



# Executive Cabinet Meeting

## Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
 Location: San Gabriel Room- U-SU Room 305  
 Type of Meeting: Special

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm  
 Attendees: Committee Members, Public

### I. Organizational Items:

**Land Acknowledgment:** With Great respect, Cal State LA acknowledges the Tongva people as the traditional caretaker of Tovaangar (TOE-van-gar) - the Tongva world, including the Los Angeles Basin, South Channel Islands, San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and portions of Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Cal State LA is located within these lands. As an institution located on unceded Tongva land, we pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and our relatives/relations, past, present, and Emerging. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university's relationship to Native peoples. By offering this land Acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Cal State LA more accountable to the needs of American Indian Peoples.

**A. Call to order by: Jeffry Umana Munoz, Vice President for University Affairs @ 3:05 pm**

**B. Roll Call**

Arwa Hammad	President	Excused Absence
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Excused Tardy
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
Gennesis Nuyens	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
	Chief of Staff	
	Board Member Rep.	
	Board Member Rep.	
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	Excused Absence
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to approve the agenda for February 24, 2026						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu			
Motion to amend the agenda and add CHESS as a discussion item						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

**D. Certification of Minutes**

Offered By:	Gennesis Nuyens	Seconded by:	Erick Anzu
Motion to certify the minutes for February 3, 2026			
Consensus reached			

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed
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**II. Public Comment:** We will now move on to Public Comment. This time is allotted for the public to bring up comments or concerns of interest to the committee. Please be advised that due to a set agenda, the board will not address the items brought up at this time but will note them down for the Executive Committee’s review and action. If members of the public would like to be followed up with directly, please provide your contact information through the QR code on the door or through the form provided on the ASI website meeting agenda. We will now call on members of the public in order of registration before moving on to the public.

**Genesis:** Brought up an email from SF State, that states a resolution opposing increase compensation for CSU presidents. Think that we should review what they want to oppose and advocate for.

**Barnaby:** What if they’re asking us to oppose the salary increase of the university president?

**Genesis:** Doesn’t know if its salary specifically but it says compensation. I was thinking to follow up with them to get more information on what they’re opposing

**Barnaby:** We’re going to hear more about this for budget season, increases, marketing units, exec compensation for presidents and VPs. Talks about the faculty salary vs the athletic department.

**Ashley:** Talks about USC athletic department compensation and salary

**Jeffry:** Thinking of circling back to inviting bargaining units to a shared gov meeting. At leg they are looking at the agenda for the board of trustees meeting and we can talk about those challenges and those campuses and top paid employees.

**Genesis:** In regard to responding, what are some questions that should be asked?

**Barnaby:** Thinks the compensation has been approved, that’s the board of trustee so, doesn’t know if it can be done at this point other than voicing an opinion. It would really be at CSSA to make a statement of exec compensation. It’s not really in our scoop of influence. But ask what you disagree with, what’s the impact on the budget, is the president not doing a good job.

**Jeffry:** If it’s an issue across campuses, we can let Katie (VP for system wide affairs-CSSA) know that we have been talking about compensation and want to address it.

**III. Reports**

- A. Members**
- B. Advisors**

**IV. Informational Items**

**V. Action Items**

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. Student leader position changes and commissioners**

**Jeffry:** We need to decide the titles, what is changing, what we’re renaming, and the structure on the board. Are they elective board officers? Or commissioner that’s appointed by board members? For the chief of staff role, we left on evaluating the title change of executive vice president. It would be great for this person to the presidents coordinator such as transition process, help move the impact report along, maybe have oversight with the college reps and continue to be that coordinator between board members.

**Genesis:** Thinks the previous chief of staff did a well job with the college reps and thinks not changing too much would work well, and just adding in.

**Jeffry:** As we think of oversight of college reps, let’s also think about potentially collapsing the cabinet of college reps into shared gov and having it be one larger meeting. Even if exec vp is still having oversight of the college reps, they directly report to exec vp and VPUA still has direct reports with the senators, they can still be in the same committee. Especially because this year, cabinet of college reps and shared gov has been doing a lot of similar work and because we have two college reps on shared gov and a lot of them sit on university committees so they’re technically automatically apart of shared gov too. That would lower the amount of standing committees we have.

