

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 16, 2021**

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

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

Absent: Jessica Zacarias (unexcused).

Guests: Sage Keyner, Alfredo Barcenas, Daisy Ramos, Mary Richarte, Lesley David-Boyd, Romey Sabalius, Pamela Langfor, Jeanette Hazelwood, Monica Alejandre, Michael Artega, Herbert Gonzalez, Vianey Abraham, Charlotte Lee Iradjipanah and Moises Ramirez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**REPORTS:**

*College of Social & Behavioral Sciences:* Ms. Ramos stated that she will be collaborating with the Career Center for an open forum on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

*College of Natural Sciences:* Ms. Ayala stated that the Enhancing CSUSB Spirit work group will be meeting with Housing and student mentors on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

*College of Education:* Ms. Echevarria stated that she will be collaborating with Dean DomNwachukwu for an open forum from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. today.

*Sustainability:* Ms. Thambi stated that she will be hosting an open forum on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Vice President of Finance:* Ms. Galvez stated that the Finance Committee approved a transfer of \$4,500.00 from Unallocated Reserves to ASI Donations for the New York Times campus subscription and a transfer of \$5,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to ASI Scholarship for graduate school applications.

*Executive Director:* Mr. Felix deferred to the following: Ms. Keyner gave a detailed report on behalf of programs and graphics. Ms. Ramos gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs.

*President:* Ms. Moran stated that the Campus Safety work group met to discuss safety initiatives.

**Time Certain: (12:10 p.m.)**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Ms. Moran deferred to Ms. Langford who introduced Romey Sabalius, CSU Trustee to the Board members.

Mr. Sabalius commended the Board for their hard work. He explained that the Board of Trustees adopt regulations and policies governing the entire CSU system and as a Faculty Trustee he is fighting against increasing tuition due to budget shortfalls. He encouraged the Board to be cautious about administration proposals. He urged the Board that whenever they stand up for something to consider the greater good rather than themselves.

Dr. Horner expressed her concern with tuition waivers not offered at the graduate level. Ms. Moran commended Dr. Horner for her advocacy.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

M/S Ayala/Felix: To remove BD 32-21 from the agenda. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

**Time Certain: BD 24-21 (12:10 p.m.)**

**BD 24-21 M/S Felix/Echevarria: Review of CSUSB Campus Repopulation Strategy Fall 2021.**

Dr. Oliverez gave a brief presentation on the CSUSB campus repopulation strategy. They are working on making CSUSB a vaccination distribution site. It is anticipated that a 50% return for in-person classes will be implemented for Fall 2021.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Ayala inquired whether the CSUSB and Palm Desert Campus are equipped with technology for students who will continue to take virtual classes. Dr. Oliverez stated that cameras are being installed in every classroom at both campuses.

Dr. Horner stated that the max capacity needs to be adjusted to percent capacity of a room since 20 people in a small room is not the same as 130 people in a large room.

Mr. Marquez inquired whether this strategy would include mask-wearing and social distancing guidelines. Dr. Oliverez stated that guidelines would be implemented.

Ms. Galvez left the meeting due to a meeting conflict.

M/S Felix/Echevarria: To table BD 24-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Oliverez left the meeting due to a meeting conflict.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BD 22-21 M/S Felix/Echevarria: Permission to advocate for more traditional sporting events (alcohol, tailgate, etc).**

M/S Felix/Thambi: To table BD 22-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BD 25-21 M/S Felix/Romero: Permission to transfer \$20,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Programs - ASI Donations (660723-RN001-A4700) for PDC Peer Mentors.**

Mr. Felix deferred to Dr. Davidson-Boyd.

Dr. Davidson-Boyd gave a brief presentation on the Undergraduate Student Success Studio at the Palm Desert Campus. She stated that the department is currently unable to pay student salaries due to a lack of funds.

Ms. Echevarria inquired whether they have investigated funding the PDC peer mentors through work study. Dr. Davidson-Boyd stated that since they are instructional assistants, they are not eligible for work study on campus.

Ms. Ayala spoke in favor of this item.

Passed (13/0/0).

**BD 26-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Permission to transfer \$5,750.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Program - ASI Donations (660723-RN001-A4700) for class gift for the Spring 2021 graduates.**

Mr. Felix deferred to Mr. Arteaga.

Mr. Arteaga gave a brief presentation on the design and cost associated with the pins.

Ms. Ayala and Ms. Romero spoke in favor of option B for the design of the pins.

M/S: Felix/Echevarria: To amend the item to read, "Permission to transfer \$5,750.00 from

Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Program - ASI Donations (660723-RN001-A4700) for the approval of class gift pin Option B for the Spring 2021 graduates contingent upon the approval of the marketing materials made by the Executive Committee.” Passed.

Ms. Echevarria stated that she and other Board members expressed their concerns with funding this in the future. They prefer that ASI use student fees in the best way possible in order to be prepared for future financial matters.

Vote on motion as amended passed (12/0/1).

**BD 27-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Permission to transfer \$25,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Programs - ASI Scholarship (609821-RN001-A4701-20126) for Endowment Scholarship.**

Mr. Felix deferred to Ms. Alejandre.

Ms. Alejandre gave a brief presentation on the endowment scholarship. She stated that endowments create an enduring legacy for the donor while transforming the future of students and faculty who teach and mentor them.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Echevarria inquired whether there is a certain amount required to create an endowment. Ms. Alejandre stated that the minimum for new endowments is \$25,000.00.

Ms. Ayala inquired into how students could apply for the scholarship. Ms. Alejandre stated that students could apply through the MyCoyote portal.

Passed (12/0/1).

**BD 28-21 M/S Felix/Romero: Permission to transfer \$53,750.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Programs - ASI Scholarship (609821-RN001-A4701-20126) for ASI Scholarship.**

M/S: Felix/Echevarria: To amend the item as follows: “Permission to transfer \$54,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to Grant & Service Programs - ASI Scholarship (609821-RN001-A4701-20126) for ASI Scholarship.” Passed.

Mr. Felix stated that the purpose of this item is to provide students with scholarships.

Discussion ensued.

Vote on motion as amended passed (12/0/1).

**BD 29-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Discussion on SOTES and the inclusion in RPTs.**

M/S Felix/Echevarria: To table BD 29-21 until next week's meeting. Passed unanimously.

**BD 30-21 M/S Ayala/Romero: Appointment of Steven Serrano as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Lobby Corps.**

Ms. Ayala spoke in favor of Mr. Serrano.

Passed unanimously.

**BD 31-21 M/S Thambi/Ayala: Appointment of Jamie Valdez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Lobby Corps.**

Ms. Thambi spoke in favor of Ms. Valdez.

Passed unanimously.

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

Ms. Echevarria encouraged the Board to attend the Immigrants Rising Webinar on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Moran and Ms. Stone gave kudos to the Board for their hard work.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Marina Stone (Mar 19, 2021 15:03 PDT)

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Executive Vice President