

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2015

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

Present: Alfredo Barcenas, Juan Garcia, Antonia Mata, Christa Bowers, Miranda Canseco, Clementine Garrett, Becky Morales, Jessica Patalano, Shannon Stratton, Dr. Brian Haynes and Andre Harrington.

Absent: Fernando Baños (excused), Andrew Lenzini (excused), Dr. Alysson Satterlund (excused) and Bryce Davis (class conflict).

Guests: Dr. Tatiana Karmanova, Erika Sanchez, Jessica Bryan, Edgar Lopez and Manuela Rossi.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of February 17, 2015 were approved.

REPORTS:

President: Mr. Barcenas stated that members of the ASI Lobby Corp and he recently returned from the California Higher Education Student Summit this past weekend. They met with 11 legislatures, assembly members and assembly women from the district that serves CSUSB. They lobbied for an additional \$97,000,000.00 for the CSU system which is needed for deferred maintenance, more student acceptance into the CSU system and an increased number of courses and professors to ensure that students graduate on time.

Graduate: Ms. Bowers described her experience at CHESS.

President: Mr. Barcenas added that Ms. Langford also attended CHESS. Mr. Lopez and himself attended the annual CSU Hill Day in Washington D.C. and met with six congressmen to lobby for federal issues in the CSU system.

Vice President of PDC: Ms. Mata stated that the bus for the Homecoming Dance that was sponsored by ASI was a success.

Graduate: Ms. Bowers stated that the Office of Graduate Studies is hosting its first Graduate Orientation which will be held on March 19, 2015. She would be present as the ASI representative and invited the Board to attend from 7-8:30 p.m. during the networking/research fair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Stratton/No second: To move BD 21-15 to the top of the agenda and BD 20-15 as the

second item on the agenda. Passed.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 21-15 M/S Patalano/Garrett: Presentation on Summer Session 2015.

Dr. Karmanova explained why the Summer quarter will be administered on self-support this year instead of state run. Financial aid is still available even when administered on self-support, however, the State University Grant will be unavailable. Instead, a percentage of revenue from the Summer will be set aside to create SAG, Summer Assistance Grant, in order to offset the unavailability of the State University Grant. She explained the benefits of SAG and the new tuition structure created that will make tuition cheaper if students take four or eight units.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Dr. Karmanova asked for any input on reaching out to more students about the Summer Session.

Discussion closed.

BD 20-15 M/S Patalano/Haynes: Permission to use \$22,500.00 from Unrestricted Net Assets to provide additional ASI programming for the 2014-15 academic year. The account to be charged will be Activities Committee, Special Events (660900-RN001-A5100-0502).

Ms. Bryan explained how the funds will be used for future events to support the student body since there is an increase of student attendance at ASI sponsored events.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 06-15 M/S Mata/Harrington: Revision of the ASI Elections Policy and Procedures. (Second Reading)

Mr. Stratton stated the following changes:

On Page 2, Section B1:

To add the phrase “/Student Conduct” after the word "Academic".

Subsection d:

To add the sentence "Candidates must be clear of any probation for two terms prior to running for an elected office".

On Page 3, Section 3, Subsection d5:

To strike "five hundred" and replace with "four hundred" in the first bullet point.

To strike "can" and replace with "cannot" in the last sentence of the paragraph.

Discussion followed.

On Page 4, Section C1:

To strike out subsection b completely.

On Page 7, Section D1:

The addition of subsection c:

c. Club and Organization Endorsement of Candidates in the Election. Candidates must submit endorsement forms to the ASI office no later than the due date for write-in candidate election packets to use endorsements on any campaign material. Endorsement forms will be available to pick up in accordance with the election packet disbursement.

Mr. Barcenas added the sentence, "False endorsements will be deemed a level 1 violation" to the end of the passage.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Stratton stated the following changes:

On page 8:

Section 1:

The addition of letter "j" that would state, "No candidate names shall be broadcasted over any AV equipment. However, music can be played".