**Ashley:** Arwa had mentioned, VP help more on administration stuff with the president. Ex. The impact report or helping out when the president goes to meetings. Agrees on having the college reps joining shared gov as well as exec vp because if the vp is going to be helping college reps, they will gain that information.

**Jeffry:** We were discussing potentially the exec vp be the one who all of our positions are direct reports to, so that would be the person signing off biweekly's but were also talking about having college reps so that can also be a lot. But thinks the exec vp is the coordinator between the board members and making sure this committee is moving forward. If we get rid of the cabinet of college reps, the exec vp/chief of staff wouldn't have a committee to chair unless they chair this one, then the president only has to chair the board, that's the structure I've seen at other campuses.

**Genesis:** Brings up vice chair for shared gov

**Jeff:** Thinks for shared gov having the diversity and inclusions commissioner become the vice chair of that committee.

**Genesis:** Asks in regards to the email, does the emails change due to the position title because it will no longer have record of all the emails previously

**Amanda:** Yes, all positions have changed emails and says you do lose all emails. And we would have to make that change. We can start emailing that email so they can get access to previous emails, and everyone has access to SharePoint no matter of the change.

**Erick:** With exec vp, in terms with the role of the president, thinks it's a good idea and thinks it will help the president with the administration side while still making sure we're huddled in.

**Amanda:** Currently the chief of staff chairs the personnel committee

**Jeffry:** Since that committee meets infrequently, is that a committee they can keep? A lot of it is administrative support. Or is this something that falls to the president?

**Barnaby:** Since it is once a month for each of those, thinks it can just be the same person that chairs those. Thinks exec advisory is a question since it's the presidents meeting, more corporation structured. If the president can focus on advisory and talking informally, exec chairing and making sure the agendas are ready for personnel and exec cabinet.

**Jeffry:** Agrees, the goal is to allow the ASI president to have more cabinet space time, they'll probably be hearing a lot more about what's happening on campus.

**Barnaby:** What we need to decide at this point is the title changing. If we like the vp title, we do need to go to the bylaws and itemize these things. What's here right now is what we'll need to put in the bylaws by the end of the semester. The position description would also need to be updated. If we can get it solid, then we can put it on the BOD agenda and present it as a proposal and if approved by the board, put it in the bylaws.

## **B. ASI Standing Committee changes (e.g., EPC)**

**Jeffry:** Right now, we have an elected civic engagement commissioner, thinking about switching it to public service commissioner. This person can be the right-hand person for the VPX, help move along some long term projects and focus on the advocacy.

**Genesis:** Likes the idea of public service commissioner, can research what's going on in LA County and city. It would be good if this position does the background information and research VPX would then use. My question was, can commissioners be chairs to committees?

**Jeffry:** Were you thinking about having a chaired leg?

**Genesis:** No, but in my case that we haven't changed EPC yet, would formally fall under civic engagement officer, which would now be appointed as public service commissioner, would they be allowed to chair a committee?

**Barnaby:** Typically, standing committees are chaired by exec officers, leadership level its required. We have had a club funding committee that was chaired by appointed positions, so it's how we chose to structure the position.

**Genesis:** It would make sense for them to chair the facility management committee.

**Jeffry:** I feel like this is a little bit different because this position is meant to help your role focus on external issues.

**Genesis:** Just wondering who would then chair?

**Ashley:** Does agree there's a lot of engagement already and the name. Wanted to ask, so they wouldn't be a part of the board? If they're a commissioner they're automatically not in the board.

