Shared Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
Time: 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: Board Room N/S– USU Room 303/303A
Attendees: Committee Members, General Public
Type of Meeting: Special

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: Jazmine Rocha, Vice President for University Affairs @ 1:50pm
B. Roll Call

Jazmine Rocha	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Andrew Chang	Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner	Present
Mark Raspopov	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Brandon Torres	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Excused Absence
Quinton Coleman	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Jenny Lucas	Graduate Academic Senator	Present
Lidia Garcia	Graduate Academic Senator	Present
Byron Ajpop Sotero	Academic Senator At-Large	Present
Ashley Bellorin	ASI President	Present
Erick Anzu	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Ekiria Magala	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Unexcused Tardy 1:57pm
Emily Webb	Public Service Commissioner	Present
Enrique Curiel	Engagement Commissioner	Excused Absence
Isis Stansberry	Associate Dean of Students, Community Care	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Guests of the Gallery	Hermione	

C. Approval of Agenda

Offered By:	Mark Raspopov		Seconded by:		Emily Webb	
Motion to approve the agenda for November 3rd, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

D. Certification of Minutes

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin		Seconded by:		Emily Webb	
Motion to certify the minutes for October 20th, 2026 Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment: No public comment.

III. Action Items: No action items.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Academic Senate Meeting 10/27 Debrief

- Council members discussed the Academic Senate's October 27 meeting, particularly proposed changes to the withdrawal process. Members reported extensive discussion and repeated revisions, with concerns focused on wording, requirements, and the number of signatures students may need. The proposal had not been finalized and was expected to return for further review.
- Members emphasized that students may not understand the difference between a regular withdrawal and an emergency withdrawal, and may fear that withdrawing will negatively affect their transcripts or GPA. The discussion clarified that a withdrawal generally appears on the transcript while its impact on GPA and financial aid depends on the type of withdrawal and applicable rules. Members also discussed confusion about when emergency withdrawals may be requested and whether a withdrawal applies to one course or all courses.
- The stated purpose of the proposal is to reduce barriers and the number of signatures required for emergency withdrawals, particularly for students experiencing significant crises. Members raised concerns that faculty signatures may create unnecessary obstacles, place faculty in the position of assessing a student's circumstances, or make an already difficult process more stressful. Others noted that faculty may want to be informed and that signatures may serve administrative or audit purposes. It was noted that department chairs have sometimes signed when an instructor would not.
- Council members encouraged student representatives to keep the policy centered on student needs and autonomy, and to advocate for a clear, accessible, straightforward process. Members suggested preparing a collective student statement or written recommendations for the Academic Senate rather than attempting to draft policy language. Representatives were encouraged to bring feedback through the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) and speak during the next Senate discussion. The item is expected to return to the agenda.
- The council also discussed increasing student participation and visibility in Academic Senate meetings. Suggestions included having academic senators introduce themselves and explain their roles through individual social media videos, inviting students to attend meetings, and working with ASI marketing staff to produce promotional content. Members noted that students need clearer information about where and how to raise concerns.
- Follow-up: Student representatives will consider developing a shared statement or recommendations on the withdrawal proposal, continue raising student concerns through relevant committees, and explore social media outreach to increase student participation.

B. Fall 2026 Town Hall Report

- The Vice President for University Affairs reported that notes from the Fall 2026 Town Hall had been compiled into a draft report. The report is organized around five discussion zones and includes students' experiences, recommendations made by students, and an interpretation of how ASI could respond. It also includes a cross-zone synthesis of recurring concerns and 17 proposed initiatives.
- The recurring themes identified across the zones were navigation and access (including academic support, transportation, and tutoring), affordability, visibility, facilities, graduate-specific needs, and trust in ASI and university administration. The proposed initiatives identify possible ASI leads, suggested first steps, tangible outcomes, and ways to track progress. The report is intended to be shared with the student body and used to guide ASI work and report progress at a future town hall. The draft was described as approximately 98% complete and will be circulated for feedback before publication.
- Members praised the report and discussed improving students' ability to contact ASI representatives. A suggestion was made to create accessible QR codes or links that direct students to the appropriate commissioner or provide a way to submit concerns or request collaboration. The Executive Director noted that an ASI webpage already has a general comment form; students can be directed to it, and submissions are shared with staff and routed for responses. A more specific Microsoft Forms process may also be considered.
- A graduate-student concern about access to dedicated academic advisors was also discussed. Members reported that the issue had been raised with the appropriate university office and that work was

