



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018
 Time: 3:15- 5:45 pm
 Location: U-SU Board Room, 303
 Attendees: Board of Directors & General Public
 Type of Meeting: Special

I. Organizational Items:

- a. Call to order by: Chair Nia Johnson, A.S.I. President @ 3:16 PM
- b. Roll Call:

Nia Johnson	<i>President</i>	Present
Jesus Mora	<i>Vice President for Administration</i>	Present
Jacquelyn Acosta	<i>Vice President for Academic Governance</i>	Excused Absence
Aaron Castaneda	<i>Vice President for Finance</i>	Present
Veronica Garcia-Martinez	<i>Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement</i>	Present @3:45pm
Jennifer Martell	<i>Secretary/ Treasurer</i>	Present
Rashad Freeman	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Jocelyn Vargas	<i>College of Health and Human Services Rep.</i>	Present
Christopher Koo	<i>College of Business & Economics Rep.</i>	Present @3:26pm
Isai Amaya	<i>College of Arts and Letters Rep.</i>	Present
Raul Rodriguez	<i>Charter College of Education Rep.</i>	Present
Raymond Peter	<i>Charter College of Education Rep</i>	Present
Smitkumar Patel	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep</i>	Present
Edgar Chavez	<i>College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.</i>	Unexcused Absence
Fritza Plasencia	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Davona Watson	<i>College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.</i>	Present
Nataly Aviles	<i>Community Affairs Representative at Large</i>	Present
Krystal Rubio	<i>Campus Affairs Representative At Large</i>	Present
Nia Allen	<i>Chief Justice</i>	Present
Dr. Jennifer Miller	<i>University President's Designee</i>	Present
Intef W. Weser	<i>Executive Director</i>	Present
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Government Affairs & Leadership Programs</i>	Present
Dena Florez	<i>Office Manager of Administration & Services – RS</i>	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Adoption of Agenda: **Thursday, September 20, 2018**

i. Discussion:

- 1. Isai Amaya: I would like to make an amendment to add a discussion item.

Offered By:	Rashad Freeman	Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda
Motion to approve the Agenda of Thursday September 20, 2018.			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0
Abstained	None	Motion: Passed	

Offered By:	Isai Amaya	Seconded by:	Rashad Freeman			
Motion to add a discussion item after item A- College Rep discuss how they can collaborate with Academic Advisement.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

d. Approval of Minutes: **September 6, 2018**

i. **Discussion:**

Offered By:	Raul Rodriguez	Seconded by:	Rashad Freeman			
Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, September 6, 2018						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

II. **Public Forum:**

a. **This time is allotted to members of the public to address the board.**

- Nitesh Kamboj: I will applying for the business and economic rep.

III. **Special Presentation:**

a. **Chief Wall Presentation** – The Chief of Police at Cal State LA will provide an update and field questions regarding parking challenges on the campus and in the surrounding community. **Time Certain 3:30 -3:45PM**

- Chief Wall: This is not a new problem; the parking structure will cost 60 million dollars. We will put more power plants. December we will be putting 15 hundred bed, as the old saying you have not seeing anything yet. U-pass has been a great success though, we ran out of funding to make more u-pass. On October, we are having a waive car where people can sign up for and the student would get 2 hours free parking. As for faculty, it'll be \$6 for transportation. We do not want to bring more car. Last year we only allowed people to park a certain hour but this year it's different. We are trying to build an additional 2 thousand parking which would cost 15 thousand dollars. *(Chief Wall giving further details to the board regarding the challenges on campus and the campus community)*
- Nia Johnson: May you tell me how ASI may support this?
- Chief Wall: If you may let the information out because people have lack of knowledge on our problems, not just the parking. Let them know about the parking fee for the next five years. Next years we'll increase from 200 to 220. Part of this has a bond we need to pay. We do not have the fund for this parking so, the only way to get this parking is by increasing in the price. We only get a portion of the parking fund because the state the government gets a portion of that. I understand that we have your support because we are all in this together. We spend 70 Thousand dollars for the shuttle. Having that lot over there is costing us other things.
- Jocelyn Vargas: Do you have a timeline? Is there a backup plan for that?
- Chief Wall: We do have backup plans; the first question is, the first lot by 7/11 we may get it done by the fall. New parking suture should be done by next fall. Now, do we really want to spend that 70-thousand dollar on something else we might not need? Ultimately, we'll lose 12 hundred spots. Is it worth the 60 million dollar or 12 hundred spots? *(Chief Wall giving further details on construction due date and the cost of it.)*
- Rashad Freeman: I was talking to a veteran student about the issue of parking spaces. It is causing students to be more aggressive. He said that these issues are going into violence. Is there any way we can solve this situation?
- Chief Wall: Yes, this happens a lot. Though part of it has to do with how we deal with our anger management and frustration. We have cases were students came in and