**Jeffry:** Right

**Ashley:** That would shrink our board to 13, assuming everyone is in a position.

**Jeffry:** Agrees, that would be good

**Barnaby:** It does help to have an odd number. This is something we need to factor in what we have in the bylaws.

**Jeffry:** Feels like with the master plan there's going to be a period of change on campus. Like EPC, it's an important committee. Also, asked if they agree on title and be changing to non-elective. Moves on to diversity and inclusion at large which is another elective officer being switched to a appointed commissioner. For this

commissioner, they would be serving on shared governance council only and be vice chair. Especially if were collapsing the cabinet of college reps into this committee, it's going to be a large committee with almost the size of the board with the senators included. This person would also be assigned AA'S on, for campus diversity and inclusion programs - Cross Cultural Center, OSD, Veteran's Resources. Also, our person who's our assigned on campus diversity equity inclusion and belonging office.

**Ashley:** Question from earlier, these commissioners, their only duty since they're not going to be in board anymore, is to be in the same committees that execs report to.

**Jeffry:** Basically, the idea is that each of these roles is like a project manager making sure that the committees that were moving from discussion based committees, to more action orientated committees so between meetings things are moving along and getting done.

**Barnaby:** Commissioners are sometimes like staffers that do a lot for the committee, so when we have board meetings, they're the experts. They will be doing presentations and update reports often, because they're the ones who have a lot of information. Committee chair can report on it, but if it's a specific discussion item, they would be the ones at the table with us to discuss all of that.

**Jeffry:** It's similar to how legislator and congress works. Since our board meetings are public, they might be the ones presenting, giving committee-based updates. Asks if everyone is good for this one, from diversity and inclusions officer to D&I Commissioner. For engagement commissioner, this is already our appointed commissioner, so it's just about title change and any updates by the bylaws. Also named vice chair of CEO.

**Ashley:** Wanted to clarify if were keeping the name

**Jeffry:** This is the one that needed the least editing, the only thing we can edit is being the vice chair of CEO and likes the idea of having more of a responsibility of recruiting students at large to serve on the committee. Thinks it shouldn't be their only responsibility because they're the appointing officers, and the ones who knows the committee. Maybe this engagement commissioner can help coordinate a campaigning each year either with elections or with the marketing team to promote.

**Ashley:** Agrees and thinks it works out, likes the idea of recruitment to get more students

**Barnaby:** Should the commissioners have an appointment on exec cabinet? Maybe as needed bring them to advisory and maybe can have them appointed for committee structure on exec cabinet. Having commissioners rather than board members on this committee might be helpful.

**Jeffry:** Thinks it makes sense for them to be seated on exec cabinet because our exec cabinet meetings aren't happening often. With these three commissioners, it would probably need to happen less often since so much would be getting done in the committees. Thinking about long term leadership, there's no guarantee that whoever becomes one of these commissioners would become the VP that they directly report to. Chances are they might want to run for the position. If they're sitting on exec cabinet they would already be getting the experience. As much as were free up the opportunity for the president, we should also be doing the same for college reps. Such as going to college events and meeting with students in their college. Likes the idea of if they're no longer required to fill some of the seats on exec cabinet that can also be good. Would be helpful to set board agendas and inform us about when something is ready for discussion

**Ashley:** What are we going to do with election, are we going to let them know that they're not going to be on the board anymore?

**Barnaby:** Yes that's what we would do, warn those specific positions that there's going to be some changes to it and that it will be an interview selection process

**Jeffry:** Maybe it'll make the other roles more competitive

**Barnaby:** We can give them the opportunity to if they wanted to explore other positions. We're going to keep the GIA payment the same, but they have less meetings but will be more focused on specific committee work so well articulate that on the position description and give them an opportunity to tell them how its changing

**Ashley:** Thinks the interview process will encourage them more

**Jeffry:** Agrees and thinks we need to offer opportunities for students to get involved.

**Genesis:** In regards to the public service commissioner, they'll potentially want to run for VP afterwards. It might be possible for them to be possibly engaged in CSSA meetings even its to observe, it's a big part in VPX and would be a great experience

**Ashley:** To go to CSSA, do you need to register?

**Jeffry:** No it open to the public, but thinks Genesis is saying that part of the role potentially would be going with VPX. Which makes sense for the commissioner role.

