

California State University, Dominguez Hills
 Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU) Board of
 Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, November 7th, 2025

1) Call to Order and Attendance

In the absence of Chairperson Laraine Perez, Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The meeting was conducted in LSU Meeting Room 322, but Board members had the option of attending In-Person or via Zoom. Board Members who attended In-Person are indicated with an (I) and Board Members who attended via Zoom are indicated with a (Z).

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
	Tamala Lewis	Mario Ibarra(I)	Damesha McKnight (I)
Johnathan Mejia (I)	Jason Wimbley	Natalie Tapia (Z)	Jasmine Montoya
Bryan Picart (I)	Ryan Heredia	Melissa Bancroft (Z)	
Rodrigo Arenas (I)	Bobbie Porter		
Jessica Scott (Z)	Laraine Perez		
Mayra Soriano (Z)	Richard Tetrick		
John Menary (Z)	Erick Garcia		
Kyrsten Tyler (I)			
Jaime Leal (Z)			
Edgar Mejia-Alezano(Z)			
Susan Sanders (Z)			
Elliot Gonzales (Z)			
Megan Tagle Adams (Z)			
Tiffany Herbert			

2) Approval of Agenda

Secretary Bryan Picart, moved to approve the consent calendar which would approve the agenda for today’s meeting and the minutes from the September 5, 2025, meeting. Kyrsten Tyler seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 9-0-0

3) Chairperson’s Report

Vice-Chairperson Johnathan Mejia read a letter out loud by Chairperson Laraine Perez in her absence, highlighting the Kentanji Brown Jackson’s event as a success and announcing La

Desprenda, a celebration for the departure of Rony Castellanos from La Casita. In addition, thanking John Stigar for all his support and well wishes for his endeavors.

4) **Interim Executive Directors Report**

Interim Executive Director, Jaime Leal, presented a monthly snapshot of organizational performance which indicated increased foot traffic compared to last year, along with web visits being slightly lower, and the Guest Satisfaction remains steady at three stars. In addition, identifying the vacancy positions of the Disability Centers Director and the Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations. Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal reported on the successful events that included Latin Love, the event by Kentanji Brown Jackson and the implementation of Adobe Sign for LSU's Reservations Department.

5) **Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No Public Comment

6) **New Business**

a. **LSU Time, Place and Manner Guidelines – D.E.I.J. Committee**

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal outlined policies for free expressive activities and safety measures for the Loker Student Union. He explained key points that included contact protocols, space usage rules and necessary times and authorized reservations.

b. **LAIF Authorization – Finance Committee**

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal presented the **Local Agency Investment Fund – Authorization for Transfer of Funds** report. The update was necessitated by recent organizational changes for the Loker Student Union transferring to Belonging and Engagement Division as well as internal staffing withing the Toro Auxiliary Partners.

Secretary Bryan Picart motioned approve the LAIF Authorization. ASI Representative Kyrsten Tyler seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion Passed: 10-0-0

c. **Quarter 1 Budget Report – Finance Committee**

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal presented the Quarter 1 budget review which includes the months of July through the end of September. The 2025-2026 budget includes Enrollment Management, Economic Factors such as Debt Services Increase (\$267,210), Domestic/Foreign affairs such as Tariffs and Increased Cost/Inflation. Operational reset contributed to the budget such as Re-imagined Service, Leadership Paradigm, Revenue regeneration and Advisory Committee work. Commercial Rent is currently at 16% of YTD with a total of \$15,534. Facility Use Rent is currently at 52% of YTD with a total of \$41,479. Interest Income is currently at 72% at YTD with a total of \$36,493. Operating Expenses are currently at 25% at YTD with a total of \$172,678. Repair and Maintenance is currently at 28% at YTD with a total of \$48,663 due to irrigation issues. Event Costs are currently up at 20% at YTD with a total of \$20,350 reflecting events. Total revenue is currently at 2% with a total of \$98,961 and total expenses are currently at 23% with a total of \$950,003.

7) **Advisory Committee Reports**

a. Ad hoc – Operational Reset

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal reported that the committee has met and discussed the transition from a 4 person to a 3-person leadership as advised by Brailsford and Dunlevy due to changes from personnel noting that the next meeting will be November 13th, 2025.

b. Personnel Committee

Secretary, Bryan Picart reported that the Personnel Committee met and discussed about the Kentanji Brown Jackson event and the distress of students not being able to attend the event within the ballroom area. Secretary Bryan Picart also mentioned that the committee discussed the shortage of staff and leadership staff shortage due to the Assistant Director of Facilities and operations being vacant. Movements within the organizations have been made as Guest Services have been moved under the management of Melissa Bancroft.

c. Facility Use Committee

Student At Large Rodrigo Arenas reported that the Facility Use Committee reviewed its goals for the upcoming year, including increasing student engagement and conducting a survey of students and staff regarding the redesign of the LSU restrooms. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2025.

d. Finance Committee

Vice Chairperson, Johnathan Mejia reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the budget report along with the LAIF report and the committee will be meeting on November 20th, 2025

e. D.E.I.J. Committee

Student at Large Jessica Scott reported that the committee met and discussed creating goals and standards for the committee. The next meeting will be November 14th, 2025.

8) Comments

a. Public Comment

Associate Director, Melissa Bancroft shared a video to the board regarding the Latin Love event.

b. Board of Director's Comment

ASI President Edgar Mejia-Alezano commented on requesting feedback from the Facility Use Committee regarding the redesigning of the restrooms and asked whether this item will be included on the upcoming committee agendas.

Student at Large Rodrigo Arenas responded that the committee intends to bring the restroom redesign forward as an agenda item at a future meeting.

ASI Representative, Elliot Gonzalez raised concerns about the quality and pricing of matcha currently offered at the Union Grind, operated by Aramark, and recommended that these concerns be addressed with the commercial partners.

ASI Representative, Elliot Gonzalez also commented on capacity and ADA-related concerns during the Supreme Court Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson event, noting issues with vacant seats in the LSU Ballroom.

University President Designee, Susan Sanders responded that admission could not be expanded due to registration limits, regardless of no-shows, and stated she would relay the priority concerns to the Ceremonies and Events team

Secretary Bryan Picart commented on ASI Elliot Gonzalez and the current prices within the areas of the food court that students reported on.

Interim Executive Director, Jaime Leal commented about the prices within the areas of the food court and that it will be discussed and made aware with the commercial partners.

c. Announcements

ASI Representative Elliot Gonzalez announced that the ASI will be commissioning a food and insecurity committee

Vice President of Student Affairs Designee, Dr. Tiffany Herbert announced about SNAP benefits and the formation of the food insecurities and the food pantry operations, including the adjustments to the hours and capacity in response to the increased demand.

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal announced reminders about the upcoming holidays building closures.

9) Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson, Johnathan Mejia, adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM

Approval of minutes:

Or



Laraine Perez (Jan 8, 2026 15:11:07 PST)

Secretary, Bryan Picart

Chairperson, Laraine Perez

Date of approval: 01/08/2026