

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2020

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

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

Absent: Yingtai Xu (unexcused), Doris Egbo (unexcused) and Dr. Angela Horner.

Guests: Lisa Brown, Grace Munyiri, Jeanette Hazelwood, Stephen Angeles, Alfredo Barcenas, Dr. Rachel Beech, Herbert Gonzalez and Ashley Watterson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Robles stated that she would like to add to her report that by Fall 2020 Semester, IT will aim to make all duplex printing as the default setting on campus computer labs.

Ms. Robles clarified that the amended item BD 29-20 should read, "Permission to use \$50,000.00 from Grant & Service Programs with the contingency that the Career Center will raise \$10,000.00 starting next year to support internships in order to be eligible to apply for ASI funding."

M/S Felix/Donis: To amend item BD 29-20 to read, "Permission to use \$50,000.00 from Grant & Service Programs with the contingency that the Career Center will raise \$10,000.00 to support internships in order to be eligible to apply for ASI funding starting next year." Passed.

M/S Donis/Echevarria: To approve the minutes of March 3rd as amended. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Natural Sciences: Mr. Macharia stated that on March 3rd he did the ASI Instagram takeover to showcase the various resources on campus. He met with Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Jane Rodriguez to discuss the Legacy Dinner.

President's Representative: Dr. Oliverez stated that she attended the Undocuallly training at PDC to educate the needs of undocumented students on campus. She attended the men's basketball game. Due to COVID-19, San Diego State University (SDSU) athletic events will no longer have any visitors and games will be streamed online. During the Faculty Senate meeting, the focus of discussion was regarding academic dishonesty. Dr. Oliverez stated that she would like to know the students' perspective on COVID-19.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: Ms. Ramos stated that her open forum was a success.

Graduate: Ms. Agudo stated that her open forum will be held on March 10th in the SMSU Bay from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Robles stated that the Finance Committee approved \$10,000.00 for sustainability, marketing and programs and \$112,450.00 for Coyote Fest; this will be brought to the Board for approval at next week's meeting.

Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Lowell stated that he met with the PDC Dean.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Martinez reported that she attended the Commercial Enterprises Committee meeting and discussed the updates on Palm Desert Campus' food options, Immediate Access, expansion efforts and dining services. She attended the Title IX Investigator Committee meeting and served as a panel speaker for the Student Leadership Conference. The ASI Transition Dinner is scheduled for May 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix stated that he attended the CHESS meeting. He has been working with OSE to see how the campus can disseminate funds to ASI organizations. An emergency Board meeting may be conducted on March 13th regarding how the organization can function without risking the health of all employees.

President: Mr. Galarza stated that the Chancellor's Office advised campuses and associated auxiliary organizations to immediately suspend all international and non-essential domestic travel.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Macharia/Felix: To add BD 36-20 to the agenda, "Approval of letter of support for VETI proposal by Parking Services." Passed unanimously.

M/S Lua/Donis: To adopt the agenda as amended. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 33-20 M/S Donis/Echevarria: Appointment of Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Ms. Robles stated that according to the ASI Bylaws, a BoD serving on the Finance Committee is appointed as the Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Mr. Felix nominated Ms. Ramos. Ms. Donis seconded the nomination. The nomination was accepted.

Passed unanimously.

BD 34-20 M/S Felix/Sanchez: Discussion on New Student Convocation and feedback on “Meet your Dean/College” breakdown sessions.

Ashley Watterson, Program Coordinator for First Year Experience stated that she and Mr. Gonzalez have been working on the New Student Convocation. New Student Convocation is an annual tradition at CSUSB; it serves as the official welcome for all new students to the campus. It features President Morales, College Deans, ASI representatives and the athletics teams. This year’s program is scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2020. They are working on reevaluating New Student Convocation. She asked for the students’ feedback in order to get their perspective.

Discussion followed by questions from the Board.

Mr. Galarza explained his experience as a freshman attending New Student Convocation.

Ms. Lua suggested having Alumni relations be part of the Convocation in order to have Alumni representation.

Discussion closed.

BD 35-20 M/S Felix/Donis: Discussion on “Social and Racial Justice in The Workplace and How to Utilize Power Dynamics to Lift the Voices of Others” with Dr. Rachel Beech.

M/S Felix/Echevarria: To suspend Robert’s Rules of Order. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Rachel Beech, Enrollment Management Associate Vice President gave a presentation on social justice, racial justice, decolonization, indigenization as leadership practices, privilege, systemic privilege, equality, and equity. She explained how leaders could reframe their leadership lens to speak the truth, employ empathetic listening, recognize and acknowledge growth.

M/S Felix/Donis: To reinstate Robert’s Rules of Order. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Oliverez left the meeting.

Ms. Echevarria left the meeting.

BD 36-20 M/S Felix/Macharia: Approval of letter of support for VETI proposal by Parking Services.

Grace Munyiri, Parking Director stated that the purpose of the VETI proposal is to solve the problems that students have when trying to find parking on campus and the benefit of decreasing the amount of time students spend looking for parking. Additionally, this will support environmental sustainability efforts by reducing carbon emissions spent looking for an available parking space.

Mr. Galarza inquired into why Parking Services is being funded by VETI and not by the generated money made by parking fees, which are not being used as sustainability efforts.

Ms. Munyiri stated that the generated money from parking fees are used for sustainability efforts such as the PDC shuttle and OmniTrans, however, the funds from parking fees will not fully cover the necessary material to conduct this project. She clarified that the ASI Board would approve support of the VETI proposal by Parking Services; they are not requesting funds.

Discussion followed by questions from the Board.

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Ms. Lua left the meeting.


ANNOUCEMENTS:

Ms. Donis announced that her open forum will be held on March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Sanchez announced that his open forum will be held on March 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.



Helen Martinez
Executive Vice President