

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the President, Diego Rendon at 12:01 p.m.

Present: Diego Rendon, Ayanna McAlister, Alondra Lopez, Jennifer Cornejo, Joseph Gonzales (Zoom), Nailah McAlister, Judah Rubin, Md Yeasin (Zoom) (late), Amira Shalabi, Dr. Haakon Brown (Zoom) and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Kimberly Rosas, Samantha Coronado, Melanie Radan, Heather Sharp, Ashley Smith, Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Matthew Smith and Dr. Paz Oliverrez.

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Joseph Morales, Miguel Millan, Johan Rosales, Alberto Fernandez, Dr. Montgomery Van Wart, Juan Falcon, Jonathon Garcia and Kelly Dominguez.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

M/S Cornejo/Rubin: To strike her comment from BD 10-26: *“Ms. Cornejo stated that she has previously discussed starting an initiative to pay for the parking passes of students who work on campus. She inquired whether the PDC campus should be included since they may not have many student employees. Ms. Cornejo clarified that the initiative would be for all student employees to receive parking passes, PDC would receive less since there are less student employees.”* and replace it with the following: *“Ms. Cornejo wanted to discuss and look for ideas for an initiative she started for student workers, graduate assistants and teacher assistants. She asked the Board if they thought that the funds should be distributed to both PDC and San Bernardino similar to the ASI Student Parking Permit Award. Ms. Cornejo clarified that she would like Palm Desert Campus to be involved; she is just looking for ideas in regard to the distribution.”* Passed unanimously.

The minutes of January 30th were approved as amended.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted.

Mr. Yeasin joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon attended a Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Board of Directors meeting as well as an Investment & Finance Committee meeting. He met with the

SMSU and Recreation Wellness Center to discuss the outdoor recreation areas; President Morales stated that the outdoor sand volleyball court will be renovated before his retirement. He and Dr. Rister visited the Loma Linda University Drayson Center. Anyone interested in attending Saddleback College on March 6th should let him know after the meeting.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. McAlister is in the process of adding members to the Finance Committee; the Board should inform her of any interested students. She is in the process of planning in-person Club Allocation Budget (CAB) workshops by the end of February on both the San Bernadino and Palm Desert Campus (PDC). She attended Cupid's Cookout, Cupid's Connection and the Philanthropic Board Membership Committee meeting.

Vice President of Palm Desert Campus: Ms. Lopez has attended various events such as The Cave grand opening on Tuesday and Tea with the VP. She is in the process of filming promotional videos for upcoming events. She plans to meet with the Undocumented Student Success Center to follow up on one of their past webinars. Additional students have expressed interest in running for Vice President of Palm Desert Campus.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister stated that there are ongoing collaborations with Instructionally Related Activities (IRA). Census will close today, February 13th, therefore, the official revenue numbers will be available in approximately one week. The investment account reflects an increase of approximately \$55,000.00 for the current term. The fee waiver increased due to an influx of high school students receiving waived Category II fees and the referendum previously offset their impact. The increase resulted in a reduction of the budget, therefore, it will be incorporated into next year's budget.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that the ASI Instagram has gained around 300 followers since the promotion of Peak. The marketing has received over 5,000 likes and 500,000 views on all the posts. They are collaborating with Nine Eight Five Coffee for Peak; students who get pre-wrist banned will receive a discount that week. All the artists for Peak have been announced. Volunteers are still needed for Peak; the assignment list will be created soon. There are windbreakers for all ASI staff and Board members. Mr. Morales stated that Sundaes with Student Government had three times the number of attendees compared to last year. Over 700 students attended Cosmic Coyote. They participated in the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) Roadshow. The pre-wristband dates for Peak have been announced. Students need their Coyote ID to receive a wristband. Students must sign a waiver if they plan to invite a guest; the guest must be present with the student to receive a wristband and provide a government ID to show they are at least 18

years old. Cupid's Cookout was held with the Residence Halls Association and DSA. Mr. Millan stated that PDC Hockey Night will be held tonight. The first 70 students and staff who arrive at the event will receive an exclusive hoodie. Cupid's Corner was held on Wednesday. The PDC-specific posts have generated 13,214 impressions across different social media platforms.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Falcon, Associated Students College of the Desert (ASCOD) President briefly introduced himself and expressed excitement over continuing collaborations.

Mr. Garcia, Off-Site Independent Senator for ASCOD briefly introduced himself and stated he is a prospective student for CSUSB.

Mr. Dominguez, Independent Senator for ASCOD briefly introduced himself and expressed appreciation for PDC.

Dr. Van Wart, CSUSB professor and Faculty Research Fellow briefly introduced himself. Recently, the SMSU BoD has been questioned for a \$3 million loan that was essentially a 14 year no interest loan. It was approved during the summer with an incomplete Board which is in violation of the Education Code. He requested that ASI be informed on the matter and request that the loan be voided. The ASI representatives on the SMSU BoD should demand that the funds be returned to the students.

OLD BUSINESS:

BD 07-26 M/S Cornejo/Rister: Revision of the ASI Elections Policy. (Second Reading)

Dr. Rister deferred to Mr. Gonzalez who briefly reviewed the ASI Elections Policy.

In favor: Rendon, A. McAlister, Lopez, Cornejo, Gonzales, N. McAlister, Rubin, Yeasin, Brown and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (10/0/0).

BD 08-26 M/S Rubin/Lopez: Revision of the ASI Club Allocation Budget Policy. (Second Reading)

Ms. A. McAlister stated that students felt discouraged from applying for Club Allocation Budget (CAB) funding since expenses would not be fully reimbursed. Adjusting the policy to reimburse clubs one hundred percent may encourage more applications.

Ms. Lopez inquired whether the increase in reimbursement would affect the amount of funds allocated to CAB. Ms. A. McAlister replied that currently there would be no adjustments to the funds since most clubs have not requested the full reimbursement, however, it may need to be changed in the future.

Mr. Yeasin left the meeting.

In favor: Rendon, A. McAlister, Lopez, Cornejo, Gonzales, N. McAlister, Rubin, Brown and Rister.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0).

**BD 09-26 M/S Rister/Rubin: Approval of the ASI Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy.
(Second Reading)**

Dr. Rister stated that this policy is modeled after the California State University (CSU) policy. The campus has removed office phones and transitioned to only using Teams. The budget will remain similar to the current allocation for the cost of the office phones.

In favor: Rendon, A. McAlister, Lopez, Cornejo, Gonzales, N. McAlister, Rubin and Brown.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Rister.

Passed (8/0/1).

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 13-26 M/S A. McAlister/Cornejo: Appointment of Ryan Wright as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Finance Committee.

Ms. A. McAlister spoke in favor of Mr. Wright.

In Favor: McAlister, Lopez, Rubin, McAlister, Cornejo, Gonzalez, Brown, Rister, Rendon

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Passed (9/0/0)

REPORTS:

College of Business & Public Administration: Mr. Rubin met with various professors to discuss student outreach, especially in regard to the ASI Elections. He is participating in the Emerging

Leaders program through the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce who expressed interest in future collaborations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rendon reminded the Board that anyone interested in attending Saddleback College in Mission Viejo should let him know.

Members of the Board commended Mr. Morales and Ms. Stone along with the programs and marketing teams for their continuous hard work, and especially Peak.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President