

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daisy Ramos at 12:01 p.m.

Present: Daisy Ramos, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Alexia Maciel, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, Michael Vazquez, Savreen Kaur, Angel Contreras, Danielle Penn, Carlene Luna, Alexis McGowan, Julian Lopez, Nathaly Ramos, Dr. Daria Graham, Beth Steffel, and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Angelique Melendrez (unexcused), Hannah Wagner (unexcused), Jessica Madrigal and Alfredo Barcenas.

Guests: Alanis Perez and Herbert Gonzalez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

M/S: N. Ramos/No Second: To make a friendly amendment to list Nathaly Ramos as present instead of a guest since she is a non-voting BoD member.

The minutes of October 12, 2021 were approved.

REPORTS:

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Echevarria stated that she hosted five CAB workshops and they were a success.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Galvez introduced Mr. Lopez as the new Director of Internal Affairs.

External Affairs: Ms. Ramos stated that she attended CSSA this weekend. She deferred to Mr. Lopez who introduced himself to the Board.

President: President Ramos stated that she attended CSSA. She met with the Chief of Police to discuss safety concerns. She deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez gave a detailed report on behalf of Legislative Affairs. Ms. Perez gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 94-21 M/S Ramos/Contreras: Appointment of Kabba Barua as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Lobby Corps.

Ms. Ramos spoke in favor of Ms. Barua.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Contreras, Kaur, Luna, Ramos, Maciel, Penn, Steffel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Oliverez, and Vazquez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

BD 95-21 M/S Ramos/Penn: Appointment of Ethan Hayes as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Lobby Corps.

Ms. Ramos spoke in favor of Mr. Hayes.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Contreras, Kaur, Luna, Ramos, Maciel, Penn, Steffel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Oliverez, and Vazquez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

BD 96-21 M/S Contreras/Vazquez: Appointment of Taquera Evans as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

Mr. Contreras deferred to Ms. Perez who spoke in favor of Ms. Evans.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Contreras, Kaur, Luna, Ramos, Maciel, Penn, Steffel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Oliverez, and Vazquez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

BD 97-21 M/S Ramos/Contreras: Appointment of Manuel Pina-Aguilar as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Activities Committee.

Ms. Ramos deferred to Ms. Perez who spoke in favor of Mr. Pina-Aguilar.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Contreras, Kaur, Luna, Ramos, Maciel, Penn, Steffel, McGowan, Romero, Torres, Oliverez, and Vazquez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None.

Passed (12/0/0).

BD 98-21 M/S Torres/Contreras: Permission to transfer \$180,000.00 from Unallocated Reserves to A.S. Productions - Programs & Publicity (660839-RN001-A6200) for the SMSU North Building Grand Opening Ceremonies in Spring 2022.

Ms. Echevarria stated that the purpose of this item is to cover the entertainment costs associated with the grand opening of the Santos Manuel Student Union North Building Expansion.

Ms. Penn inquired how the artists are chosen. President Ramos deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who stated that they will get student feedback on the style of music they enjoy. Based on past experiences, the investments to the artist could range from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Mr. Torres stated that this would initiate the conversation to start looking at vendors and artists. He recommended that the Board consider the positive impact they would like to have on students.

Mr. Contreras stated that he is concerned about safety. Mr. Gonzalez stated that safety is the number one priority and they have allocated funds towards security.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Penn inquired whether this event would be open to the community. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they would like to prioritize this event for students since the funds are student fees.

Ms. Echevarria stated that this event would help give the students a sense of community.

Ms. Penn stated that this is a significant amount of money and recommended that they get feedback from students.

Ms. Echevarria stated that by hosting this event students would be able to participate in activities that they may have missed due to the pandemic.

Dr. Steffel stated that when the Student Union Expansion opens, the fees that students pay for the SMSU will double.

Mr. Torres stated that the Board should start developing alternative solutions to support students and recommended that they get feedback.

Ms. Luna spoke in favor of this item.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this is a collaboration between ASI and SMSU.

Discussion closed.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Contreras, Kaur, Luna, Ramos, Penn, Romero, Torres and Vazquez.

Opposed: None
Abstentions: Graham, Oliverez and Steffel.
Passed (8/0/3).

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Dr. Oliverez encouraged the Board to attend the NASPA conference in the future. Tea with the VP will be held next week during Coyote Hour.

Ms. Luna announced that the men's soccer team is in the semi-finals for the CCAA tournament and they will be playing against Cal Poly Pomona.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President