said their car was keyed. We have cameras but the problem is that where would we put cameras to see the person's face. I have to best utilize my people so that we may watch over everything. I can't control your anger issue. So if we look at this, we have a lot of things we have to space out. We had 107 crimes on campus, now imagine a big city. We do have a lot of sexual assault, we have to work and work to educated people by no means no.

- Aaron Castaneda: Talking about the parking structure thing. At what point are they going to say they are not going to be ready by spring?
- Chief Wall: This is not the decision I get to make, only president Covino. If you look at the parking structure what do you see? Because the land shifted, it might cause a collapse.
- Krystal Rubio: Thank you for the security report. But what solution can help with the peak hours?
- Chief Wall: The problem is that every classroom is being used at 11:00 PM and on. After 3:00 PM nobody is here anymore. So, part of that is what the students want and the faculty wants. The student only want classes on Tuesday and Thursday which is the problem.
- Jesus Mora: My question is about the crime rate and I know you broke it down. In my fraternity, we had a problem once. We called public safety and they didn't want to respond to our problems.
- Chief Wall: We should have not said that; we suppose to say we are on our way. That should have not happened. I need to get more detail. This is not a conversation we should have to happen. If this happens you should go report and please tell me. As for responsibility, I can't do anything if nothing is being reported.
- Jesus Mora: My main concern is that why aren't you responding?
- Chief Wall: If there's a problem please call. Don't let stuff like this happen ever.

IV. Action Items:

- a. **Appointment for Vacant ASI and Campus Committee Positions - Board of Directors will appoint individuals to the following vacant ASI and student committee positions.**
 - i. College of Business and Economic:
 1. 1 Minute Speech:
 - Nitesh Kamboj: For those who don't know me, I'm completing my third-semester in information system and before I was in marketing. I have recently noticed three things I would like to present. One, undergraduate is not graduating in time or graduating at all (*Nitesh presenting his three problems he sees within the B&E major*).
 2. 2 Questions:
 - Rashad Freeman: You have to discuss financial literacy for low income. What would that look like for you?
 - Nitesh Kamboj: People who come to Cal State LA are mainly low-income students and first-generation students. They would get jobs, and this is harder for the student to balance out. We should offer more programs for students so that the imbalance won't happen.
 - Fritza Plasencia: You said you notice three problems with the campus what are they?
 - Nitesh Kamboj: We have a lack of a platform for students. We should have a strong network with other colleges. We are not able to network after college because of the lack of workshops.
 3. Discussion:

