



Executive Cabinet Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
 Location: San Gabriel Room- U-SU Room 313
 Type of Meeting: General

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm
 Attendees: Committee Members, General Public

I. Organizational Items:

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.

A. Call to order by: Arwa Hammad, ASI President @ 3:10 pm

B. Roll Call

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| Arwa Hammad | President | Present |
| Ashley Bellorin | Vice President for Community Engagement | Present |
| Erick Anzu | Vice President for Finance | Excused Absence |
| Aisha Gama | Vice President for External Affairs | Excused Absence |
| Jeffry Umaña Muñoz | Vice President for University Affairs | Present |
| | Chief of Staff | |
| | Board Member Rep. | |
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| 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 |
| Amanda Maldonado | Administrative Coordinator | Present |
| River Foskey | Program Coordinator | Excused Absence |
| Guests of the Gallery | | |

C. Approval of Agenda

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| Offered By: | Ashley Bellorin | Seconded by: | Jeffry Umana Munoz |
| Motion to approve the agenda for January 27, 2026 | | | |
| Consensus reached | | | |
| All in Favor | All | Opposed | 0 |
| | | Abstained | 0 |
| Motion: Passed | | | |

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| Offered By: | Ashley Bellorin | Seconded by: | Erick Anzu |
| Motion to amend the agenda and add CHESS as a discussion item | | | |
| Consensus reached | | | |
| All in Favor | All | Opposed | 0 |
| | | Abstained | 0 |
| Motion: Passed | | | |

D. Certification of Minutes

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| Offered By: | Jeffry Umana Munoz | Seconded by: | Ashley Bellorin |
| Motion to certify the minutes for January 27, 2026 | | | |
| 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 committee. 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.

III. Reports

IV. Informational Items

V. Discussion Items

A. Student leader position changes

Arwa: Starts the conversation about potential changes to a couple of the student leader positions: club relations position, civic engagement commission becoming more of a legislative commission. Talks about wanting a name change of chief of staff to executive vice president.

Jeffry: Thinks that name of Executive V.P reflected level of engagement that the chief of staff has on the cabinet and within the board.

Arwa: Noticed making sure the execs are up to speed with stuff and also serve reps. Them connecting us to the reps would be convenient and would fit more to the position. It seems like across the system its interchangeable or serve different capacities. Wants to see if that's what reflects what the chief of staff is responsible for on the campus, if that name change is appropriate. Feels like it reflects something different than what the chief of staff does.

Ashley: As execs we report to you (Arwa), for next term would it be execs report to executive vice president? Your direct report would be to executive vice president or how would that work?

Arwa: We weren't proposing change, but if we were to report to EDP, it largely depended on the people.

Jeffry: I think those are great questions, maybe we should do amending to the position. Felt like the name executive vice president felt more reflective on the way it has been operated. Not sure about changing the reporting structure, maybe additional requirements in the oversight of executives and bringing coherence to the work that they're doing. Having that role is the goal, keeping accountable to the governing documents. Maybe an opportunity to identify areas is your (Arwa) role that you want additional support in. Compilation of impact report, overseeing transitions, where you can utilize additional support.

Arwa: The first person I would ask is chief of staff if I wanted to suggest change, they were the right hand person. There are things they are responsible for like biweekly's, having them responsible for transition process makes sense, some more structure.

Barnaby: Reporting on changes last year, college reps were reporting to chief of staff, so that's a lot of one on one, so be careful that you're not shifting too much on the one position. The transition process makes sense, the impact report is crucial.

Arwa: Expresses how she saw the relationship was dynamic, very hands on, and collaborative. The name exemplifies the relationship that the president and chief of staff should have. As it is right now doesn't reflect how collaborative needs to be, supposed to have a strong working relationship.

Ashley: The reason I brought that up, because like you did say, it depends on the person, but the chief of staff we had specifically was doing a lot such as talking to execs.

Jeffry: Maybe in terms of direct reports, I feel it makes sense for the balance, that if this executive vp role is already going to be coherent to the VPs that they report to the evp. First, and I feel like the ASI president should have the responsibility to be as in tune student input, and to do that, having the college reps report directly to the ASI president makes a lot of sense because you know exactly what's happening in the colleges.

Arwa: Maybe Executive Cabinet can be chaired by the evp., president takes on college reps.

Jeffry: I think that another great idea and there's flexibility on who can be direct report for the college reps, and agree and think VPX, VPCE, VPF have lessor load of direct reports. It would help to bring more students out to ASI events and bring them in and directly communicating with college reps it makes it easier. Let's president to free to focus on being ASI reps and having support of evp and make sure the cab is moving.

