

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daisy Ramos at 12:04 p.m.

Present: Daisy Ramos, Paola Galvez, Suany Echevarria, Alexia Maciel, Guadalupe Romero, Auguste Torres, Angelique Melendrez, Michael Vazquez, Alfredo Barcenas, Jessica Madrigal, Beth Steffel, Dr. Daria Graham and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Hannah Wagner (unexcused) and Alexis McGowan (unexcused).

Guests: Nathaly Ramos (External Affairs), Alanis Perez, Charlotte Iradjpanah, Syed Farhan, Ricardo Pardo, Rima Tan, Grace Munyiri, Monir Ahmed and Herbert Gonzalez.

(The above listed were present via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of August 31st were approved.

REPORTS:

Palm Desert Campus Representative: Ms. Melendrez stated that she is working on creating a qualtrics survey to get feedback on dining services. She is working with Mr. Salem on creating a “Meet the Director Day” event.

External Affairs: Ms. Ramos stated that the Legislative Affairs Committee gave an update on legislation. Information on the governor’s task will be sent to the Board.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Galvez stated that the ASI Safety Walk will be held on September 29th where students will have an opportunity to walk around campus with UPD and facilities representatives to identify and record any safety concerns on campus.

President: Ms. Ramos stated that Student Trustees will be attending a Board meeting soon. She commended Board members who submitted their BoD reports.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: To move BD 67-21 to the top of the agenda. Passed.

M/S Barcenas/Steffel: To place BD 63-21 through BD 65-21 on a consent calendar. Passed.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

OPEN FORUM:

Charlotte Iradjipanah shared her transportation experience at CSUSB. This academic year, bus rides are free with a Coyote ID. She thanked Dr. Freer and the Department of Parking and Transportation Services.

Grace Munyiri stated that all agencies that incorporate with the campus are free to students. She encouraged the Board to let students know that they can ride the bus for free with their Coyote ID.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 67-21 M/S Barcenas/Madrigal: Approval of the 2020-21 audit and financial statements.

Mr. Barcenas deferred to Mr. Pardo and Mr. Farhan.

Mr. Farhan stated that the audit was done in the frame of one month. Auditing standards require auditors to start with risk assessment after which the area of internal controls are reviewed. A walk-thru is performed to address the risk of potential management override of those controls. Once accounts are finalized and closed, CLA proceeds with their substantial work which focuses on verifying that the financial statements are presented fairly.

Mr. Pardo gave a presentation on the audit and financial statements. There were no findings.

Mr. Barcenas thanked the auditors for their presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion closed

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Steffel, Madrigal, Oliverez, Maciel, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, Barcenas, and Melendrez.

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Graham.

Passed (9/0/1).

BD 61-21 M/S Vazquez/Romero: Appointment of Savreen Kaur as the International representative to the ASI Board of Directors.

Mr. Vazquez, Ms. Romero and Mr. Torres spoke in favor of Ms. Kaur.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Maciel, Ramos, Romero, Steffel, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Madrigal, Graham and Oliverez.

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Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (11/0/0).

BD 62-21 M/S Romero/Vazquez: Appointment of Carlene Luna as the Athletics representative to the ASI Board of Directors.

Ms. Romero and Dr. Oliverez spoke in favor of Ms. Luna.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Ramos, Steffel, Romero, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Madrigal, Graham and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (10/0/0).

BD 66-21 M/S Barcenas/Vazquez: Approval of the Human Resources Agreement between Associated Students Inc. and the Santos Manuel Student Union.

Mr. Barcenas stated that the purpose of this agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which the SMSU may operate as Human Resources for the ASI. In entering this agreement, ASI finds that certain functions under the scope of human resources which are important to the mission of ASI are more effectively accomplished by the services of the SMSU rather than the current operational function. He gave a brief presentation on the Human Resources Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion closed.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Ramos, Romero, Steffel, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Madrigal, Graham and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (10/0/0).

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

BD 63-21 Appointment of Elizabeth Cornejo as the corporate representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.

BD 64-21 Appointment of Roman Salem as the PDC Programs Manager to the ASI Palm Desert Campus Advisory Committee.

BD 65-21 Appointment of Christina Zimmerman as the corporate representative to the ASI

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Sustainability Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Ramos, Romero, Steffel, Torres, Vazquez, Melendrez, Barcenas, Madrigal, Graham and Oliverez.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (10/0/0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Barcenas reminded the Board that the WASC team will be visiting soon.

Dr. Oliverez stated that Monday, September 20th is the deadline for students to self-certify. She explained that approximately 80% of students are vaccinated, 6% have applied for religious exemption, and about 11-12% are either partially vaccinated or not vaccinated. She reminded the Board to complete the Daily Health Screen.

Dr. Graham stated that the Blue Table Talk event will be held on September 30th.

Ms. Galvez encouraged Board members to attend the ASI Safety Walk on September 29th.

Ms. Echevarria encouraged the Board to check out the events taking place for Hispanic Heritage Month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.



Paola Galvez
Executive Vice President