- Nia Johnson: I will not be making a recommendation for him. I was in the interview for him and there was a certain thing he said that got me wondering if he would be the right candidate for the position. One of the things he said was that the B&E have the highest rate of dropouts and that they have the worst advisement and these problems need to be talked about. I don't think he did his research correctly therefore, I would not make his recommendation. But with that being said, I want to open up the discussion if someone would want to make his recommendation.
- Jocelyn Vargas: Thank you for sharing your recommendation. Though, I have followed up questions regarding your interview. Did you mention the responsibility with this position and who they serve under?
- Nia Johnson: Thank you for your question. This candidate did try to reach out to me asking me about this position and what it was. I did follow him up with that information and as well as the link. I gave him an extending date to attend the public form. I also recommended him to reach out to Christopher Koo.
- Christopher Koo: I did not receive any emails.
- Nia Johnson: Again, I do not give my recommendation.
- Smitkumar Patel: My question is when does he graduate?
- Nia Johnson: He is trying to graduate spring 2020.
- Rashad Freeman: So just to follow up, we need to express that there is a university problem and I understand that he came with a negative attitude. He didn't do his research on how many first-generation students are here, the financial literally, and how there was a plan. I understand this is the first interview in the BOD, but I won't be making the recommendation as well.
- Raymond Peter: He made a claim that Cal State LA didn't have a lot of graduates. My question is did he give any data and if not, my concern is that he needs that claim.
- Jocelyn Vargas: I have a question for Christopher. When Fritza ask the question and he mentions those problems, were those the problem you had as will?
- Christopher Koo: No, I have do not have the same problem. As for academic advisement, we have the best academic advisement. As for drop out, we do not have a lot of dropouts. We do have a lot of transfer students.
- Jocelyn Vargas: Say if we do keep this person, would you be comfortable to keep this person or recommend this person to be your rep.
- Christopher Koo: Unfortunately, I wasn't able to talk to Nia after the interview. Off of what she said, I do not feel comfortable working with someone who didn't do their research.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda			
Motion to appoint Nitesh Kamboj as College of Business and Economic Rep.						
All in Favor	0	Opposed	ALL	Abstained	0	Motion: Not Passed

ii. Spirit Commissioner:

1. Discussion:

- Jocelyn Vargas: I think postpone it but it open for more student to apply.
- Intef W. Weser: There was a student who applied but she didn't have enough time to talk. She did apply on time so, it's not fair to appoint someone else.
- Jesus Mora: I would like to recommend her.
- Fritza Plasencia: So she would be the only one at the meeting next time?

- Nia Johnson: I would like to say that the longer the position open, the less we get done. There is a game that we have to host and because we don't have a spirit commissioner we can't do it. But of course, our ASI member is stepping up to help with that problem.
- Aaron Castaneda: We don't know who exactly this is. Therefore, it's hard to make that decision.
- Jocelyn Vargas: Was this marketed in our website or organization?
- Marcus Rodriguez: We do have job opportunities that is on our website.
- Isai Amaya: I feel as if we should hold on and wait because again we don't want to just sneak up on her since she is burly staring. That is a lot of pressure and responsibility.
- Rashad Freeman: I think we should postpone but again what Intef was saying we should give everyone the opportunities to apply but don't appoint her yet.
- Jennifer Martell: I think people should apply again. We should not close it off because again what if the person doesn't want to do it. We should have backups. We should look at other candidates too because we don't want to rush the process.
- Jesus Mora: I told her it's very important for her to be here. I did talk to her last night due to the fact she mentions she couldn't make and after what I said she said she'll drop everything to come. We should let her present and let other applicants apply.
- Davona Watson: Marcus when is the next meeting?
- Intef W. Weser: This would be next month from now.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Jennifer Martell			
Motion to postpone the spirit commissioner.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

iii. Internal Committee Appointment(s):

iv. University Wide Committee Appointment Report:

b. **2017/2018 MGO Audit:** The board will review and take action of the external ASI audit presented by MGO. Time Certain 4:00 -4:30 PM.

- Nia Johnson: I just want to say that there is more information in the document in the agenda.
- Dena Florez: The draft that we see in the finance committee meeting last Friday. Under others there is a significant difference, may you elaborate on that, Note 9?
- Audit Reporter: Note 9 is the expenses. On page 17 there is a break down on more about that. Student government election expenses went up during 2018. Becky has more explanation on that.
- Audit Reporter: When you get an additional employee coming in that's increasing the substantial. We are allocating the cost that why the student cost is increasing. (*Audit reporter reviewing more details on the expenses and what changes needs to be made.*)
- Nia Johnson: May you give more detail about the Golden Eagle radio price increase. Is this including the ASI fund we give them I just want a little more understanding?

