

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Alondra Lopez, Megha Babu (Zoom), Aden Benson (Zoom), Valeria Bueno, James Chalk, Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo (Zoom), Pedro Gonzalez (Zoom), Tendulkar Mahadevan (Zoom), Alaina O'Connell (Zoom), Juan Sibrian, Ashley Smith, Kim Hunsaker (Zoom), Dr. Michael Rister and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Brianna Lozano, Melis Yurdakul and Dr. Haakon Brown.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Juan Padilla, Miguel Millan, Joseph Morales, Sydney Acosta and Amanda Reigel.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 25th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Rendon/Rister: To remove BD 91-24 from the agenda. Alicia Hunter is no longer interested in the position due to personal matters. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium, the Young Legislators Program meeting, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and the Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee meeting. He met with CSU Trustee Fitstenberg on November 4th. The first ASI Ad-Hoc Student Referendum Committee meeting was held on November 5th; the committee will meet every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. He met with the ASI President of Cal State Maritime.

Executive Vice President: Mr. Rendon met with Mr. Chalk and Mr. P. Gonzalez. A Howl Squad meeting was held last week. Currently, around 90 percent of Howl Squad members are involved in committees. He attended the Young Legislators Program meeting, a women's soccer game and Cosmic Coyote. He spoke to a class about the work that ASI does for students.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson stated that approximately five CAB funding requests have been submitted. She held an in-person CAB Funding Workshop at PDC two weeks ago. The Finance Committee will meet today at 1:00 p.m.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez met with Mr. Sibrian, Mrs. Bueno, Dr. Oliverez and Dr. Rister. The Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Advisory Committee will meet on November 13th to discuss the questions for a survey which they plan to send out in two weeks; she will be working with the Coyote Bookstore, Rancho Mirage Student Center and ASI to provide incentives for the students who complete the survey.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that ASI has currently spent \$585,000. He will be collaborating with Christy, a PDC graduate student of the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Academy to discuss what the DSA offers to various areas.

OPEN FORUM:

Ms. Reigel stated that she would be interested in the College of Arts and Letters position. She has 15 years of Board experience.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 89-24 M/S Rendon/Sibrian: Revision of the ASI Grade Policy and Procedures. (Second Reading)

Mr. Rendon deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the Grade Policy and Procedures.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Babu, Benson, Chalk, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Hunsaker, Lopez, Mahadevan, Rendon and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Bueno, Hudson, Oliverez and Sibrian.

Passed (11/0/4).

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 90-24 M/S Lopez/Chalk: Revision of the ASI Telecommuting Policy. (First Reading)

Ms. Lopez deferred to Mr. H. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the Telecommuting Policy.

Discussion closed.

Ms. Carrion-Fajardo left the meeting.

Ms. O'Connell arrived at the meeting.

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mr. Rendon.

BD 92-24 M/S Fajardo/Lopez: Discussion regarding the California State Student Association (CSSA).

President Fajardo stated that this item was initially meant for the CSSA president to speak to the Board, however, his flight was delayed. As an alternative he would like to update the Board on the CSSA policy agenda. The CSSA is a governing board that consists of ASI Presidents, representatives and the Directors/Vice Presidents of External Affairs from campuses throughout the CSU system. This is where all ASIs and the student governments from CSU campuses convene to discuss issues and share best practices across the system. All governing members of CSSA, including the Executive Board, are elected by the CSSA Board. The CSSA Board conducts various meetings each month, either in person or via Zoom. CSSA offers an incredible opportunity for students to engage on campus. He highly encourages anyone passionate about system-wide advocacy to consider participating, as elections are held during the spring semester. CSSA develops a policy agenda every year which outlines a broad set of advocacy points for the year. Their first goal aims to ensure that the CSU remains accessible and affordable for every student. Their second goal focuses on providing students with access to high-quality support services that address challenges such as food and housing insecurities as well as the availability and affordability of technology. Their second goal also seeks to guarantee access to exceptional wellness and mental health services. This includes two specific priorities: one to support campus efforts to enhance access to Counseling and Psychological Services and the other to ensure that students can access quality and affordable wellness services. Their third goal is to promote the academic success and overall educational experience of all CSU students. The two priorities in this area include supporting system-wide initiatives that foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within the CSU community, as well as ensuring that students can thrive academically in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Their fourth and final goal consists of two priorities which include recognizing students as equal participants in higher education policymaking and strengthening CSU's accountability to enhance equitable and inclusive student engagement.

Ms. Smith stated that Board members may share their concerns with her and they will be brought to CSSA; items can be added to the CSSA agenda to be further discussed. There will be a virtual meeting held on November 17th; anyone interested in joining via Zoom could access the link on the CSSA page. CSSA also offers public comment for all their committees.

Discussion closed.

Mr. Rendon passed the gavel back to President Fajardo.

REPORTS:

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Gonzalez attended a presentation on the SMART Scholarship Program.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Mr. Chalk held an open forum for CSBS students. He met with Mr. Rendon. He also attended Donuts with The Dean.

Student-at-Large: Mr. Sibrian met with Ms. Lopez, Mrs. Bueno, Ms. Stone and the ASI productions team to discuss the Board and Brunch Initiative. He filmed three videos with Ms. Lopez to promote various events at PDC. He attended the Jack H. Brown College Scholarship and Award Ceremony. He had a meeting with President Morales, Dr. Oliverrez, Dr. Mohamed, Dr. Gomez-Arias and Dr. Shayo. He emailed the President of the Associated Students of College of The Desert to invite them to the Board meeting today, however, they had a Student Senate for California Community Colleges meeting to attend.

Students with Disabilities: Mrs. Bueno met with Ms. Lopez, Mr. Sibrian, Ms. Stone and the ASI productions team to discuss the Board and Brunch Initiative and a video to promote Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD). She received a report that a student was being bullied through the CSUSB social media page on Facebook. The Title IX office, the Department of Communication and Media and the police have been contacted regarding the matter.

President's Representative: Dr. Oliverrez stated that spring transfer orientations have started. First-year orientations will be held in January; admissions during the spring semester will include first-year students for the first time. Preview Day at PDC will be held on November 9th. The search for a Director of Housing and Residential Education and an Associate Vice President for Students Affairs and Dean of Students is in progress. The DSA Academy started last week. The DSA Roadshow at PDC will be held on November 12th. The 4th Annual Latinas Rising Conference will be held on November 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

External Affairs: Ms. Smith stated that Ballot Bowl results were received. ASI registered 377 students to vote which is 14th place among other campuses. She met with CSU Trustee Fitstenberg on November 4th. She attended the Young Legislators Program meeting and the ASI Ad-Hoc Student Referendum Committee meeting. She is planning to collaborate with community colleges in the area.

Productions Manager: Mr. Padilla stated that Cosmic Coyote was held on November 7th; approximately 600 students attended. The ASI Safety Walk will be held on November 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friendsgiving will be held on November 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Bueno stated that she was invited to attend the Spirit of the Entrepreneur Awards; she won \$2,000 from the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program.

Ms. O'Connell stated that volleyball games are still being held. The basketball season has begun.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



Diego Rendon
Executive Vice President