



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025
 Location: U-SU Board Room N/S 303/303A
 Attendees: Board Members, General Public

Time: 2:00-4:15 PM
 For Public Viewing: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/87681934041>
 Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

A. 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.

B. Call to order by: Arwa Hammad, ASI President @ 2:06 PM

C. Roll Call

Arwa Hammad	President	Present, left @ 3:00 pm
Ashley Bellorin	Vice President for Community Engagement	Present
Erick Anzu	Vice President for Finance	Present
VACANT	Vice President for External Affairs	
Jeffry Umaña Muñoz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Gabriel De La Rosa	Chief of Staff	Present
Aisha Gama	College of Health and Human Services Rep.	Present
Sophia Gamino	College of Business & Economics Rep.	Present
Michelle Carmona	College of Arts and Letters Rep.	Present
Koi Saelee	College of Engineering, Comp. Science & Technology Rep.	Present
Tyler Cheng	College of Natural & Social Sciences Rep.	Present
Victoria Sandoval	College of Education Rep.	Excused Tardy @ 2:12 pm
Diana Rangel	College of Ethnic Studies Rep.	Present
Gennesis Nuyens	Civic Engagement Officer	Present
Yarmil Abrego	Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Present
Blanca Martinez-Navarro	AVP for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students	Excused Absence
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Dena Florez	Associate Executive Director	Present
Gus Salazar	Director of Graphics and Marketing	Present
Amanda Maldonado	Administrative Coordinator	Present
River Foskey	Program Coordinator	Excused Absence
Guests of the Gallery		

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Aisha Gama			
Motion to approve the agenda for Thursday, August 21, 2025						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

E. Approval of the [Minutes](#)

Offered By:	Ashley Bellorin	Seconded by:	Genesis Nuyens			
Motion to approve the minutes for July 25, 2025						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Comment: We will now move on to Public Comment. This time is allotted for the public to bring up comments or concerns of interest to the board. Please be advised that due to a set agenda, the board will not address the items brought up at this time but will note them down for the Executive Committee’s review and action. If members of the public would like to be followed up with directly, please provide your contact information through the QR code on the door or through the form provided on the ASI website meeting agenda. We will now call on members of the public in order of registration before moving on to the public.

Diana: Stated to check on elevator sensor in King Hall as it closes too fast and a student dropped their drink because of it.

Genesis: Shared there was maintenance and repairs was done in many buildings over the summer but reps should check in with the colleges that they pertain to see if any repairs that are more urgent for the students are needed

III. Informational Items

A. ASI Meeting Calendar

Amanda: Shared all meetings have been listed on the calendar and all meetings are booked. If there is any issues, reach out to the staff.

B. Biweekly Reports - [Template and Guide](#)

Arwa: Explained the biweekly template and the process:

- All student leaders are required to complete
- Every week board members need 4 engagement hours dedicated to ASI initiatives (ex: meeting with a student, working on a resolution, attending events, sitting in committee that is outside you general ASI responsibility)
- Due every Wednesday before BOD meetings--> September 3rd 11:59pm first biweekly report due
- Send to Gabriel and CC Amanda don’t send it to direct reports (they will sign it)

Ashley: Asked a question - does that include office hours?

Arwa: Answered - yes, it does count toward your biweekly.

Sophia: Asked a question - does tabling counts?

Arwa: Answered - yes, and anything you do for ASI that is not your committee counts as engagement hours. Also clarified, that to table student leaders need to contact River and submit a request .

Diana: Stated if anyone needs assistance she is willing to help as she has completed biweeklies before.

Ashley: Asked a question - if answering emails during office hours counts?

Arwa: Answered - yes as they are included with your office hours but if you answer emails outside of office hours that counts too and a meeting with any administrator counts as well.

C. Upcoming programs overview

Ashley: Shared they are still working on programs and details but these are the main ones:

- Club funding workshop with CSI September 2 - student organizations will learn about funding and the process
- You belong Drag show September 10th - help students who are suffering from imposter syndrome
- National Voter Registration Day - register to vote, check their status, learn how to make their voice count
- Working on a proposal for a Mini Comic-Con

D. ASI Inauguration

Amanda: Shared the invite was sent earlier this week and if you are planning to attend RSVP as soon as possible and student leaders can bring a maximum of 4 guests.