- Aaron Castaneda: This is not a question for the the audit, this is based on financial committee (*Aaron informing the board on the budget we use to help fund the Golden Eagle radio*).

Offered By:	Aaron Castaneda	Seconded by:	Jocelyn Vargas			
Motion to approve the external ASI audit.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

- c. **The Our CA Campaign Endorsement:** The Board will review and take action on an ASI Endorsement Letter supporting the Our CA Campaign from the College Opportunity Campaign approved of by the Legislative Affairs Committee.
 - Nataly Aviles: We vote for the endorsement for higher education. (*Nataly informing the board about what the legislative Affairs Committee discuss.*)
 - Nia Johnson: May you provide more detail about this endorsement letter?
 - Marcus Rodriguez: Nia Johnson apply her signature, and we'll send the blueprint with the letter. (*Marcus informing the board on what's going to happen to the endorsement letter.*)

Offered By:	Aaron Castaneda	Seconded by:	Rashad Freeman			
Motion to approve The Our CA Campaign Endorsement.						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

V. Information:

- a. **Ad Hoc Workflow and Biweekly Committee-** The Board will be informed on functionality and purpose of Ad Hoc Workflow and Biweekly Committee

VI. Discussion:

- a. **Marketing Strategies (Best Practices) for ASI-** The Board will discuss the importance of promoting accurate information regarding the resources and opportunities ASI has to offer.
 - Nia Johnson: Please, if you want to help the students on campus give them the right information and the right facts so that they may trust us. Students do get upset that ASI is giving them the wrong information.
 - Isai Amaya: So, when I go to meetings I'm always representing ASI. I've been letting everyone know how to be involved and how they may be a part of our event. I just stress how we advocate for students and collect student narrative. I try my best to make them feel special.
 - Jocelyn Vargas: When I do a presentation, I would take Bluebook and scantrons. I do not like using PowerPoint, I usually use our ASI Website so that they may understand how to find things.
 - Jennifer Martell: I kind of do what Jacob does. When they come I tell them that we advocate for the student. I would use this calendar event on our website. When I'm lost I use the calendar which shows the event and calendar.
 - Raymond Peter: Today I talk about policy and how ASI want to serve them. I also informed the student about student governance board. I also mention what we do at CCOE.
 - Aaron Castaneda: We have a question about club funding. We do reimbursement so, they would submit paperwork with us. Then it has to get approve. Then they may purchase the stuff. Though, if you have anyone wondering about it send them to me.
 - Rashad Freeman: I've done some presentations. I've been telling student to come and join the screaming eagle.

- Marcus Rodriguez: We have been successful with that right now. We have about 25 people involved.
- Jesus Mora: I try to get to know them first, then that's when I know what would be a best fit for them. For instance, if they say they're a first year, I would recommend them to screaming eagle.
- Jocelyn Vargas: I would set meetings with president in the club so that we may have collaborations. I was wondering if there is a way we may have a "How To" sheets to pass out.
- Aaron Castaneda: We can work on it.
- Nia Johnson: I do have to facilitate us to be there. You can be the figure to echo on. I first met with CSI so that we may have an expert and fact before we get in that situation.
- Krystal Rubio: How often do we have ODC?
- Aaron Castaneda: Again, we don't want to lose our spot, but we'll have our own workshop.
- Raul Rodriguez: They have a make up one today and they do the whole workshop again.
- Nia Johnson: I do want to say that we have a problem regarding parking and we may not know how to respond to parking therefore it's important to attend the workshop.
- Aaron Castaneda: People always ask, what can ASI do? The way to respond is just like, look, I understand this issue. But I'll just direct you to the right person.

b. **College Representative:** Discussing how they can collaborate with Academic Advisement.

