

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.**  
**California State University, San Bernardino**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carson Fajardo at 10:03 a.m.

Present: Carson Fajardo, Diego Rendon, Autumn Hudson, Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Megha Babu, Jeidi Carrion-Fajardo, Alaina O'Connell, Amanda Reigle (Zoom), Juan Sibrian (Zoom), Melis Yurdakul (Zoom), Ayanna McAlister, Ashley Smith, Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Michael Rister and Dr. Paz Oliverez.

Absent: Dr. Haakon Brown.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone and Jiselle Villegas.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup> were approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

*President:* President Fajardo announced that Tendulkar Mahadevan is resigned from his position as the Graduate Student representative. He attended Sundaes with Student Government, a Solidarity and Equal Partnership Task Force meeting and an Advocacy and Community Relations Committee meeting. The referendum letter was approved by the Chancellor and will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. He met with the Undocumented Student Success Center alongside Mr. Rendon and Dr. Rister on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The new ASI logo will be unveiled at the Elections Reveal.

*Executive Vice President:* Mr. Rendon held a Vacancy Committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. He attended Sundaes with Student Government and an Accessible Technology Initiative Steering Committee meeting. He reminded the Board to submit their feedback forms on the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students candidates if they attended the lunch interviews held last week. He presented at the OneFuture Coachella Valley Gents Alliance Student Leadership Conference. He, along with Joseph Morales and Juan Padilla spoke about ASI to a freshman class on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Vice President of Finance:* Ms. Hudson stated that there will be a CAB Funding Workshop for club advisors today at 12:30 p.m. and at PDC on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for all club members.

*Vice President of Palm Desert Campus:* Ms. Lopez attended the ASI Board and Brunch and the Heart and Soul event. A PDC Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. She is currently collaborating with the Rancho Mirage Student Center on the Evergreen event. She is working with Oscar Fonseca and Mr. Sibrian to hold a LinkedIn Workshop.

Ms. Yurdakul arrived at the meeting.

Dr. Oliverez arrived at the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

*Executive Director:* Dr. Rister stated that he has been working with Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) to provide additional details to draft the tax report. He met with Ms. Hudson to discuss next year's budget. Scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year will be finalized this month and applications will be received in March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BD 08-25 M/S Sibrian/Rister: Appointment of Alondra Lopez as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Personnel Committee.**

Mr. Sibrian deferred to Mr. Rendon who spoke in favor of Ms. Lopez.

Passed unanimously.

**BD 09-25 M/S Hudson/O'Connell: Appointment of Melis Yurdakul as a Board of Director representative to the ASI Finance Committee.**

Ms. Hudson spoke in favor of Ms. Yurdakul.

Passed unanimously.

President Fajardo passed the gavel to Mr. Rendon.

**BD 10-25 M/S Fajardo/Carrion-Fajardo: Appointment of Matthew Calhoun as the ASI Elections Committee Chair.**

President Fajardo spoke in favor of Mr. Calhoun.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Rendon passed the gavel back to President Fajardo.

**BD 11-25 M/S Rendon/Yurdakul: Revision of the ASI Elections Policy and Procedures. (First Reading)**

Mr. Rendon deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the Elections Policy and Procedures.

Discussion closed.

## **REPORTS:**

*Athletics:* Ms. O'Connell attended three of the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students interviews. The men's and women's basketball playoffs will begin in early March.

*College of Arts & Letters:* Ms. Reigle has started her communication initiative, sending a survey to students inviting those interested in joining an Ad-Hoc Committee to help students submit initiatives; 13 responses have been received thus far. She has submitted three initiative events in collaboration with various on-campus departments.

*College of Business & Public Administration:* Ms. Yurdakul attended Sundaes with Student Government. She has contacted Amber Vargas, Student Engagement Coordinator following her selection as president of the American Marketing Association club.

*Clubs and Organizations:* Ms. Carrion-Fajardo attended Sundaes with Student Government.

*Student-at-Large:* Mr. Sibrian hosted a workshop at the OneFuture Coachella Valley Gents Alliance Student Leadership Conference. He met with the Career Center in regards to The Art of Digital Story Telling Using LinkedIn Workshop. He attended the ASI Board and Brunch.

*President's Representative:* Dr. Oliverez hosted Tea with the VP this week; students expressed concerns regarding the challenges international students face in securing on-campus jobs, the high cost of studying abroad and the need for more tutoring and supplemental instruction. The Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Roadshow will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Coyote Cares Day will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The On-campus Student Housing Application for the 2025-2026 academic year opened last week. She reminded the Board to return their feedback forms on the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students candidates.

*External Affairs:* Ms. Smith attended Sundaes with Student Government, an Ad-Hoc Student Referendum Committee meeting and a Policy Committee meeting. She started to prepare for CHESS and has currently scheduled three meetings with legislators. The CSSA Plenary graphic report will be posted soon. She will be attending the virtual CSSA Plenary on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Student Trustee Committee has finalized their application rubrics for CSSA, therefore, she will be traveling to Long Beach next week to facilitate interviews.

*Programs:* Ms. Stone stated that the Valentine's Movie Night was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>; approximately 70 students attended and the majority of the Valentine's Day stickers were distributed to students. Cosmic Coyote will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Wicked will be shown at both campuses at an upcoming movie night. Safety Walk will be held soon. Marketing for the referendum campaign is being prepared.

*Sustainability Committee:* Ms. Villegas will be visiting the botanical gardens to collect native edibles for the garden. There are two Earth Day events being planned. A student donated two stumps to the garden. She plans to hold a Sustainability Committee meeting by the end of February.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Rister stated that the ASI programs team has agreed to sponsor the upcoming Pioneer Breakfast. The team will feature two scholarship recipients by filming a "day in the life" of each to showcase how the Pioneer Breakfast impacts these students.

Ms. McAlister stated that the Medical and Pre-Health Student Society is hosting a Pre-Health Conference on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; she asked the Board to promote the event.

Ms. Hunsaker reminded the Board that an Optometry Clinic will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. This service will also be provided at the Palm Desert Campus with dates to be announced.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the ASI Election application is now open and the deadline to apply is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Sibrian invited the Board to attend The Art of Digital Story Telling Using LinkedIn Workshop on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

President Fajardo stated that census closes today. He encouraged the Board to attend the Coyote Cares Day and to hand out STAND pamphlets to students.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



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Diego Rendon  
Executive Vice President