

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

OCTOBER 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Megha Babu, Valeria Bueno (Zoom), James Chalk (Zoom), Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo, Pedro Gonzalez, Brianna Lozano (Zoom), Juan Sibrian (Zoom), Melis Yurdakul (Zoom), Ashley Smith, Dr. Haakon Brown (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Aden Benson, Tendulkar Mahadevan, Alaina O'Connell, Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Juan Padilla, Joseph Morales, Allie Hunter, Ayanna McAllister, Jazmin Guajardo, Alyssa M. and Oscar Flores.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of October 11th and October 18th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo attended the CSSA Plenary, the Faculty Senate meeting and the Budget Open Forum this week. He met with Ms. Hudson, Ms. Lopez and Dr. Oliverez. He visited a women's soccer practice to film an informational video. He had a meeting with CSU Trustee Guajardo on October 24th. The Coyote Day One Textbook Access (CDOTA) program has not been renewed for the spring semester. He will be attending the CSU GI 2025 Symposium October 28th to 30th. The Ad-Hoc Student Referendum Committee is scheduled to meet on November 5th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Executive Vice President: Mr. Rendon met with Ms. Lozano and Dr. Rister this week. A Howl Squad meeting will be held on October 28th. He attended the Sustainability Committee meeting and was on the OneFuture Coachella Valley panel. He reminded the Board to turn in their monthly reports by October 30th. The Vacancy Committee will be meeting today.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson held an in-person CAB Funding Workshop including a Q&A session. Currently about five CAB funding requests have been submitted. A Finance Committee meeting will be held on November 1st.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez stated that the Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. during the fall semester.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that ASI was granted \$864,210.13 for the fall semester enrollment with monthly expenses at \$135,000.

OPEN FORUM:

Ms. Hunter had an interview for the College of Arts and Letters position on October 18th. She will be participating in a theatre presentation at Homecoming on October 26th. She plans to attend the Howl Squad meeting on October 28th and the Robert's Rules Workshop on October 31st. She attended the Budget Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 85-24 M/S Lopez/Rendon: Discussion on hosting a Board meeting at the Palm Desert Campus on Friday November 8th.

Ms. Lopez stated that the Board meeting will be held at the RG Lounge. A campus tour will be held after the meeting. The Rancho Mirage Student Center will be providing snow cones during the tour. She is planning to have a volleyball game at the civic park near PDC as an additional activity following the campus tour. The meeting will be held on November 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

President Fajardo stated that the suburban will be available to transport Board members to and from the campuses.

Ms. Yurdakul stated that she would not be able to attend the meeting due to a comprehensive exam she has scheduled for that day.

President Fajardo stated that a Zoom option will still be available for those who are unable to attend the meeting at PDC in-person.

Ms. Lopez stated that she will promote the meeting to PDC students. She is also interested in organizing a theme for Board members.

Discussion closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 88-24 M/S Rister/Chalk: Resolution to amend the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors Associated Students, California State University, San Bernardino to provide

Section 20903 (Golden Handshake) which would add two years of additional service credit for ASI employees through the CalPers Retirement System.

Dr. Rister stated that this would be an amendment to the current contract with CalPers. According to the CalPers established guidelines, a public record statement must be made before a contract can be amended. If the contract is amended, individuals who would like to retire would be given two additional years added to their current retirement service rate.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Babu, Brown, Bueno, Chalk, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Lopez, Lozano, Rendon, Rister and Yurdakul.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Hudson and Sibrian.

Passed (12/0/2).

BD 89-24 M/S Hudson/Gonzalez: Revision of the ASI Grade Policy and Procedures. (First Reading)

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

Discussion closed.

REPORTS:

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Yurdakul attended the Career and Internship Fair as well as the ShEconomy event.

Clubs and Organizations: Ms. Carrion-Fajardo hosted a town hall with the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement (OSLE). She plans to meet with Trent Morgan, Competitive Sports Coordinator to discuss how she could further support the sports clubs.

Housing: Ms. Lozano has a meeting with Timothy Bethune, Interim Associate Director of Residential Education scheduled for October 30th.

International: Ms. Babu met with the Dean on October 23rd. The “Your CSUSB Journey Reflection” event will be held on October 29th.

College of Natural Sciences: Mr. Gonzalez attended the HACU Conference on October 18th as well as an Electronic Warfare Presentation this morning.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences: Mr. Chalk attended the SBS Alumni Mixer on October 24th.

Student-at-Large: Mr. Sibrian plans to invite the Associated Students of College of the Desert to the Board meeting on November 8th. The ASI flag ceremony was conducted.

External Affairs: Ms. Smith attended the CSSA Plenary in Monterey Bay. She had a meeting with CSU Trustee Guajardo on October 24th. She plans to present the information she received from the coyote ballots at an upcoming Board meeting. Alongside Mr. Rendon and President Fajardo, she gave a speech to a freshman class about the work ASI does for students.

Productions Manager: Mr. Padilla stated that Tie-Dye Time was held at both campuses. Homecoming will be held on October 26th; ASI will have a student zone with snacks, spirit items and an obstacle course. Cosmic Coyote will be held on November 7th. ASI will be tabling at all upcoming orientations at both campuses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. H. Gonzalez stated that ASI is currently hiring three positions: Director of Internal Affairs, Elections Chair and Sustainability Coordinator. There is a ballot drop-off box in front of the flagpoles located at the main campus entrance on University Pkwy.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Diego Rendon
Executive Vice President