storage space in the SMSU East.

Ms. Ayala stated that the Finance Committee amended the item to include the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) so that they would be able to furnish their new office to serve students.

Mr. Barcenas stated that it is the student's decision to approve the item. The funds will be used for furniture. OSE has not asked ASI for funding, however, if they do not have funds to purchase furniture, they will take it out of programming. The Finance Committee amended the item to allow OSE to serve students without making any cuts to their programming.

Ms. Galvez stated that it is important to support OSE to better serve students.

Ms. Stone stated that the pricing holds until July 1st, after that the price will go up.

Ms. Echevarria stated that the Board should do their due diligence by asking questions regarding student fees. She inquired whether OSE set money aside to purchase furniture. She stated that she does not want OSE to sacrifice services to purchase furniture.

Mr. Felix stated that it was communicated to ASI that the SMSU would cover the furniture for ASI and OSE, however, it was found that the SMSU would not be able to fund the furniture. The information was never communicated via email; it was only communicated verbally. He explained that ASI set aside \$200,000.00 to ensure funds were available to purchase furniture, unfortunately OSE was unable to do so.

Mr. Roberson gave a brief presentation on the bidding process. He stated that this was a rigorous process.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran deferred to Ms. Ramos who stated that it is crucial to support OSE since it will help them serve students.

Dr. Graham commended the Board for their hard work. She advised them to think about all aspects regarding this item. She stated that she will be abstaining.

Ms. Ayala inquired into how the delay would affect OSE. Mr. Roberson stated that it could take a year or more for OSE to do the bidding and contracting. Ms. Nellen stated that it would be more expensive for OSE since the price would increase.

M/S Echevarria/Ayala: To decrease the amount from \$55,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Failed.

Mr. Garcia encouraged the Board to vote for the full amount of \$55,000.00 to support OSE.

Ms. Agudo stated that it would be best to move forward in helping OSE.

Discussion ensued.

Passed (8/0/1).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Ayala thanked Mr. Roberson and Ms. Nellen for their presentations.

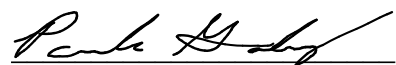
Mr. Garcia thanked the Board for allowing him to serve and wished everyone the best.

Ms. Agudo thanked the Board for allowing her to serve.

Mr. Barcenas and Mr. Roberson commended the Board for all their hard work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President