

California State University, Dominguez Hills
 Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU) Board of
 Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, March 6, 2026

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Laraine Perez called the meeting to order at 10:06am. 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>
Laraine Perez(I)	Ryan Heredia	Mario Ibarra(I)	Damesha McKnight
Jessica Scott (I)	Tamala Lewis	Melissa Bancroft (Z)	
Bryan Picart (z)	Erick Garcia		
Rodrigo Arenas (I)	Richard Tetrick		
Kyrsten Tyler (I)	Bridgette Johnson		
Johnathan Mejia(I)			
John Menary (Z)			
Edgar Mejia-Alezano(z)			
Jaime Leal (I)			
Elliot Gonzales(I)			
Susan Sanders (Z)			
Mayra Soriano (Z)			
Megan Tagle Adams (Z)			
Tiffany Herbert (Z)			

2) Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Laraine Perez reported that there was no new business to be added to the agenda and if the need to reorder the agenda was requested. There was no discussion regarding the minutes report; therefore, the minutes were adopted as presented and did not require a separate vote.

3) Chairperson’s Report

Chairperson Laraine Perez recognized the Toro Shin-Dig Open House event hosted by LSU. Chairperson Perez reported that the Students-at-Large conducted a survey of attendees regarding the condition and feedback on the LSU Restrooms.

4) Interim Executive Directors Report

Interim Executive Director, Jaime Leal, presented the February Snapshot, reporting overall organizational health as green. Governance was marked red in connection with a closed session item; staffing improved to yellow with the posting of the Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations position; and Facility Maintenance remains yellow due to restroom improvement and a roof replacement.

Interim Executive Director Leal also reported the launch of the LSU Collaboration webpage, a sold-out Disney On-the-Road event, ongoing Student-at-Large initiatives, upcoming board recruitment and increased facility usage.

5) Public Comment – Agenda Items

No Public Comment was made

6) New Business

a. LAIF Authorization – Finance Committee

Executive Director Jaime Leal presented for the Board an updated Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) authorization to reflect staffing changes at Toro Auxiliary Partners. The proposed update identifies Ryan Heredia and Amanda Dodd as authorized individuals.

Chairperson Laraine Perez asked if there were any objections or discussions. Upon no objections, a motion was made to approve the LAIF Authorization.

Motion Passed 11-0-0

b. Landscaping Beautification Project – Facility Use Committee

Executive Director Jaime Leal introduced a collaborative landscaping project with ASI and the Office of Sustainability to improve the slope areas near the LSU. ASI Representative, Elliot Gonzales, presented a proposal to enhance the space using low-cost, sustainable landscaping, including native and drought-resistant plants.

Discussion included potential plant options aligned with the campus landscape master plan, maintenance considerations, and opportunities for student engagement. Concerns were raised regarding current landscape conditions and potential project costs.

Board suggestions were to refer detailed planning and related considerations to the Facilities Use Committee for further review.

c. Student-at-Large Director Seat – Executive Committee (CLOSED SESSION)

The board moved into a closed session to discuss the Student-at-Large seat.

While in closed session it was adopted that the Student-at-Large Director and Secretary seat become vacant and in effect at the end of the meeting

7) **Advisory Committee Reports**

a. Ad Hoc Committee

Executive Director Jaime Leal presented that the Ad Hoc committee met on March 5th and received an update on the organizational reset, including progress to date, staff input and the project timeline.

b. Personnel Committee

No Announcement

c. Facility Use Committee –

Student-at-Large Rodrigo Arenas Loma presented that the Facility Use Committee met on February 17th and discussed the LSU landscaping project in collaboration with ASI and the Office of Sustainability.

d. Finance Committee

Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia presented the Finance Committee met on February 18th and discussed the LAIF Authorization, which was presented to the Board.

e. D.E.I.J. Committee

Student at Large Jessica Scott presented that the committee met on February 12th and discussed goals and the welcoming of the new committee member, Adelina McLeod.

8) **Comments**

a. Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

b. Board of Director's Comment

Student Affairs Manager Megan Tagle Adams raised concerns regarding unclear communication about the restroom project, noting confusion and misconceptions within the campus community. She emphasized the need for clearer messaging to ensure understanding of the project and to reaffirm LSU's commitment to inclusive practices.

c. Announcements

Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia highlighted the Toro Shin-Dig Open House, noting the strong engagement and enthusiasm throughout the event.

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal shared a video produced by the marketing team, highlighting activities and engagement from the Toro Shin-Dig Open House.

Associate Vice President of Student Success and Belonging, Dr. Mayra Soriano, commended LSU staff and student leaders for their continued efforts in fostering student engagement and community. She also recognized student participation in campus events and research initiatives, highlighting the diverse contributions and achievements of students.

Chairperson Laraine Perez recognized Student-at-Large Rodrigo Arenas-Loma for earning first place in his research panel. She also highlighted the success of the Student Research Conference, noting strong student participation and attendance. Chairperson Laraine Perez echoed Dr. Soriano's announcement on the LSU's role in fostering community and encouraged continued accountability and support among its members.


9) **Adjournment**

Chairperson Laraine Perez, adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM

Approval of minutes:

Or

Secretary


Laraine Perez (04/10/2026 11:09:08 PDT)

Chairperson, Laraine Perez

Date of approval: 04/10/2026