



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Day/Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025
 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:

- **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.
- **Call to order by: Cindy Nguyen, ASI Chief of Staff @ 2:04 pm**
- **Roll Call**

Yahir Flores	President	Excused Absence
Leslie Vega	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Vice President for Finance	Present
Arwa Mohamed Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Excused Absence
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
VACANT	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	N/A
Valerie Urrutia	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Victoria Gragasin Montoya	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	N/A
Ananya Sharma	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
VACANT	College of Education Rep.	N/A
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
VACANT	Civic Engagement Officer	N/A
Briana Goytizolo	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Excused Tardy @ 2:53
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP- Dean of Students	Excused Tardy @ 2:05
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Excused Absence
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
Ashley Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

➤ Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Seconded by:	Victoria Montoya			
Motion to approve Agenda for Thursday, March 20, 2025. Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Offered By:	Valerie Urrutia	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to approve the Minutes for Thursday, March 6, 2025. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- 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 public.
 - An Alumni comes to share about the contributions they want to give to the school.

III. Informational Items

- **ChatGPT Rollout Timeline Conversation-**
 - Berhanu Tadesse, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer gave updates on the roll out of ChatGPT
 - Arwa asks about addressing professors concerns with students cheating with ChatGPT
 - Berhanu Tadesse talks about addressing their concerns and how it can also be helpful to professors.
- **California Higher Education Student Summit Presentation**
 - Arwa shares what happened at CHES.
 - Alonso shares what he gathered from CHES
 - Diana shares her experience at CHES.
 - Barnaby asks if there are issues that were talked about.
 - Arwa talks about particular issues like students with children and other things.
- **Latina History Day Conference**
 - Briana shares about the conference and what she enjoyed about it.

IV. Action Items

- **Cancel HRM portion of MOU with the University**
 - Barnaby shares the reason for this action items.

Offered By:	Arwa Hammad	Seconded by:	Ananya Sharma			
Motion to approve the cancellation of HRM portion of MOU with the University. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Student Leader Appointment**

- Cindy shares what Daniel has to say about recommending Mathew a senator at large.

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to appoint Matthew Gianiotis to be Senator-at-Large. Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Adopting Academic Senate Resolution- AS 24-20 Resolution of the Cal State LA Academic Senate: Reaffirming of Values**

- Cindy talks about the resolution.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to adopt the Academic Senate Resolution – AS 24-20 Resolution of Cal State LA Academic Senate: Reaffirming of Values Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retirement of ASI Policy -020: ASI Officer performance Review & Removal Procedure**

- Barnaby talks about the reason for retirement.

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Alonso Villanueva Serrano			
Motion to retire Policy 020 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

➤ **Retirement of ASI Policy -015: Cabinet of Academic Senators Code of Procedure**

- Barnaby talks about the reason for retirement.

Offered By:	Victoria Montoya	Seconded by:	Diana Rangel			
Motion to retire Policy 020 Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

➤ **Student Concerns**

- Cindy starts off the conversation about student concerns she learned from CHES.
- Ananya says some inaudible concerns.
- Diana shares her concerns for students.
- Leslie shares that there's a lot of resources for students they are just not visible.
- Alonso has heard concerns with the budget cuts and the cost of attendance.
- Arwa shares that she has also heard the budget cut concerns.
- Valerie says something inaudible.
- Blanca talks about ways to understand the concerns and follows with saying some inaudible things.
- Barnaby shares something that ASI may be able to do.
- Diana adds on to other concerns that there may be.
- Alonso adds on to her point.
- Blanca adds another way to see things.

VI. Reports

- **ASI President: Yahir Flores**
 - NA
- **ASI Chief of Staff: Cindy Nguyen**
 - NA
- **ASI Vice President for Community and Engagement: Leslie Vega**
 - Leslie shares her updates.
- **ASI Vice President for Finance: Alonso Villanueva Serrano**
 - NA
- **Asi Vice President of University Affairs: Daniel Ruiz**
 - NA
- **ASI Vice President for External Affairs: Arwa Hammad**
 - Arwa shares the event coming up for her.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Briana Goytizolo**
 - Briana shares about her events success
- **College representative of Arts & Letters: Victoria Montoya**
 - NA
- **College representative of B & E: Valerie Urrutia**
 - NA
- **College representative of Ethnic Studies: Diana Rangel**
 - NA

- **College representative of Natural & Social Sciences; Ananya Sharma**
 - NA
- **Executive Director: Barnaby Peake**
 - Barnaby talks about the operating agreement. He then talks about elections.
- **Associate Executive Director: Dena Florez**
 - Dena talks about the Finance meeting coming up.
- **Administrative Coordinator: Amanda Maldonado**
 - Amanda talks about some policy changes that are coming up for funding.
- **Dean of Students: Blanca Navarro-Martinez**
 - NA

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Briana Goytizolo	Seconded by:	Valerie Urrutia			
Motion to adjourn the meeting 3:23 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 March 20, 2025, 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, April 10, 2025.

Prepared by:

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