

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daisy Ramos at 12:09 p.m.

Present: Daisy Ramos, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, Angelique Melendrez, Savreen Kaur, Angel Contreras, Michael Vazquez, Nathaly Ramos, Julian Lopez, Alfredo Barcenas and Dr. Daria Graham.

Absent: Alexia Maciel (unexcused), Alexis Corine McGowan (excused), Carlene Luna (unexcused) Dr. Paz Oliverez, Jessica Madrigal and Beth Steffel.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of March 14th were approved.

REPORTS:

Executive Vice President: Ms. Galvez thanked everyone who supported Mental Health Week.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Echevarria stated that the Finance Committee approved the transfer of \$5,000.00 from Club Allocation Budget – Special Events to Grant & Service Programs – Howl Grant as part of the Spring 2022 ASI Elections.

International: Ms. Kaur stated that she is working with CGI and international students to report issues on orientation. An International Student Mixer will be held on April 7th.

Student-at-Large: Mr. Contreras stated that he is working on a student population survey. He would like to work with Ms. Ramos and Ms. Kaur on an event that would allow students to voice their opinions, concerns and suggestions.

Director of External Affairs: Ms. Ramos stated that Lobby Corps is currently working on an assessment to address student needs. She invited everyone to reach out if they are interested in attending a Student Trustee Luncheon on April 12th.

Director of Internal Affairs: Mr. Lopez encouraged the Board to attend the ITS Tech Talk on April 12th and 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interim Executive Director: Mr. Barcenas stated that he is working on the ASI budget and will be presenting it to the Finance Committee soon. The Board will review the ASI budget next month. He stated that ASI signed a contract with an artist for Coyote Fest. He stated that there is now a concern due to rising labor, material and resource costs. The date for the event is set for May 6th.

He deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs and programs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Barcenas/Contreras: To remove BD 14-22 from the agenda. Passed unanimously.

M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: To move BD 16-22 to the bottom of the agenda before CLOSED SESSION. Passed unanimously.

M/S Barcenas/Contreras: To place BD 17-22 through BD 18-22 on a consent calendar. Passed.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 15-22 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Appointment of Maria Gomez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Echevarria spoke in favor of Ms. Gomez.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Torres, Melendrez, Graham, Kaur, Vazquez, Contreras, Barcenas and Ramos.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (8/0/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

M/S Barcenas/Melendrez: To open the following consent calendar:

BD 17-22 Appointment of Alexia Maciel as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

BD 18-22 Appointment of Michael Vazquez as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Vote on the above consent calendar passed (9/0/0).

BD 19-22 M/S Barcenas/Contreras: Appointment of Andres Ventura as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Elections Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (9/0/0).

BD 20-22 M/S Barcenas/Romero: Revision of the ASI Howl Grant Policy. (First Reading)

Mr. Barcenas explained that the purpose of this policy is to establish rules and regulations for Howl Grant. He briefly reviewed some changes made to the policy and explained that some of the language was revised.

Section 2, Subsection a:

To strike: “~~Each currently enrolled CSUSB student whether at the San Bernardino or Palm Desert Campus will be allowed to allocate up to \$3,000.~~” and replace with “In determination with the ASI Board of Directors, ASI will allocate a minimum of \$10,000.00 to the Howl Grant budget of which ten \$1,000.00 grants will be awarded.”

The following subsections were removed.

Section 2, Subsection f:

To strike: “~~All disbursement requests are due no later than June 1st.~~”

Section 2, Subsection g:

To strike: “~~Any not disbursed funds at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the general Howl Grant account.~~”

Section 2, Subsection h:

To strike: “~~Original receipts must be provided for fund disbursement.~~”

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Graham recommended that they add a clarification that the club must be in good standing. Mr. Barcenas stated that they will clarify this is for chartered clubs and organizations which are in good standing with the university.

Discussion closed.

Mr. Contreras left the meeting.

BD 21-22 M/S Barcenas/Melendrez: Appointment of Savreen Kaur as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Echevarria stated that the Finance Committee is in need of a Board of Director representative since a Board member was unable to attend the Finance meetings due to a time conflict. She spoke in favor of Ms. Kaur.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (8/0/0).

BD 22-22 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Appointment of Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Ms. Echevarria stated that if she is unable to serve as the Vice President of Finance, a member of the Board must be nominated as the Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem.

Mr. Torres stated that the Board already appointed a student as the Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem. Mr. Echevarria stated that the Board member who had originally been appointed as the Vice President of Finance Pro-Tem is no longer able to serve on the Finance Committee which is one of the requirements.

Mr. Vazquez nominated Ms. Kaur. Ms. Kaur accepted the nomination.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (8/0/0).

BD 23-22 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Review of CSUSB campus policies: Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum Collection Policy & CSUSB Storage of Surplus Items Policy.

Mr. Barcenas stated that the Administrative Council is requesting feedback on these policies. He urged the Board to review them and offer feedback to President Ramos so she may present them at Administrative Council.

Discussion closed.

President Ramos passed the gavel to Ms. Galvez.

BD 16-22 M/S Ramos/Barcenas: Discussion of attendance policy for board members for the remainder of Spring 2022 ASI Board Meetings.

President Ramos stated that in a recent meeting they lost quorum even though the meetings were rescheduled in order to best fit the Board's schedules.

Mr. Barcenas stated that the current issue they are facing is a lack of attendance at Board meetings. This is a challenging task especially at this time of year when the Board is dealing with more serious matters. He stated that the Board is the voice of the students and it is critical that they attend meetings.

Ms. Echevarria stated that this is her third year on the Board and it is an honor to serve in these positions since they represent the students' voices. Guests have previously praised the Board's professionalism, nevertheless, this comes with being present. She urged the Board to

contact other Board members in order to foster a sense of community and encourage them to attend meetings.

Dr. Graham echoed what has been said. She stated that it is essential for the Board to have important conversations during Board meetings.

Mr. Lopez stated that is important that Board members fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

President Ramos expressed her gratitude to those who have continued to attend meetings. She encouraged Board members to assist one another in attending meetings.

Mr. Torres stated that despite the fact that this is a voluntary position, they are not as lenient with attendance. He believes that it is critical to take stronger actions against members who fail to attend meetings.

Discussion closed.

Ms. Galvez passed the gavel back to President Ramos.

The Board moved to a CLOSED SESSION:

BD 24-22 ASI Executive Director Search Process for Spring 2022 Per Gloria Romero Act, §89307 (d)(D).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President