Arwa: Wish I did more and initiatives, saw overseeing helping others, I think the president is the face of It and people working behind the scenes, I like the structural concept.

Barnaby: Clearly this is a topic but someone needs to draft them, the title change sounds like pretty much an agreement, but the responsibilities.

Arwa: Asks if by the board it needs to be done?

Barnaby: It should come through this group first, exec cab. If your changing board members to commissioners that's a different scope.

Arwa: We seem to be getting at a conclusion for chief of staff

Jeffry: Regarding DNI, thinking about changing, diversity inclusion commissioner still makes sense. Doing work with Yarmil to schedule meetings with different campus identities, diversity, student support centers. Diversity inclusion commissioner makes sense because the focus is still on DNI, especially we want DNI commissioner to work with VPUA as direct report to be the person to make sure that's what were receiving. Because at the exec level, we don't have time to do those things. Something for my role I want to add in is University affairs report that we've talked about as a annual report mechanism. Support with shared gov and will work with vpa.

Arwa: We need advocacy agenda for leg. affairs because technically they're supposed to produce one

Jeffry: I do like potentially diversity and belonging a little bit better. Maybe make it more appealing, like student belonging or campus belonging.

Dena: Likes the diversity inclusion and belonging

Arwa: I've seen the struggle with the focus, does ASI follow DEIB, internal things that we check ourselves on maybe annually or by in, ideas like services that we provide, is our outreach accessible, do we use alt-text when we do Instagram posts. It will help us in the long run to have someone responsible for seeing if we are following the EID. I think this role should be largely advocacy or policy oriented because I feel like that's the gap we have

Jeffry: Says he's a little confused because everything that you said, I thought were the changes we were making

Arwa: Clarifies yes it does makes just and was just reiterating it and wants to make sure the position it becomes has to be specific and is broad right now.

Jeffry: First should be their committee assignments, and if in charge every year, part of the university affairs report a section is the diversity. We do a good job about being inclusive and don't see that as the biggest need. The biggest need on campus is diversity on the population, looking for support from ASI and resources, centers having the tools to be successful, is the campus implementing DIB and are we promoting. At the same time the role is responsible for being mainly with the campus diversity and inclusion programs, to build solid relationships, making sure that the board knows the cross cultures center are having events, we should come to support our students making sure there's ASI presence at those events and have student government there. As a commissioner role, those two things are more than enough, if they're writing an annual report the ideas through the entire year of what they're hearing from students

Dena: States DEIB commissioner, so belonging and equity is apart

Baraby: When we talk about belonging, what is it that shared governance is going to do to create belonging because we have a community engagement under a VP who is supposed to do belonging. Our focus is create community belonging on campus, more about inclusion on shared governance. Talks about if there's inclusion and diversity, which we are not a diverse campus with 75% of Latinx students on campus. The population needs a lot of support but is it senators' job or is it inclusion.

Dena: Office of students with disabilities, when have we done HOSD this year? Veterans resource center, men's success enunciative. Barnaby is right about most of our population is Latinx, but what about the other voices and groups of students, are they being represented?

Jeffry: Agrees with Dena, and with Barnaby about belonging and students on campus. Inclusions great and overall an outline, we have the responsibilities for the role but just the name

Barnaby: Student engagement as well talking about advocacy, as we're carving a niche what is the student engagement person going to do? Inclusion in student voice of shared gov, belonging which is engagement, and advocacy, were all doing similar work.

Arwa: Agrees and doesn't see a distinction, struggles to see the distinctive thing about position. Maybe can meet with DEIB staff

Jeffry: The redesign that were proposing, the idea was to make the DEI commissioner, the direct report for VPUA, my role should be meeting with these people and need someone whose tasks to make sure those spaces are protected for students. There should be an advocacy side focus, but to Dena's point, we can have the programmatic side from making sure this is the person who communicates the programs these spaces are having to make sure ASI representation is there. The student engagement officer, I view that as the names as legislative or advocacy commissioner. At last ledge affair meeting, something we talked about was to attend and track board of

trustees meeting and la city council. Even every year have a set of these are our ASI bills that were keeping an eye on because they impacted students. WE viewed the civic engagement officer becoming a supportive role to VPX to coordinating and making sure there's progress on the advocacy agenda approved. Thoughts on if VPX is busy, this ledge affairs commissioner is chair of ledge affairs committee or at least vice chair. Saw the distinction on DEIB focusing on advocacy happening internally, which is why they're connected to VPUA and having civic engagement become focused on the advocacy focused externally working with VPX

Arwa: That way I see it a lot better, was concerned about what it would mean to directly report to VPUA

Jeffry: Even now I feel like we already assigned some specific things, sounds like DI role will be in charge of annual diversity report, ledge affairs commissioner will be in charge of advocacy agenda. We should still leave flexibility to make sure the student makes it the position what they want it to be.

