ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz, Diego Rendon (Zoom), Autumn Hudson, Oluwaseyi Adeoye, Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara, Kaelyn Blackwell, James Chalk, Dalaiah Graham, Jessie McVicker, Derek Sweem, Kim Hunsaker (Zoom), Dr. Daria Jackson-Graham and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Sharlin Vaz, Kya Sauls and Nasir Harris.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of November 3rd were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended CSSA and the IT Governance Executive Committee meeting. He had a meeting with the fraternity and sorority presidents about the possibility of a clubs and organizations representative. A candidate for the Director of Internal Affairs position has been chosen. He had a 1:1 meeting with the Athletic Director, Shareef Amer. He announced that Denise Laughlin submitted her resignation and will no longer serve as the College of Education representative. He deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs and Ms. Stone who gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

Executive Vice President: Mx. Ruiz stated that her calendar on the website has been updated.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson stated that there is a Finance Committee meeting today.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon is working with a representative at College Possible to give a presentation on ASI to a freshman seminar class. A Java and Treats with The VP’s event was held last week. He had a 1:1 meeting with Dr. Oliverez. The Palm Desert Campus Advisory Committee met this week.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk attended the President’s DEI Board meeting, a CSBS Student Success Center workshop and the Office of Graduate Studies Student Mixer. He had a 1:1 meeting with Dean Hassija.

Athletics: Ms. Blackwell stated that she went to Shandin Hills Middle school on November 7th to talk to students about college life and ASI. A watch party for the volleyball game will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Health and PE Complex - Room 101. There will be a fan bus for students to attend the volleyball game at CSU Los Angeles on November 18th; the bus leaves at 12:30 p.m.
College of Arts & Letters: Ms. McVicker had a meeting with Dean Chuang and Associate Dean Feizzaringhalam last week. Pizza with The Dean was held on November 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Student-at-Large: Ms. Adeoye participated in a panel to promote ASI to Rialto High School students.

Housing: Ms. Graham is working with the Division of Student Affairs to find more food options for students who live on campus during the winter session.

External Affairs: Ms. Sauls stated that she has been conducting interviews for Lobby Corps members.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that ASI Night at The Theatre was a success.

ADOPION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 89-23 M/S Blackwell/Chalk: Permission to transfer $15,983.00 from Unallocated Reserves to AS Corporate Personnel – Unallocated Staff Increase (660894 RN001 A4100) for the combined half year amount of a three percent Cost-of-Living increase and a two percent merit increase.

Dr. Rister stated that due to the increase in minimum wage this item would increase the salary for staff who were already earning more than the minimum wage. The merit increase is based on the evaluation an employee in ASI receives with a range from zero to two percent.

Ms. Hudson stated that this amount would cover half of the year from January to June.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Balsara, Chalk, Graham, Hunsaker, McVicker, Rendon, Rister and Jackson-Graham.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: Blackwell, Fajardo and Sweem.
Passed (10/0/3).

BD 90-23 M/S Rister/Blackwell: Approval for full-time employees to receive comparable benefits to CSU employees in regards to educational assistance.

Dr. Rister stated that this item is for professional staff to receive comparable benefits to the CSU system for auxiliaries. Currently both CSUSB and SMSU have tuition assistance programs,
however, ASI does not currently offer educational assistance. If all professional staff enrolled in the program, it would cost $4,752.00 for a total year of expenses for each person.

Ms. Hudson asked how the upcoming tuition increase would affect the total amount of expenses for each person. Dr. Rister stated that it would cost $5,952.00 for a total year of expenses for each person.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (13/0/0).

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mx. Ruiz.

**BD 91-23 M/S Adeoye/Alapati: Discussion on ASI Pillars.**

President Fajardo stated that the ASI Pillars would be the framework for the Policy Agenda. To communicate the Policy Agenda to students in a more efficient way he created an acronym, STAND to represent the pillars of the organization. The idea is to keep the goals brief and achievable for the year. The acronym will help to keep track of what is being accomplished and what still needs to be done.

S - Support (student success and academic initiatives)
T – Transparency (procedures and initiatives)
A – Accessibility (diversity and inclusion)
N – Networks (campus partnerships and student careers)
D – Development (student leadership and organizational progress)

Ms. Adeoye recommended having examples of what ASI has already accomplished for each letter of the acronym.

Ms. Blackwell stated that this would simplify the explanation of what ASI is to students and recommended having the acronym on t-shirts for marketing.

M/S Blackwell/Adeoye: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

Mx. Ruiz passed the gavel to President Fajardo.

**BD 92-23 M/S Adeoye/McVicker: Appointment of Nasir Harris as the College of Natural Sciences representative to the ASI Board of Directors.**

Ms. Adeoye spoke in favor of Mr. Harris.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (13/0/0).

**BD 93-23 M/S Adeoye/Blackwell: Appointment of Anaya Player as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Board of Directors.**

Ms. Adeoye spoke in favor of Ms. Player.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:
In Favor: Adeoye, Alapati, Balsara, Blackwell, Chalk, Fajardo, Graham, Harris, Hunsaker, McVicker, Rendon, Rister, Sweem and Jackson-Graham.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (14/0/0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Salus stated that assembly member Sabrina Cervantes will be on campus on December 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; she asked the Board to email her by December 6th if they are interested in scheduling a meeting.

Ms. Blackwell stated that Destiny Jackson and Sedrick Altman received player of the week for the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Mr. Balsara stated that the Diwali celebration is today at 5:00 p.m. in SMSU North on the second floor.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that on December 1st there will be an ASI hangout in the SMSU North Bowling Alley at 12:30 p.m.

President Fajardo stated that he plans on scheduling a 1:1 meetings with Mr. Harris and Mr. Sweem soon. The next Board meeting will be held on December 1st.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President