



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024
 Time: 2:00- 4:15 PM
 Location: Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A
 Attendees: Board Members, General Public
 Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

- a. **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, Sand 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.
- b. **Call to order by:** Chair Yahir Flores ASI President @ 2:06 pm
- c. **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Present
Arwa Hammad	Vice President for Administration	Present
Andrew Klein	Vice President for Finance	Unexcused tardy @ 2:11
Jenny Lucas	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	Present
Santhosh Kumar	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Caitlin Jane Calica	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Jared Blanco	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Excused Absence
Amit Bharath	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Unexcused Tardy
Nitesh Thorat	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Jacob Ramos	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Excused Absence
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Yadira Tellechea	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Amalvin Fritz	Civic Engagement Officer	Unexcused Tardy @ 3:01
Shivani Kotian	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Excused Tardy @ 2:11
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Excused Tardy @ 2:07
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
Ashley Foskey	Program Coordinator	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

d. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Caitlin Jane Calica			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Thursday, February 22, 2024, and tabling of Action Item A and Discussion Item A Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

e. Approval of the Minutes

Offered By:	Cindy Nguyen	Seconded by:	Shivani Kotian			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, February 8, 2024, with revisions on page 3 and Elaboration on Discussion Discussion:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arwa shares that she wanted a change in the minutes. - Yahir shares that the change will be made. - Arwa also wants Carmen explaining the parking tax to be more elaborate. 						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- a. 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 board. 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 general public.

III. Informational Items

a. SCORE Program support results.

- Andrew says we did invest \$7,500 into this program, which was to funds 10 grants to faculty members. And this resulted in a student savings of \$65,000 this semester, which is incredibly significant. And the nice thing about this work program is that this is going to be repeating next semester, if these classes are available in the fall. So, this is a continuous savings for students. This one-time investment of \$75 million dollars is going to result in about \$65,000. Every semester these classes are conducted and it's significant overall. It was quite a significant amount of savings per student, that class SP 4690, almost \$500 per student, which is incredibly significant.
- Cindy asks if it’s possible if Sylvia can post on the ASI social media page to let the students know why they textbook scholarship funds went to funding this program.
- Barnaby says that he will ask the library in order to put that out there.

b. Own It! Student Leader Elections- events and support

- Barnaby shares that the application is out so students can apply and shares the application close date. He adds that he wants to do a process where faculty and staff can nominate students. He also states that there is still vacant positions to share the word in the student leaders classes.
- Ashley shares about events where the students can come out to help and to share about elections.
- Yahir shares further why the board should share the message.

c. CSU Advocacy Day

- Yahir shares about advocacy day event he attended and shares about the governor budget proposal as follows:

The 2024-25 Governor’s January Budget proposes spending of \$291.5 billion in total state funds, consisting of approximately \$208.7 billion from the General Fund, \$80.8 billion from special funds, and \$2 billion from bond funds. Current estimates predict that the State is facing a \$38 billion budget deficit.

The Governor’s budget proposal keeps the CSU funding level flat and defers the previously agreed increase of \$240 million (per the Multi-Year Compact) by one year. The \$240 million would be deferred until fiscal year 2025-26 in order to help address the state’s budget shortfall. The Governor is essentially proposing that the state’s 2025-26 budget include the repayment of the deferred \$240 million and include an additional \$250 million for the CSU, per the Multi-Year Compact.

In 2022, the CSU agreed to a multi-year compact with Governor Newsom. In return for an annual state General Fund increase of 5% each year for five years, the CSU committed to making efforts to close equity gaps and promote student success, including supporting workforce preparedness and high-demand career pipelines.

The Governor has said that he expects the CSU to continue to abide by the terms of the Multi-Year Compact. **It must be emphasized that the Compact’s goals are also priorities of the legislature.** These include prioritizing increasing graduation rates, closing equity

gaps, growing resident enrollment, elevating teaching, health care, and STEM programs, and ensuring that graduates are prepared to succeed in the workforce.

Regardless of the Governor's budget proposal, the CSU has a number of key priorities that must move forward. These priorities include (from the Board of Trustees approved budget plan):

- Student Access and Success
 - o Financial Aid (State University Grant) o Student Access and Enrollment
 - o Graduation Initiative 2025
 - o Student Basic Needs
- Institutional Support
 - o Title IX
 - o NAGRPA
 - o Required Operational Costs (insurance premium, maintenance of new facilities, inflation) o Academic Facilities and Infrastructure
- CSU Workforce Investments
 - o Faculty and Staff Compensation
 - o Health Premium Increases

Education Facilities Bond

Last year, Senator Steve Glazer introduced SB 28, which is one of two competing measures to help address ongoing facility renewal needs for both K-12 and higher education. SB 28 would place a \$15.5 billion facilities bond on the November 2024 ballot for K-16 that, if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion to the CSU. AB 247 (Muratsuchi) would place a \$14 billion bond on the November 2024 ballot, but only for K-14. Both measures were held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee with the understanding that both authors would find one vehicle for an education bond measure.

