

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:06 a.m.

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

Absent: Megha Babu, James Chalk and Joshua Bature.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Juan Padilla and Allie Hunter.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of September 20th were approved.

Mr. Mahadevan arrived at the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Rendon/Yurdakul: To move BD 68-24 to the bottom of the agenda. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Ms. Hudson arrived at the meeting.

Dr. Oliverez arrived at the meeting.

President: President Fajardo met with the Director of Alumni Affairs to discuss organizing a reunion for ASI Executives. He had a 1:1 meeting with Dr. Oliverez. He announced that Stephanie Alfonso submitted her resignation and will no longer serve as the College of Arts & Letters representative. He attended the women's volleyball game on September 26th. He will be emailing the Board information about the Robert's Rules workshop being held on October 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. He attended a Faculty Senate meeting on September 24th. Three ASI marketing interns started their positions this week. He attended CSSA on September 21st.

Executive Vice President: Mr. Rendon held three Howl Squad orientations and had individual meetings with members who were unable to attend those sessions. The deadline for Howl Squad members to choose their campus-wide committees is today. The monthly report from each Board member was uploaded to the Microsoft Teams drive. He attended the Civic Seekers event at the Palm Desert Campus (PDC). He attended the women's volleyball game on September 26th.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson is part of the CSSA Admission Advisory Council. There are currently 178 active users using the CAB Canvas course. She attended the Executive Planning and Review Committee meeting.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez attended the Civic Seekers event at PDC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister attended a Division of Student Affairs Council meeting. Student enrollment is down (as expected for this year) and is expected to drop further next year. He held a meeting with ASI student staff to discuss the needs of the office; monthly meetings will be held. ASI will be overseeing the student zone at Homecoming. He met with the Philanthropic Foundation on September 25th to explore the possibility of integrating the Coyote Garden with "Giving Tuesday" which is a day for donors to contribute funds for various aspects of the garden. He met with Dr. Edna Martinez to discuss PDC facility management and the possibility of a Firebirds Hockey Night.

OPEN FORUM:

Ms. Hunter stated that she had a Howl Squad orientation on September 20th. She expressed concern with regard to the unclear parking locations for overnight guests on campus. She emailed President Fajardo, Mr. Rendon, Dr. Rister and Mr. H. Gonzalez information about the report she made to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance. She also informed the Board of additional meetings regarding her report to The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance. She emailed Ms. Smith an idea for the mock ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 69-24 M/S Benson/Gonzalez: Appointment of Juan Sibrian as a Board of Directors representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Mr. Sibrian.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Benson, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Hudson, Hunsaker, Lopez, Lozano, Mahadevan, Oliverez, Rendon, Rister and Yurdakul.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Bueno.

Passed (13/0/1).

BD 70-24 M/S Hudson/Yurdakul: Appointment of Valeria Bueno as a Board of Directors representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Mrs. Bueno.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Benson, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Hudson, Hunsaker, Lopez, Lozano, Mahadevan, Oliverrez, Rendon, Rister and Yurdakul.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Bueno.

Passed (13/0/1).

BD 71-24 M/S Hudson/Yurdakul: Appointment of Karyme De La Rosa as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. De La Rosa.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Benson, Bueno, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Hudson, Hunsaker, Lopez, Lozano, Mahadevan, Oliverrez, Rendon, Rister and Yurdakul.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (14/0/0).

BD 72-24 M/S Hudson/Gonzalez: Appointment of Tristan Gonzalez as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Mr. Gonzalez.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

In Favor: Benson, Bueno, Carrion-Fajardo, Fajardo, Gonzalez, Hudson, Hunsaker, Lopez, Lozano, Mahadevan, Oliverrez, Rendon, Rister and Yurdakul.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (14/0/0).

BD 73-24 M/S Hudson/Yurdakul: Appointment of Trinh Chung as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. Chung.

Passed unanimously.

BD 74-24 M/S Hudson/Yurdakul: Appointment of Ikenra Porter as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. Porter.

Passed unanimously.

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mr. Rendon.

BD 75-24 M/S Fajardo/Rister: Discussion on the 2024 – 2025 ASI STAND Objectives.

President Fajardo stated that the STAND Objectives represent the five pillars that ASI values as a corporation and below each pillar are two to three goals that can be achieved in a year. He briefly reviewed the STAND Objectives.

Ms. Bueno stated that there has been an influx of students registering for services at the Services to Student with Disabilities (SSD) office. Currently, the SSD office is holding meetings with 50 students per week. She believes that raising awareness about the available resources and reducing the stigma attached to them during orientation could encourage students to register for services before the semester starts.

Dr. Oliverez stated that SSD hosts a breakout session and tables during the resource fair at orientation.

Mr. Rendon recommended incorporating “Coachella Valley” in relation to the second goal of Networks.

Ms. O’Connell arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Sibrian arrived at the meeting.

M/S Fajardo/Gonzalez: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Rendon passed the gavel back to President Fajardo.

BD 68-24 M/S O’Connel/Rendon: Discussion on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Ms. O’Connell stated that every NCAA school has a Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She is the president of SAAC for CSUSB. SAAC is a place for student athletes to meet, ask questions and discuss concerns. They also plan events on campus as well as community service events. Their goal is to create partnerships within the campus as well as the local community. This year, they are holding a competition called Coyote Clash where each team is their own group and could earn points. They are partnering with OSLE for a few of their drives.

President Fajardo asked when SAAC meetings were held. Ms. O’Connell stated that their first meeting will be held on October 1st at 5:30 p.m., however, they are still deciding on a set time.

Dr. Rister asked if students or departments could be recognized at games. Ms. O’Connell stated if names are emailed to her, she could schedule them to be recognized on the jumbotron at a specific game.

Mr. Rendon asked if SAAC needed any support from ASI. Ms. O’Connell replied that attending games as well as emailing her information about ASI events so that she can promote to student athletes would be appreciated.

Dr. Oliveriez encouraged the Board to attend the Game Day Bash on September 28th at 12:00 p.m. to support women and men's soccer.

M/S Rendon/Benson: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Clubs and Organizations: Ms. Carrion-Fajardo stated that she is creating handouts with a QR code that links to a feedback form. She plans to bring those handouts to the OSLE Student Club and Org Town Halls on October 16th and November 14th.

Housing: Ms. Lozano stated that she held her office hours at the different housing communities this month. Sophia Garcia, Resident Assistant for The LatinX Residential Scholars Living Learning Community has asked her to be a part of a social event they are planning to hold on November 10th. She plans to hold a Dia De Los Muertos event with the LatinX Residential Scholars Living Learning Community.

Student-at-Large: Mr. Sibrian stated that he received the CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement from the CSU Chancellor's office. The Golf Academy with the Desert Willow Golf Resort will be offered again next semester to students.

Students with Disabilities: Mrs. Bueno stated that the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, Dr. Lori Palmerton is visiting PDC next month. She intends to give Dr. Palmerton a campus tour during which a student in a wheelchair will point out areas that may require improvements.

President's Representative: Dr. Oliveriez held Tea with the VP this week. She is traveling to Washington D.C. on September 29th as CSUSB is receiving recognition by Excellency in Education, a national organization that helps to support institutions that are Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI).

External Affairs: Ms. Smith held Civic Seekers at PDC on September 24th. Civic Seekers was a scavenger hunt regarding voter education and the mock ballot. The mock ballot provided feedback on the ASI logo, the STEM Club, gardening, and course feedback opportunities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.



Diego Rendon
Executive Vice President