E. CSSA/CSUnity Report

- [CSSA Report 2025](#)
- **Current Bills in Progress**
- [Policy Agenda](#)
- **Policy Agenda Form**

Arwa: Explained CSSA - ASI reps from all 22 CSU campuses come together to discuss concerns as CSU as a whole and CSSA has several committees like our internal committees. We Cal State LA sits on Legislative Affairs, System-Wide Affairs, and Board of Directors. In System-Wide Affairs, all campuses were asked about what top concern is being faced on campus and she mentioned the state university grants and how graduate students have little to no funding. She also mentioned how Pell grant eligibility is not considered.

Genesis: Shared the Policy Agenda was one of the important topics that was discussed and at the next meeting in October at CSU East Bay the policy agenda for 2025 will be finalized. They would like for all of ASI and students to go through review the policy agenda which is the guiding document that goes through the most pressing issues and then complete the policy agenda form which will be used to gather feedback from all the campuses as well as students to know if these are aligned with issues that we believe are the most important.

Additionally, she shared some other issues that were addressed at the plenary:

- The Financial Aid index that FAFSA uses--> a lot of students who qualified for financial aid last year no longer qualified this year
- A rising enrollment issues as UC system is enrolling more students
- Threat to women studies
- Pricing on houses around campus for students housing
- A AI survey will be sent out September - October about AI in education and how we feel about it

Important information regarding immigration-> Be aware immigration is occurring on campus. If you are approached by immigration, please inform the campus designee. Each campus has trained staff who are responsible for meeting immigration officers and viewing any orders, warrants, or subpoena. Cal State LA's designees are AVP SAEM & Dean of Students Blanca Martinez-Navarro and Chief of Staff Victor Rojas

- Students should familiarize themselves with the resources available to them and to their family like mental health counseling and immigration guidance

Ashley: Shared she attended the Title IX workshop and they will start tracking the time it takes to respond back to a student. They have 10 days to respond that they have received the complaint and they have 100 days to finish the investigation. Also shared, "Secret shoppers" will be sent out on campuses to essentially test them out. There are some concerns that campuses are focusing are on sexual violence while other issues like discrimination are not high priority.

Arwa: Shared she attended a CSU Finances workshop and they just spoke about how the CSU is funded. Also, shared about the Basic Needs workshop and that there is a company named Sparks that is trying to partner with different CSU's, they are currently working with Long Beach and Chico. The company does data-driven research and community-driven policy work. Provided an example, at Chico they established a meal-prep kit program where Spark came in and cooked the meals and then delivered the food to local students around campus who are facing food insecurities. Arwa is in contact with the Spark coordinator to schedule a meeting and see we can bring this on campus.

Additionally, she shared about USSA (United States Student Association) and that they were instrumental during the Obama administration but with COVID they fell off but they are trying to bring it back. USSA is non-partisan but have no parliamentary procedures. Also, it costs 50 cent per CSU student enrolled to join and USSA might not align with CSSA as CSSA tend to be more liberal compared to other states for these reasons. CSSA does not want to partner with USSA but they don't want to break contact with them fully.

IV. Action Items

A. Appointments of Student Leaders

Arwa: Explained the Vice President for External Affairs role - the position focuses more on external issues that are facing Cal State LA and the importance of the role. She shared her enthusiasm to appoint Aisha Gama to the position. This will leave College of Health and Human Services Rep so will start recruiting someone for the role.

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Jeffry Umaña Muñoz			
Motion to appoint Aisha Gama as Vice President for External Affairs Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

B. Appointments to ASI Standing Committees

Arwa: All College Reps are required to be on 2 standing committees within ASI.
All the committee chairs explained what each committee is and its oversight.

Victoria: Shared the 2 committees she wants to join - Community Engagement and Outreach (CEO) committee and Finance Committee

Offered By:	Diana Rangel	Seconded by:	Ashley Bellorin			
Motion to appoint Victoria Sandoval to CEO and Finance Committee Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

V. Discussion Items

A. Retreat Debrief and feedback

Arwa: While on retreat they brainstormed all together about ideas and goals for ASI for this academic year.
Student Leaders went around and commented on the retreat; some were:

Ashley: Shared they bonded and grew as student leaders.

Gabriel: Expressed for those who couldn't attend the retreat, let's plan an activity so we can all bond together.

Erick: Shared he got to get to know each other on a deeper level.

B. U-SU Representative on BOD

Arwa: Talked about the U-SU and their board. To promote collaboration, she wanted to add them as a non-voting advisory role to our Board of Directors. Also, mentioned if the board likes this idea, then we will update our bylaws.

Gabriel: Mentioned about adding U-SU to Shared Governance

Jeffry: Mentioned about adding a UAS rep to Shared Governance as well

Tyler: Asked a question - does Mark sit on the U-SU Board?