Section 2, Subsection b:

To add the sentences, "Failure to submit materials will result in level 1 violation. If elected into office the candidate will be prevented from holding office" to the end of the passage.

Discussion followed.

Passed.

BD 13-15 M/S Mata/Harrington: Review of the ASI Bylaws. (Second Reading)

Mr. Stratton stated the following changes:

On Page 4, Section 4:

To add “/Electronic” after the word “Written”.

On Page 7:

To strike Section 2 completely and replace with the phrase, “2. One (1) Director from the Palm Desert Campus (voting)”.

On Page 13, Section 2B:

Number 1:

To strike the word “stipend” and replace with the word “compensable”.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Section 2C, Number 3:

To add the statement, “No Executive Order shall be issued to circumvent any Bylaw or Policy” to the end of the first sentence.

Discussion followed.

On Page 31, Section 2:

To add the phrase, “or a misdemeanor charge egregious in nature, or enters the CSU and or CSUSB conduct process,” after the word, “charge” in the last sentence.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Barcenas and Dr. Haynes recommended to strike the word “enters” and replace with the phrase “is charged by”.

Ms. Patalano mentioned that on page 35, section 12A, the third sentence states, “Should the charge(s) be reduced to a misdemeanor(s) and the student be convicted of a misdemeanor, the student will be reinstated to their prior position”. This conflicts with the prior changes.

Mr. Stratton recommended that the phrase, “unless the misdemeanor is egregious in nature” be added to the end of the third sentence.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Mr. Stratton continued stating the following changes:

On Page 34:

Section 7B, Number 2:

To add the phrase, “bylaws or” after the word “ASI”.

Section 12, Title:

To strike the phrase, “a Felony” and replace with the phrase, “Criminal or Student Conduct Activity”.

On Page 34 and 35, Section 12:

The following rules shall apply to all student executive members, student members of the ASI BoD and any committees described in these bylaws, and student assistants employed by ASI who are charged by the criminal justice system with a felony as described in the California Penal Codes while in office or employed:

Will be replaced with:

The following rules shall apply to all student executive members, student members of the ASI BoD and any committees described in these bylaws **or otherwise affiliated with ASI**, and student assistants employed by ASI who are charged by the criminal justice system with a felony as described by the California Penal Codes ***or a misdemeanor egregious in nature, or is charged by the CSU and or CSUSB conduct process*** while in office or employed:

On Page 38 the following was added to the end of the last paragraph:

The Executive Director will be responsible for the performance evaluations of all employees including student assistants.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Mr. Barcenas explained that the addition of the sentence, “The Executive Director will be responsible for the performance evaluations of all employees including student assistants” on page 38 should not include elected officials.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Mr. Stratton recommended that the sentence should state, “The Executive Director will be responsible for the performance evaluations of all employees including student assistants with exceptions of elected officers, whom will be evaluated by the Board of Directors”

Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 19-15 M/S Harrington/Garrett: Appointment of Sarah Gass as the ASI Corporate representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.

Mr. Barcenas explained that the ASI Personnel Committee will be somewhat of a Search Committee for the Assistant Director. The bylaws state that ASI must have a Personnel Committee that acts as a Search Committee and one of the representatives must be a corporate representative. Mr. Barcenas chose Ms. Gass as the ASI Corporate representative since she has been working with ASI for a long period of time.

Mr. Stratton further explained the item.

Passed.

EBD 22-15 M/S Patalano/Garrett: Approval to draft letter of support in favor of Housing and Dining expansion.

Mr. Stratton explained that the ASI letter of support would be largely beneficial for the Chancellor's office to approve the Housing and Dining expansion project.

Dr. Haynes shared a document that provided details of the project.

Discussion followed with questions from the Board.

Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Barcenas stated that he wrote a letter on behalf of ASI to nominate Ms. Langford for the Woman of the Year Award for the 40th Assembly District; she won and will be honored at a banquet on Monday.

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Juan Garcia
Executive Vice President