underway to explore advising support for graduate students. This was identified as an update ASI could share with students.
- Follow-up: The draft town hall report will be shared with council members and other participants for review. Members may submit missing notes or additional concerns. ASI representatives will continue directing students to the existing online comment form and consider clearer contact pathways. Graduate advising support will continue to be monitored.

C. Academic Plan Steering Committee
i. Academic Plan – Department Goals 26-27
ii. CSU Forward
iii. Academic Plan Website Prototype
- The Vice President for University Affairs provided an update on the upcoming Academic Plan Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, November 6, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Provost had requested that the Vice President present the reconciliation request at the meeting; the presentation would be a brief overview.
- The committee is reviewing department and college goals for 2026–2027, developed in relation to the CSU Forward framework and the university's broader goals. The discussion is expected to include each college's academic goals, anticipated outcomes, measures of student success, and support needed to achieve those goals. An example shared from the College of Education included goals related to course scheduling and enrollment optimization, reducing time to degree or credential, curricular redesign, faculty support, and improving access.
- The council was also informed that a prototype website for the Academic Plan Steering Committee is being developed. It is expected to follow a format similar to the Facilities and Master Plan website, with plans, materials, and information about workshops and student engagement. The prototype is not yet broadly accessible; the goal is to make the website available by the end of the semester. The Vice President will report back to the council on the committee meeting.
- Follow-up: The Vice President for University Affairs will present the reconciliation request at the November 6 committee meeting and provide the council with an update. Members may send questions or comments for consideration.

V. Information Items
- No information items were presented.

VI. Reports
A. Vice President for University Affairs
- No reports were provided.

B. Academic Senators
- Members discussed the importance of student representation in the Academic Senate and the need to communicate committee work to students through outreach and social media.

C. Council Members
- ASI President:
  - Reported that the University Budget and Planning Committee met the previous Thursday. The President was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict with another committee meeting and recommended that future meetings not be scheduled on Thursdays. The next meeting was believed to be Friday, November 13, subject to confirmation. The President also invited Commuter Services and Parking to the November 19 Board of Directors meeting to explain student parking benefits, fee increases, and related costs. If confirmed, ASI may promote the meeting through a social media video. Parking representatives were also expected to attend the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting the following week.

- College of Engineering, Computer Science & Technology Representative:

- Reported being invited to review IRA (Instructionally Related Activities) funding proposals for the 2027–2028 cycle. The review period was identified as November 2–13, with a meeting expected to be scheduled.

- Public Service Commissioner:
  - Reported on the Student Policy Committee meeting. Family Weekend, organized with the New Student and Family Engagement department, had 403 registered attendees. The men's conference tournament was approaching, with hopes that the women's team would also participate. Eagle Fest was scheduled for Saturday, and members were encouraged to attend. A Friendsgiving event was also discussed for students who may not be celebrating with family or friends; eligibility and whether it was open to all students needed clarification. Advisement centers had sent open-enrollment reminders to students by text and email.

- Academic Senator / Council Member discussion:
  - Members reported continued discussion of credit/no-credit grading and proposed changes to the language used in the grading policy. Concerns included how credit/no-credit grades may affect students applying to other institutions, where letter grades may be preferred, and how proposed terminology could interact with existing no-credit options. The discussion was ongoing; no council decision was recorded. Members suggested gathering student awareness and feedback through tabling, a survey, or social media before taking a position. A brief update was also provided that changes had been made to the Eddie Eats program website.

D. Council Advisors
   - No reports were provided.

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Emily Webb		Seconded by:		Ekiria Magala	
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ (3:02pm) Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Shared Governance Council Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on November 3rd, 2026, at Board Room N/S – USU Room 303/303A and were approved by consensus by the ASI Shared Governance Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, 2026.

Prepared by:

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Andrew Chang - Vice Chair

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Sophia Gamino – Executive Vice President