The Board of Trustees is officially in support of SB 28. ASR has been working with legislative leadership and the Governor to encourage consensus on a bond measure that includes funding for both the CSU and UC. At the Governor's urging, the legislature only placed one bond measure on the March 2024 ballot, Proposition 1, which would provide new funds for behavioral health programs. Leadership from both houses will soon begin to negotiate a single measure that they intend to present to the Governor that would be eligible for the November ballot. The Governor alluded to the need for an education bond in his budget proposal but was silent on the size of it or if higher education should be included.

ASR is working to ensure that the final measure will include higher education. The level of funding could be significantly reduced in response to the current economic climate. We conducted polling to address the difference between the two education facilities' bond measures. **The findings of the poll show that including higher education in the bond does not reduce support for the bond beyond the margin for error.**

To qualify for the November 2024 ballot, the newly drafted measure will need to be approved by the legislature no later than June 27, 2024. The legislature is also considering placing a climate change bond (i.e., flood control, wildfire prevention) and an affordable housing bond on the November 2024 ballot. Decisions will likely be made after the March primary election.

The CSU has identified more than \$31 billion in capital needs for its 23 universities. More than half of the CSU's academic buildings are over 50 years old, resulting in a deferred maintenance backlog of more than \$7.4 billion. This backlog has increased due to a lack of state funds, combined with the aging of buildings and inflation in construction costs.

- Blanca shares her appreciation for Yahir's advocacy.
- d. **January 2024 Financials**
- Dena shares the January 2024 ASI Financials
 - Santhosh asked about the 300K deficit.
 - Dena shares that it is not technically a deficit but you're borrowing from the savings.
 - Andrew explains a little bit about the reserves.
 - Dena shares the goal for ASI's financials.
 - Blanca shares her thoughts on what ASI should think about in the future for their financials.

IV. Action Items

a. 6&6 Quarterly Budget Revision

- Dena foos over the 6&6 Quarterly Budget revisions.

- Barnaby shares a little bit about ASI should be thinking about in the future.
- Blanca also talks about things ASI should think about.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to approve the 6&6 Quarterly Budget Revisions Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

b. Revised Legislative Affairs Code of Procedure, recommended by Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Committee

Offered By:	Andrew Klein	Seconded by:	Cindy Nguyen			
Motion to table Action item B Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

a. Student Leader Attendance for members with exceeded tardies & unexcused absences

- Yahir talks about his concerns with the student leaders' engagements and their lack of presence.
- Cindy also talks about the large amount of absences and tardies and the lack of response to warning emails.
- Arwa shares her thoughts on the topic.
- Dena shares her concerns on the topic.
- Yahir wants to have this conversation to know how to address this moving forward.
- Blanca says that it is an opportunity to start a true dialogue in person because don't come across in emails.
- Amalvin apologizes for his absences and tardies and shares why.
- Arwa commends Amalvin for taking responsibility.
- Caitlin is inaudible.
- Santhosh says that ASI should be lenient with the people who are trying their best to do their role.
- Nitesh is inaudible.
- Yadira shares that it is important to be aware of what you can do with the responsibilities that you have.
- Cindy shares that questionnaires are sent out where the student leaders can share their concerns and tell the board how they can help.

b. Student Concerns

- Yahir talks about the students concerning meeting minutes and being more elaborate and why the student staff must do the minutes because of how important they are in an audit.
- Dena shares that it is important for the audit and for history.
- Yahir shares about the importance of elaborating more in bigger conversations like resolutions or presentations.
- Caitlin says something inaudible.
- Yadira talks about petitioners on campus.
- Yahir asks Blanca where petitioners are allowed to be on campus.
- Blanca shares some information in the student finance website regarding petitioners coming onto campus and there's a QR code that allows students to give feedback.
- Yadira just wants to know where they are allowed to be and the boundaries.
- Blanca talks about a policy that talks about private and public spaces.
- Amalvin adds if there's a rep for OSD students.
- Yahir says that D and I encompasses those students.
- Barnaby adds going back to the petitioners that there are designated spaces and public spaces.
- Blanca adds that there's designated spaces to post as well and students should feel free to call the campus police if they are being harassed. She adds that as a campus they don't want to be exclusionary but there is no reason they should follow you to your car.
- Andrew states that he just says he's not registered to vote.
- Yahir shares that he has told the president of the university about the issue with the petitioners.
- Shivani shares students' concerns she has heard.

- Andrew shares about the lighting on campus being bad.
- Ashley shared that there has been a campus walk and there are future walks planned to see what needs to be fixed.
- Arwa shares students want more online classes and talks about accessibility on campus.
- Ashley shares that the campus on a way where students can report things that need repaired.
- Santhosh talks about AI and plagiarism.
- Cindy shares that there's issues with campus communication with the students and student leaders.
- Jenny talks about campus safety and how the campus should ask the students to join in the campus safety walk.

VI. Adjournment

Offered By:	Jenny Lucas	Seconded by:	Caitlin Jane Calica			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 4:16 PM. Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on February 22, 2024, in Board Room N/S- USU Room 303/303A, University Student Union Building and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Director on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Prepared by:

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