

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 12:08 p.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Julia Ruiz, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Sri Alapati, Bhavish Balsara, Kaelyn Blackwell (Zoom), James Chalk, Nasir Harris, Jessie McVicker, Derek Sweem, Kya Sauls, Joshua Bature, Kim Hunsaker and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Anaya Player and Dr. Paz Oliverrez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Damaris Preciado, Ramtin Ranjpour, Joelle Lock, Sharlin Vaz, Valeria Bueno, Luis Trujillo, Sofia Alvanenga, Michael Griggs, David Penny and Kayla Seamons.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of February 2nd were approved.

REPORTS:

President: President Fajardo announced that Dalaiah Graham submitted her resignation and will no longer serve as the Housing representative. He attended the Campus Dining Advisory Committee, Faculty Senate and the SMSU Board of Directors meeting this past week. He deferred to the following: Mr. Gonzalez who gave a detailed report on behalf of legislative affairs and Ms. Stone who gave a detailed report on behalf of programs.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. Hudson asked the Board to let her know if they knew any students interested in joining the Finance Committee.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Mr. Rendon stated that Snow Day at PDC was canceled due to the weather. He recently filmed a couple of videos: One with Dr. Oscar Fonseca's assistant to promote the PDC Career Showcase being held on February 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and another with a student-at-large representative from the PDC Advisory Committee to promote the Coachella Valley Firebirds Hockey game and Tailgate Party. PDC's first-ever sustainability event will be held on March 18th. Results of the survey regarding Anytime Fitness or EOS show that most students prefer EOS. He met with the PDC Life Committee on February 7th.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative: Mr. Chalk stated that Donuts with The Dean was held on February 6th.

College of Arts & Letters: Ms. McVicker had a meeting with Dean Chuang and Associate Dean Feizzaringhalam to plan this semester's "Pizza with The Dean". She met with Scott Kruger, Publicity Specialist of the Theatre Arts Department on February 1st. During the meeting they

discussed ASI partnering with the Theatre Arts Department to sponsor a student section for the play, Pippin on April 26th at 8:00 p.m.; 50 tickets along with a discount code will be provided.

College of Business & Public Administration: Ms. Alapati stated that she is working on advertising “Improvise to Thrive” which will be held on February 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that ASI is five percent below the projected enrollment for Spring semester, however, the Fall semester was above projection. He serves on the Student Purpose and Pathways Committee and the Student Technology Committee, subcommittees of The NACADA Excellence and Academic Advising Committee. He asked the Board to let him know if they are interested in joining either committee. He was appointed to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

OPEN FORUM:

Valeria Bueno shared her concerns about the lack of a full-time veteran representative at the PDC campus. She also addressed transportation safety issues with the bus no longer being used only by students

GUEST SPEAKER:

Michael Grace, Outreach Coordinator of Project Rebound introduced himself. Project Rebound is a program on campus that assists students who have prior criminal justice system involvement. He would like to ask ASI for support in either incorporating Project Rebound into the other affinity groups or helping them find a space on campus. Currently, they have three small offices in the Faculty Office building.

Sofia Alvanenga, Club President of Project Rebound introduced herself. She stated that as an intern she needs to conduct assessments for students, however, there is no private space to do so, therefore, students are often asked to leave the office.

Luis Trujillo stated that Project Rebound often lacks connection with students since there is no space for students to receive emotional and academic support.

David Penny reiterated that there is no space for students to fully utilize Project Rebound.

OLD BUSINESS:

**BD 13-24 M/S Rister/Blackwell: Revision of the ASI Elections Policy and Procedures.
(Second Reading)**

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the changes made to the Elections Policy and Procedures.

M/S Sweem/Chalk: To remove section 4, "Filing as a Ticket". Passed (7/0/2).

Ms. Sauls asked why the section would be completely removed. Mr. Sweem stated that he believes it would be unfair to candidates since there is a possibility of three candidates on a ticket running against one person alone.

Ms. Sauls stated that she would like to see the statistics on how this has impacted elections in the past. President Fajardo stated that there hasn't been a ticket used in recent years.

Ms. Sauls suggested creating a new section to clarify rules for campaigning together instead of a ticket system.

Ms. McVicker asked if it would be safer to keep the clause since in the future two executive officers may want to run together and if removed there would be nothing mentioned in the policy.

Ms. Hudson asked instead of filing for a ticket whether there would be any way to inform students that a candidate endorsed another candidate that way students would be aware that the pair were preferred together.

Ms. McVicker suggested sticking to the original ticketing system of only President and Executive Vice President and to omit the other executive officer positions.

M/S Chalk/Harris: To reconsider section 4, "Filing as a Ticket". Passed (6/0/4).

M/S Sweem/McVicker: To extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Passed (9/0/1).

Discussion ensued.

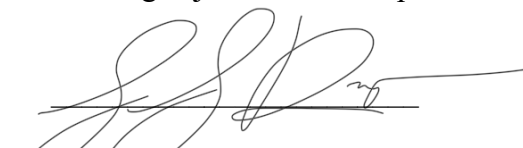
M/S Sweem/Harris: To extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Passed (9/0/1).

M/S Chalk/Sweem: To close discussion. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



Julia Ruiz
Executive Vice President