

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2021

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

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

Absent: Marina Stone and Dr. Angela Horner.

Guests: Sage Keyner, Alfredo Barcenas, Daisy Ramos, Juan Medina, David Robydek, 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 2nd were approved.

REPORTS:

College of Education: Ms. Echevarria stated that her open forum with Dean DomNwachukwu was a success. She met with Mr. Felix, Dr. Oliverrez, and Dean Karmanova to discuss creating a Committee for students at the College for Global and Extended Education.

Staff Council: Mr. Garcia stated that Chancellor Castro spoke highly of his interaction with students at the open forum.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Galvez stated that budget proposals will be agendized for next week's Board meeting.

Executive Director: Mr. Felix deferred to the following: Ms. Keyner gave a detailed report on behalf of programs and graphics. Mr. Gonzalez gave a brief presentation on the student's feedback on "An Evening with Laverne Cox" event. Ms. Abraham gave a detailed report on behalf of PDC programs. Ms. Ramos gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs. Mr. Barcenas commended the ASI Lobby Corps and Ms. Hazelwood for their advocacy on behalf of students. Mr. Ramirez gave a detailed report on behalf of marketing.

President: Ms. Moran stated that she attended the open forum with Chancellor Castro and it was a success. The Board of Trustees requested to meet with the ASI BoD. She met with Ms. Ramos to discuss creating a director of inclusion and diversity. The Faculty Senate meeting will be held today.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

OPEN FORUM:

Charlotte Lee Iradjipannah stated that she attended the open forum with Chancellor Castor and a concern that was not addressed was students with disabilities having a difficult time returning to campus. She recommended that CSUSB introduce the awareness of Title IV and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) laws.

OLD BUSINESS:

Time Certain: BD 19-21 (12:40 p.m.)

BD 19-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Permission to proceed with the application for CLC Lawyer Referral Services in order to continue to provide legal aid to the campus community.

Mr. Felix deferred to Mr. Medina.

Mr. Medina explained that the College Legal Clinic was in a shared agreement with CSU Fullerton. They deemed it unnecessary for their campus to have a College Legal Clinic, therefore, ASI CSUSB can no longer operate under them. He stated that in order to move forward with the application, the Board's permission is needed.

Mr. Felix stated that this will allow ASI to think about how the College Legal Clinic operates. He mentioned that they are thinking about partnering with the San Bernardino and Riverside Legal Aid Society for the Palm Desert Campus.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Marquez inquired into how many students access these services. Mr. Medina stated that an average of 200 students access these services per year. The CLC helps students connect with the right attorneys to help them navigate their situation.

Ms. Ayala inquired whether the CLC helps DACA students. Mr. Medina stated that there are three immigration attorneys who help everyone and not just DACA students. Mr. Felix mentioned that there have been Immigration Attorney Nights which we would like to continue.

Ms. Agudo inquired whether these services are open to all students. Mr. Felix stated that these services are open to all students, faculty, and staff. Faculty and staff are required to pay a fee, however, it is free for students.

Passed (15/1/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 20-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Approval of ASI tax documents.

Ms. Galvez deferred to Mr. Robydek.

Mr. Robydek, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP gave a brief presentation on the Form 990 Income Tax Return to the Board.

Passed.

BD 21-21 M/S Felix/Marquez: Appointment of four Board Members to the Academic Justice working group.

Ms. Moran explained that the Academic Justice working group will work to create resolutions and letters to voice student concerns regarding academics.

Ms. Agudo spoke in favor of this work group.

Ms. Ayala nominated herself to sit on the working group. Ms. Echevarria seconded the nomination.

Mr. Felix nominated Ms. Galvez to sit on the working group. Ms. Ayala seconded the nomination. The nomination was accepted.

Ms. Echevarria nominated herself to sit on the working group. Ms. Felix seconded the nomination.

Ms. Thambi nominated herself to sit on the working group. Mr. Marquez seconded the nomination.

M/S Echevarria/Felix: To amend the item to read, "Appointment of five Board Members to the Academic Justice working group." Passed (15/0/0).

Ms. Echevarria nominated Ms. Agudo to sit on the working group. Ms. Ayala seconded the nomination. The nomination was accepted.

Vote on motion as amended passed (15/0/0).

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

Ms. Luna stated that the purpose of this item is to encourage students to attend sporting events.

Ms. Echevarria inquired whether additional funding would be requested to increase security and wanted to know what the maximum number of drinks a student 21 and over could consume.

Ms. Luna stated that it would be similar to the Blue Coyote Pub with a drink limit. She explained that if additional security is needed, then the profits from selling drinks, along with the increase in attendance, may cover those funds.

Mr. Felix recommended that they meet with Risk Management.

Ms. Ayala expressed her concern that allowing students to drink at sporting events might encourage the drinking of minors.

Ms. Luna stated that the drinking of minors is not encouraged, however, this would allow students who are 21 and over to enjoy themselves at sporting events. She explained that checking IDs and adding wrist bands to identify students who are 21 and over could help with the process.

Ms. Ramos stated that at a sporting event everyone who is 21 and over cannot be monitored since students could easily purchase drinks for their underage friends. This would encourage underage drinking due to the exposure. Ms. Luna stated that she understands the situation, however, minors are going to drink off campus and if this is allowed, it provides an environment to those 21 and over.

Mr. Garcia spoke in favor of this item since it promotes responsibility. He recommended that they meet with Risk Management.

Ms. King-Johnson inquired into the location of the tailgates. Ms. Luna stated that if permission is given then they would be held in the parking lot.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Oliverez recommended that they investigate what other campuses are doing since it is important to look at research when making a decision.

Mr. Felix stated that ensuring students' safety is a priority.

Mr. Marquez spoke in favor of this item since it would allow graduate students to spend more time on campus.

Dr. Graham expressed her concern with connecting alcohol to school spirit.

Ms. Luna stated that if permission is granted, allowing alcohol at sporting events would be done responsibly and in a safe manner with drink limits and wrist bands for students who are 21 and over.

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

BD 23-21 M/S Felix/Ayala: Permission to allocate \$10,000.00 from Horatio Alger Scholarship to ASI COVID-19 Relief Scholarship.

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Ms. Galvez explained that ASI has given the philanthropic foundation yearly funds towards the Horatio Alger Scholarship since they have a partnership. She would like to match the \$5,000.00 to total \$10,000.00 for the award. Furthermore, there are no students who are eligible for this scholarship, therefore, she is requesting permission to allocate \$10,000.00 to the ASI COVID-19 Relief Scholarship.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Felix explained that it is a matching program with an off-campus entity and there are no Horatio Alger scholars on campus. He stated that an overwhelming number of students applied for the ASI COVID-19 Relief Scholarship and this would be a great way to use these funds.

Ms. Ayala and Ms. Luna spoke in favor of this item.

Passed (13/1/0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

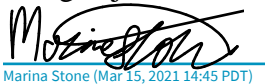
Ms. Moran encouraged the Board to attend the Faculty Senate meeting to voice their concerns.

Mr. Felix gave kudos to Dr. Graham, Dr. Oliverrez and President Morales for building an environment where advocacy is appreciated and supported.

Ms. Agudo encouraged the Board to attend the Graduate Studies virtual fair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Marina Stone (Mar 15, 2021 14:45 PDT)

Marina Stone
Executive Vice President