**Barnaby:** Once we do the election, we'll have applications for these appointed positions, then the new exec

officers will get to do these interviews and hopefully make a good bond.

**Jeffry:** Could be a good interview question, are you interested in going to CSSA meetings.

**Genesis:** Where would civic programming fall under? Because previously the position was responsible for NVRD, anything election related.

**Jeffry:** For NVRD, the responsibility for voter engagement events on campus is on the university. Doesn't know if we should pin that specifically on them. Knows were doing updates on the committee code of procedures. Maybe it might make more sense especially because NVRD is something we want to do, can be something that leg affairs does. Maybe earth day or earth week we can start transitioning it to CEO. If we feel like a lot is already happening, we don't have to mandate that.

**Barnaby:** We don't need multiple programming entities since we are one student body. If we want to do a civic engaged events, you as the exec cabinet charge CEO, your programming committee for that event. When we shifted, we're taking all aspects and putting it in one committee, no matter what the focus is. But we want influences on all the areas, so, that's where we structure because the expertise might be in leg or shared gov. Think of it as these are all working teams that make up one body. For me it's who are we going to train to do these things, I'd rather focus on student affairs because that's what you get expertise in.

Continued, all of the committee codes probably going to have to look at because titles will change. EPC is the one we need to decide because it's going to go in the bylaws. I have been drafting an update of recommendation for this to change to the campus enhancement committee, you all can change the title if you want. I think as we do the facilities master planning with the campus, the director of facilities is 100% supportive on this, she'd love to partner with us and be on board for campus facilities.

**Jeffry:** Next discussion will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting

### **C. ASI Bylaws Revision updates**

**Barnaby:** Our attorney is looking at it but we're going to factor in all these things, if there's any other things take a look. Only want to do this once a year as we have to send it over to the Chancellor's Office.

**Jeffry:** Encourages to take a look over your area and position

### **D. The Sauce - ASI's new Substack**

**Jeffry:** Working with Barnaby on a longer, digital platform and will provide an update, and will share at the next board meeting. Wants to start sharing content and going for a soft launch so we can promote it for students in the fall. Going to ask the board if they want to contribute to podcasts, videos, live interviews. Wants to highlight you all, such as Genesis doing CHESS. Erick, club financing, short video what you can and can't fund. Ashley, great programming coming up and Eddie Fest. Wants to think about format would work, there's no deadline but sometime in March.

**Ashley:** Went to strategic enrollment planning today, they wanted to start doing field trips for high school across LA County, and one of them is taking the Metro and get that experience. SEF engagement sessions from March 17-18.

### **E. ASI Goals for 2026**

**Jeffry:** Let's keep talking about this at upcoming exec advisories and Arwa will keep leading this discussion as well as we compare it to our impact report.

**Genesis:** When changing positions, what we didn't manage well are the outside campus committees on the appointing part, we did it very late. Only says this because of the emails asking who is our reps. Getting a list of all the committees that are required to sit on and already appointing the reps early on during summer training, because we are already ahead and getting access to important docs. Personally felt very unprepared.

**Jeffry:** Agrees, at this point it's a challenge for the university, and is hopeful that after the strategic planning process there is consolidation within the committees. Best way to do this is think about what are the areas we have committees in on campus and who do we need to talk to and how can we divide up that work. Maybe think about committee update structure.

**Barnaby:** Genesis, one of the things we want to talk to the board when President Eanes comes is about shared gov and thinks it's a good example to share. We need to be in the conversation in these meetings. Staff and I are working on a list of goals for the corporation, so what are the goals for spring you want to accomplish. Arwa has brought up goals for the committee, but we need to consolidate that and put it into a doc. When they start in June we want to give them a start for fall.

**Jeffry:** For shared gov, on March 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting when President Eanes comes, we've been working on a frame work of what students think a good shared gov is and I'll shared it with you all.

**VII. Adjournment**

Offered By:	Erick Anzu	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:17 pm Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Executive Cabinet Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on February 24, 2026, at Alhambra Room - USU Room 305 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Executive Cabinet on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

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