

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.**  
**California State University, San Bernardino**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 14, 2022**

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

Present: Daisy Ramos, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Nathaly Ramos, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, Angelique Melendrez, Savreen Kaur, Michael Vazquez, Julian Lopez, Jessica Madrigal, Dr. Paz Oliverez, Dr. Daria Graham, and Beth Steffel.

Absent: Alexia Maciel (unexcused), Angel Contreras (excused), Alexis Corine McGowan (excused), Carlene Luna (unexcused) and Alfredo Barcenas.

Guests: Jesse Felix, Interim Chief Jeffrey Godown, Julia Ruiz, Marina Stone and Herbert Gonzalez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**REPORTS:**

*President:* President Ramos stated that CSUSB has been accredited for a maximum of ten years and has received an A+ from WASC. She and Ms. Ramos attended CSSA and CHESS this past weekend and they both participated in advocacy week. She deferred to the following: Ms. Stone gave a detailed report on behalf of programs. Mr. Gonzalez gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs.

*Executive Vice President:* Ms. Galvez stated that Mental Health Week will take place next week. The Safety Walk will take place next month.

*College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:* Ms. Romero stated that she attended CSSA.

*Director of External Affairs:* Ms. Ramos stated that she attended CHESS and met with legislatures.

*President' Representative:* Dr. Oliverez stated that the Division of Student Affairs will be at the Palm Desert Campus next Tuesday. Tea with the VP will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted.

President Ramos passed the gavel to Ms. Galvez.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BD 12-22 M/S Ramos/Vazquez: Welcoming of Interim Chief of Police, Jeffrey Godown.**

President Ramos deferred to the Interim Chief of Police, Jeffrey Godown.

Interim Chief Godown introduced himself and shared his experience working in law enforcement for 41 years. He spent 28 years with the Los Angeles Police Department and later became the Interim Chief of the San Francisco Police Department. Governor Newsom was his employer when he was in San Francisco. In the District Attorney's Office, he worked closely with Kamala Harris. He stated that he is teaching his officers how to lead with empathy and concern for students in every scenario. He understands that filling out a citation becomes routine after working in law enforcement for a long period, however, he encourages his officers to know when it is proper to do so. He gave the Board his contact information.

Mr. Vazquez inquired when the campus will have a permanent Chief of Police. Interim Chief Godown stated that he was informed that the search would be over by August. He stated that he came to the campus to help the police and the community in any way he could.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Torres inquired into his plans for the campus. Interim Chief Godown stated that he intends to have more officers patrol the campus and make a positive impact on the neighborhood. He asked the Board whether they would prefer to see police officers wear a casual polo shirt uniform over a police uniform.

Mr. Lopez stated that it would make officers more approachable by having them in a less militaristic uniform. Interim Chief Godown agreed and wanted to make this change; he feels that wearing a police uniform on campus is inappropriate for the audience they are serving.

Mr. Torres stated that the uniform is required in certain scenarios. In the event of an emergency, he would like to see an officer in full uniform at a large gathering. He recommended that they have a mix of officers dressed casually and others dressed in their uniforms. Interim Chief Godown agreed.

Interim Chief Godown expressed his gratitude to the Board for inviting him to the meeting and urged everyone to contact him if needed.

Discussion closed.

**BD 13-22 M/S Ramos/Vazquez: Joint Resolution: Indigenous People Education Within The Santos Manuel Student Union North.**

President Ramos stated that this document is a way for ASI and the SMSU to honor the Santos Manuel Tribe. She deferred to Mr. Felix.

Mr. Felix stated that he, Ms. Ruiz, and Dr. Oliveres met with the Santos Manuel Band of Mission Indians and they inquired whether the building has interior features that educate students about the tribe throughout the expansion. An idea was to establish five displays approved by the Student Union Board of Directors in consultation with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians over the next five years that serve as educational pieces and the acknowledgement of the indigenous homelands of the first nations within our region. He explained that the SMSU and ASI are committed to educate the

CSUSB campus community and its local community on the history and impact of the indigenous community including the Santos Manuel Band of Mission Indians through the expansion of its north facility. This is a joint resolution between ASI and the SMSU. He deferred to Ms. Ruiz.

Ms. Ruiz stated that this will be an opportunity to teach students about the tribe's property over the next five years. Her goal is to make this exhibit available to other tribes in the Coachella Valley, High Desert and other locations. The resolution was passed last Thursday at the SMSU Board.

Mr. Lopez stated that ASI and SMSU have similar goals. He commended Ms. Ruiz for her hard work.

Ms. Romero stated that this is necessary since some students may be unaware of the property on which they are standing.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Torres, Melendrez, Graham, Kaur, Romero, Vazquez, Steffel and Ramos.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (8/0/0).

Some Board members left the meeting.

**BD 14-22 M/S Ramos/Vazquez: Appointment of three Board of Director representatives to the ASI Elections Committee.**

Due to lack of quorum, the item was tabled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Echevarria stated that the Undocumented Student Success Center invited the Board to their trivia night.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.



Paola Galvez  
Executive Vice President