

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
California State University, San Bernardino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the President, Diego Rendon at 12:04 p.m.

Present: Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Ayanna McAlister, Alondra Lopez (Zoom), Jennifer Cornejo (Zoom), Samantha Coronado, Nailah McAllister, Melanie Radan, Judah Rubin, Heather Sharp, Amira Shalabi, Ashley Smith (Zoom), Kim Hunsaker, Dr. Haakon Brown and Dr. Michael Rister.

Absent: Joseph Gonzales, Md Yeasin, Dr. Matthew Smith, and Dr. Paz Oliverrez

Guests: Herbert Gonzalez, Marina Stone, Joseph Morales, Malak Darijbara, and Miguel Millan (Zoom).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of February 13th were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Rister/Rubin: To table BD 14-26 until the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President: President Rendon had a meeting with Maral Hernandez, Beth Steffel, Lua Lopez Perez and Marisa Yeager to discuss plans for their meetings in Sacramento next week. He met with Shareef Amer, Director of Athletics. He attended the following: SMSU Board of Directors, Policies and Procedures Committee and Bowling with SMSU Board of Directors. He plans to attend the virtual California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary meeting tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Next week, his availability will be limited from Monday to Wednesday.

Executive Vice President: Ms. Rosas attended the Hispanic Educational Technology Services (HETS) conference with Ms. Coronado as well as a Facilities and Sustainability committee meeting. She asked the Board to let her know if they are interested in joining the Personnel and Development committee.

Vice President of Finance: Ms. McAlister met with the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) to discuss possible collaborations to highlight clubs during their respective heritage months. She was appointed to the SMSU Heritage Month Year Long committee. She requested that the Board inform her of students interested in Club Allocation Budget (CAB) funding or in joining the Finance Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director: Dr. Rister is working with Ms. McAlister to finalize the 2026-2027 academic year budget. It will reflect the second phase of the referendum funds while the third phase will be reflected in the 2027-2028 budget. ASI is in the process of hiring a new audit firm along with SMSU and University Enterprises Corporation (UEC); they have identified three contenders to interview in the upcoming weeks with the intention of hiring one by July 1st. The annual tax form (Form 990) was submitted to the current audit firm as well as the university. He met with Ms. Darijbara, the Elections Chair.

ASI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Ms. Stone stated that they are focused on Peak which will take place next week. She will soon send out volunteer information. They will be filming a video to promote the collaboration with Nine Eight Five Coffee; students can receive 25% off their order with their pre-wrist band. Mr. Morales stated that pre-wrist banding will be held on the 25th and 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on the 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Coyote Walk. If available, wristbands will be given at the entrance of Peak. Mr. Millan stated that all the Palm Desert Campus (PDC) Hockey Night tickets were distributed. There was a substantial amount of PDC and community engagement during the PDC Hockey Tailgate. Civic Seekers was held on Wednesday. The PDC shuttle bus for Peak has received around 40 reservations. They are collaborating with the Rancho Mirage Student Center (RMSC) to pre-wrist band during their operating hours.

Elections: Ms. Darijbara introduced herself as the new Elections Chair. She is in the process of searching for Elections Committee members; up to three Board members can join as long as they are not running for election.

NEW BUSINESS:

BD 15-26 M/S Coronado/Rubin: Appointment of Ricardo Guevara as a student-at-large representative to the ASI Lobby Corps.

In favor: Rendon, Rosas, McAlister, Lopez, Cornejo, Coronado, McAllister, Radan, Rubin, Sharp, Hunsaker, Brown and Rister.

Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.
Passed (13/0/0).

Ms. Coronado welcomed Mr. Guevara to the ASI Lobby Corps.

REPORTS:

College of Business & Public Administration: Mr. Rubin stated that the Gerald R. Ford Presidential fellowship will hold the Leadership for the Public Good Lecture Series featuring Jonathan Perman on February 26th. He represented CSUSB at the World Affairs Council of the Desert dinner.

College of Natural Sciences: Ms. Coronado attended HETS where she presented research and spoke about CSUSB.

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences: Ms. McAllister is planning to meet with the Dean to discuss student concerns. She informed students in her program about Peak.

Director of External Affairs: Ms. Smith attended Civic Seekers as well as the CSSA Student Trustee Committee meeting in Sacramento last week. There will soon be an open forum with the Student Trustee finalists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rendon stated that ASI could nominate two students to serve on the Presidential Committee as a result of President Morales' retirement; it is recommended that PDC be represented. He informed the Board that the position requires considerable time commitment.

Ms. Rosas reminded the Board to let her know if they are interested in participating in the Personnel and Development committee.

President Rendon reminded the Board to submit any agenda request forms by 5:00 p.m. today.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Kimberly Rosas
Executive Vice President