Dena: This commissioner, is it primarily programmatic with how student government, also bridges into shared gov when advising administration policy. To both of your points, to ensure students are represented in the programs that community engagement (inaudible) to make sure all student groups are represented. Also to share about the policy. As a commissioner they won't sit on the board and exec.

Jeffry: Second that, feels like they'll have a greater responsibility and greater responsibility in shared gov committee, with the understanding that they're also a participant in attendee of COE

Arwa: Suggested maybe leg affairs can handle the changes

Dena: Ideas for rough draft, VPX that's external affairs, outside the campus that's why our VPX represents are CSSA. Civic engagement, there's kind of three levels and kind of a different thing. Civic engagement is mostly what's going on in the world and brings it down to Cal State La how does this effect us. Also mentioned being knowledgeable about what's happening at the city level. Campus, local, and state. Asks what the expectation of civic engagement is.

Arwa: VPX will be responsible for delegating a lot to every position, students at large that sit on Leg Affairs and can hopefully take on some of the work

Dena: Asks if there's any students at large sitting on Leg Affairs

Jeffry: Right now, none

Arwa: Thinks there's supposed to be three, so hopefully more of a focus of getting student at large positions, and focus on chess being an opportunity to go, working in this group.

Dena: You can't require students to go off campus. This team would be bringing it to VPX, so when VPX go to CSSA, they'll tell them what's going on with campus.

Jeffry: Agrees, and the envisioned for updated DNI role, VP sets the tone and commissioner helps things get done. External affairs there various levels even local is city and county, system wide advocacy with CSU, state wide and federal advocacy. This position should have a clear stipulation that they're going to be supporting recruitment of the advocacy committee and inclusion of students. This commissioner role is to ensure especially the student at large do involve themselves and are engaged. We shouldn't and can't require them to attend these meetings but stay up to date with it. Maybe some aspects of the civic engagement role that we can save to for this role and opportunity to promotes initiatives and students to vote.

Arwa: Maybe we can start doing annual projects and having standing items on Leg. Affairs and BOD like priorities and updates, especially to know what to keep our heads up on or what students want to know about, even what administrator should know or try. Sees that vision and think will help Cal State LA do more activism work. Maybe civic engagement title change?

Dena: Gives idea of Public service commissioner, service learning

Arwa: Likes idea, and thinks it fits

Dena: You want someone that can be vice chair on Leg. Affairs

Arwa: Because we required board members to sit on Leg. Affairs and their capacity is different compared to the other committees and other are internally based and ledge is focused on external projects. Saw it as a struggle as VPX to get folks wanting to do this work and be involved because it's not what they signed up for.

Barnaby: One thing for across the board for all commissioner positions, rename them as vice chair. Its not an elective thing, actually train them for it, read the number two, doing the minutes. It removes the two DI and CE responsibilities of sitting on board and two other committees. Gives them the vice chair role.

Arwa: Vice chair already solves that though. It would be vice chair of legislative advocacy, new name of civic engagement.

Barnaby: The committee isn't changing it is still called legislative affairs and advocacy committee, unless you want to change that too.

Arwa: Agrees but finds it hard to get board members on it because usually it's a college rep that sits on these committees and it is hard to get them to engage and also worry about shared gov.

Barnaby: What happens if we decrease the board by two voting members. We would have exec officers and college reps, the two at large reps which is DI and CE, does that make a difference? Because were removing them from the board and making them commissioners

Dena: We have one of the largest boards of ASI

Jeffry: Thinks were pretty large and thinks what we lose in their vote is what we gain in the work that they would do to inform the board to take much more informed votes

Barnaby: They can still come to the board meetings, present on board meetings so they can provide information

Jeffry: We can even list them as ex officious, could we?

Arwa: Or advisory

Barnaby: But when you do that, then you're saying you have to attend board because ex officious is part of that obligation. Talking about a commissioner for finance committee, due to budget because we only have very little money to advocate to clubs right now and thinks when that budget expands that can enhance that position, but we also would be adding a commissioner that we currently don't have a GIA for. So, it's a good one to have a conversation about. Setting up the structure where each committee has a commissioner, personally wouldn't implement that would put it on the shelf for when the fee increase goes through we can look at adding that

Jeffry: Agrees with Barnaby's recommendations, we are still doing the three committees, but we can take this as our pilot run and see how it works. Especially because our finance committee has a very specific importance for various reasons. We need to make sure any commissioner role we end up developing for that committee is as solid as possible and feels like we'll be able to do that later on. We should just focus on these three which will bring a whole different energy to the board

Arwa: If were not requiring the new vice chair, or the new position to change on board, does that effect their GIA or do they get less of a GIA now because they're not serving on board.