Arwa: Answered and clarified - Mark and Brian sit on the U-SU Board but most likely the U-SU Board Chair would sit on our board.

Erick: Agreed, and when some of the student leaders visited CSUN, they had a competition between both ASI and U-SU who can create the best event for the students, and it created community between both entities.

C. Revisions to ASI Committee Codes

- [ASI Policy 201 - Finance Committee](#)

Barnaby: Went through the changes - most of it is position titles and language changes, additionally adding the Administrative Coordinator formally to the membership as it plays a critical role with the RSO funding request. Removing the Vice Chair for Finance as we have eliminated this position a couple of years back and the position supported the Vice President for Finance and chaired the Funding Sub-Committee when we had separate committees - the committee only reviewed RSO funding requests.

- [ASI Policy 101 - Personnel Committee](#)

Barnaby: Went through the changes - it is primarily changing position titles and minor language changes.

- **ASI Policy 023 - Shared Governance Council**

Barnaby: Went through the changes - under membership clarifying that student at-large members sitting on university-wide committees are non-voting as it is optional for them to attend Shared Governance and there's different ways, we can get their report. There was also discussion before this meeting at Shared Governance about adding other people to the committee. We also need to look at the content and agenda of the committee because as of now the agenda is focused on the Academic Senate. Additionally, since SGC replaced Cabinet of Academic Senators, the committee now meets biweekly instead of once a month.

D. Discuss Environmental Policy Committee

Barnaby: Explained in our bylaws we have EPC has a standing committee and for year it has been acting like a sub-committee to CEO as they have been putting on events and educational programs focused on sustainability and Earth Week. Last year, this committee did not meet so Earth Day responsibilities were folded into CEO. Asked the committee if this is a critical topic that needs a standing committee that meets regularly or is their other topics that are critical that need to be structured this way?

Jeffry: Shared we should still be focusing on sustainability and environmental policy but there are other ad-hoc topics could be more important to students currently like parking concerns/tax, immigration/supporting immigrant students, and financial aid/student affordability.

Gabriel: Shared there is not enough need to have its own committee and if an issue comes up, we can handle it at either Exec, Board, CEO, Legislative Affairs depending on it.

Ashley: Asked a question - Would EPC responsibilities go to CEO? Like earth week?

Arwa: Answered and clarified - CEO did uphold the responsibility last year and did plan Earth Day. But also, EPC is not just events - they are supposed to do a sustainability action plan and educate the student body.

Genesis: Talked with Barnaby about having a sub-committee that is boarder and focuses on current student issues.

Jeffry: Shared that we can get rid of EPC, but we are not tied to replacing it with another committee. Mentioned that our other internal committees do focus on current student issues and doing the research for it (like parking, immigration, and financial aid). If there is no need for a separate committee, there shouldn't be.

Yarmil: Asked a question - why did EPC not meet last year and why was it not successful?

Barnaby: Answered - it has been successful when we had strong leadership for the position and last year the chair position was vacant.

Jeffry: Mentioned about recruiting students at-large members to sit on our internal committees and that connects a pipeline as they get to know ASI.

Arwa: Shared some other committees that she thinks we should have. For example, at CSUN they have a communications committee where their only responsibility is working with senators on townhalls and listening to student feedback. They also have a Diversity & Inclusion committee where they work to have a more diverse campus community.

Barnaby: Suggested to send this back to CEO, Legislative Affairs, and Exec to how each committee can take aspects of EPC.

VI. Reports

A. ASI President

B. ASI Chief of Staff

C. ASI Vice President for Community Engagement

Ashley: Shared maybe the Civic Engagement position can be the bridge for students during community service hours.

D. ASI Vice President for Finance

E. ASI Vice President for University Affairs

F. ASI Vice President for External Affairs - Vacant

G. Reps at Large

1. Civic Engagement

Genesis: Shared not only engaging students outside of school but also us (ASI) volunteer. It is about bringing the outside inside and vice versa; bringing outside resources that can benefit the students.

2. Diversity & Inclusion

H. College Reps

1. College of A & L
2. College of B&E
3. College of Education
4. College of ECST
5. College of Ethnic Studies
6. College of HHS
7. College of NSS

I. ASI Pro Staff

J. J. AVP/Dean of Students

VII. Adjournment

Offered By:	Gabriel De La Rosa	Seconded by:	Diana Rangel			
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:16 pm Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on August 21, 2025, at U-SU Board Room N/S 303/303A and were approved by consensus by the ASI Board of Directors on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Prepared by:

Maria Delgado - Recording Secretary

Gabriel De La Rosa - Chief of Staff