- Isai Amaya: This is an idea regarding me and another ASI member we talked about. I see that a common college student have is advisement. How may we take forward steps instead of two steps back? B&E does a fantastic job. Most information students are getting is the wrong information. Why, because they are given incorrect information. Most student likes visual. Before anything, I want to thank Christopher and Jocelyn. *(Isai informing the board on an idea of making a video collaborating with advisement departments.)*
- Raul Rodriguez: I think students aren't the one who has an issue. It is the advisement them self. They should understand the process and information that they give to the students.
- Jocelyn Vargas: I do like the video idea but where else may we show those videos and how much would it cost to make it. How are we going to record this and how are we going to find the advisement? So, my main question is how much is our video and where is our video.
- Raymond Peter: A suggestion, let's ask students who come to Cal State LA if they needed to be responsible for their own education. Somehow in the video, if you may mention that "student is responsible for their own education."
- Aaron Castaneda: I've been going to the B&E advising center. The department themselves are not going to say their advisement suck. What is the outcome of this video, like what is the message you are trying to send out?
- Nataly Aviles: You have to get a permit and as will writing a script. Choosing the right people to be in your video and make sure it's within your budget.
- Smitkumar Patel: When it comes to encouraging someone, we should have flyers for each department. If we may make one flyer to represent the department.
- Marcus Rodriguez: We did learn a couple of things like permit and also message in the video is important.

- Isai Amaya: My video will be presented on social media. As for the the budget I wanted to collaborate with you guys.

VII. Reports:

a. ASI President: **Nia Johnson**

- Nia Johnson: I have been working with the former ASI president. We looked at the turn out of this Friday. If this is successful, I would like to bring more ASI representative to come in. I want to partner with Aaron or Jocelyn so that we may give them detail on how ASI may help them. Some of the concerning things are how ASI giving the information about parking when it's being asked by university time. I encourage all ASI member to advocate for student and to be the very solution base. I also have a meeting with people so we may foster a different relationship with public safety. We are currently talking about the things we want to be done on our campus.

b. ASI Vice President for Administration: **Jesus Mora**

- Jesus Mora: They are closing off for the veteran because they didn't make the goal. We are working on the environmental policy and as for tabling, it been successful. For the election that is coming up, there will be a workshop. Housing rep, Catlin is working on a workshop, I encourage people to help out. Anyone who wants to be a part of the animation event can do so. The Eagle Electrify dance competition is going to happen and we also have volleyball breast cancer awareness game coming up.

Offered By:	Jocelyn Vargas	Seconded by:	Isai Amaya		
Motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes.					
All in Favor	ALL	Opposed	0	Abstained	none
Motion: Passed					

c. ASI Vice President for Finance: **Aaron Castaneda**

- Aaron Castaneda: We completed the audits. We are working on an internal audit. We are reviewing the record and making changes. Thomas is coming out with other reports. We are projecting much more benefits. ASI is working to address more changes. So, the finance committee will go over this more and our audit and the budget. As for club funding, we are doing our best so we can have our own independent workshop.

d. ASI Vice President for Academic Governance: **Jacquelyn Acosta**

e. ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: **Veronica Garcia-Martinez**

f. ASI Secretary/ Treasurer: **Jennifer Martell**

- Jennifer Martell: Since Jacky is not here I can't give her bi-weekly shutout. We have other paperwork that needs to be due. The report will be extended till midnight, so watch out for that email.

g. ASI Chief Justice: **Nia Allen**

- Nia Allen: We are working on the removal for each committee. We are also discussing Robert rule training.

h. ASI Board of Directors

i. ASI Staff: **Intef W. Weser and Marcus Rodriguez**

- Marcus Rodriguez: We have the deadline which is November 2.
- Intef W. Weser: you guys should be receiving mails in your mailbox. We will finalize stuff after we find out detail of background check.

j. University Designee: **Dr. Jennifer Miller, Dean of Students**

VIII. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Nataly Aviles			Seconded by:	Aaron Castaneda	
Motion to end the meeting at 5:49 pm						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

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Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on September 20, 2018 in the: U-SU Board Room, 303 and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, October 04, 2018. Prepared by:

Dena Florez - Recording Secretary

David San

David San- Secretary/Treasurer