Dena: GIA will stay as is right now, the only thing changes is civic engagement, DNI, our elective position, those who will be removed from the ballot. You would just change the chief of staff to EVP.

Barnaby: As far as GIA, that's the next conversation, what's the allocation, we would write that in the budget next year. The senators have less obligations.

Jeffry: Thinks keeping them at the college rep commissioner level will make sense, they're not light roles

Dena: They're not light roles, but they are doing a little bit more than a college rep, so to keep them at the same rate. The offset is they're not going to as many meetings, not required to sit on an internal committees but have to attend the two respective meetings. The tradeoff is don't go on board but has a little more work.

Arwa: Thinks that's balanced, GIA increases doesn't seem like a possible conversation right now due to budgetary constraints but that can be a conversations we have at another time. Our roles compensated. Barnaby and I talked about it earlier and maybe can bring it up in an exec meeting. Seems for the most part we're set

B. ASI Standing Committee changes (e.g., EPC)

Arwa: Need to talk about EPC

Jeffry: All looks great, maybe we can take a stab at the shared gov one when meet Barnaby for one on one to talk about it. Thinks we have identified/clarify the language to focus in on. Thinking about the opening line of code of procedures where lists the three goals of shared gov. feels like that's the main place to do some editing and serving the new role as vice chair. Thinks what we have works now and have finally found projects. Something I've been thinking about all year, it makes sense for them to have their own cabinet of college reps, and to be in shared gov. The problem is so are the senators so thinking that's a whole other board meeting because its so huge and the schedule might be really tough. Is difficult to carry out shared gov work when our rep from the colleges isn't in the room. We have two college reps that are on the committee, but that might not always be the case. Recently shared gov is taking on more of a research role, writing different reports. Would help to have college reps on the committee

Arwa: Do you think it makes sense if VPUA sits on CCR then? Maybe vice chair

Jeffry: That's the other option I thought about, maybe VPUA sits on that committee as well. If we have an EVP that is a lot more active, there can be more bridging

Dena: I do feel like college reps should be a part of shared gov. But why do they need to have the college reps meeting because the same things they'll discuss there is the same as shared gov. Regarding environmental policy I think that's something that should be under leg. affairs because its sustainability and that is a role that falls under. Can we become a green campus, the lining pathway. If you have an initiative like earth day that will fall under CEO,

you can always create an committee of the members and leg would initiate that. To have a meeting for EPC, doesn't make sense. We haven't had EPC in two years. That should fall under ledge affairs and create a commissioner

Arwa: Thinks we can still think of ways to create a new committee. I wonder if we really need a new committee and the use of it. Knows we have campus enhancement. Feels like its an advocacy point the president can take on or maybe VPUA.

Dena: If we had an environmental commissioner under leg affairs

Barnaby: Historically the biggest issues we have had is with campus facility, elevators, king hall, not clean, not pretty. Thinks it's a critical committee that we have because its always being asked. Then we would have a group that's working on that, it would be an open meeting so any student could come. Thinks it's a great connection point with the university. Can create a committee that addresses student concern which is environmental cabinet

Arwa: Makes sense because of where the university is moving to, there needs to be a dedicated committee that comes presents that or discusses that and have student gov representation. Any thoughts on changing EPC campus enhancement because it feels like EPC has been too stagnant and needs to be changed.

Jeffry: Supports that and thinks it's a great idea. Would add to connect to here for the membership for both shared gov and campus enhancement committee. We should consider inviting our RHA president. They can speak to the state of out facilities and housing

Barnaby: Maybe there's a faculty member to represent academic classrooms

Jeffry: Maybe academic senate committee does something similar

C. Committee charges and goals for 2026

VI. Adjournment

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| Offered By: | Jeffry Umana Munoz | Seconded by: | Ashley Bellorin | | | |
| Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 4:21 pm | | | | | | |
| Consensus reached | | | | | | |
| All in Favor | All | Opposed | 0 | Abstained | 0 | Motion: Passed |

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Executive Cabinet Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on February 3, 2026, at San Gabriel Room - USU Room 313 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Executive Cabinet on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Prepared by:

Lauren Bacio - Recording Secretary

Chief of Staff