

California State University, Dominguez Hills
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, March 2, 2018

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chairperson, Amanda Pablos, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Amanda Pablos	Tamala Lewis	Jaime Leal	Sergio Saucedo
Anthony Thompson	Paz Oliverrez	Giselle Atallah	Johnathan Thomas
Ranferis Hernandez-Cabrera	Justin Blakely	Melissa Bancroft	Christian Sanchez
Kelsie Shawver		John Stigar	Christian Jackson
Grace Iheke		Israel Sandoval	Ed Fimbres
Marquel Reid		Damesha McKnight	Edwin Avelar
Erik Garcia		Geovany Paiz	
Stephen Rice		Olympia Woods	
Daniel Cutrone			
Richard Chester			
Homaira Masoud			
Cecilia Ortiz			
Roshni Thomas			
Dr. Marcelo Vazquez			

2) Approval of Agenda

Secretary Anthony Thompson moved to approve the agenda for March 2, 2018; Marquel Reid seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 7-0-0

3) Approval of Minutes

Secretary Thompson moved to approve the minutes for February 2, 2018 as amended; Marquel Reid seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 7-0-0.

4) Chair's Report

This past month Chairperson Amanda Pablos has worked on communicating with students in and around the Loker Student Union. Chairperson Pablos attended the food advisory forum hosted by campus dining, talked to students to inquire about campus food opinions, held several meetings on behalf of the students and LSU, and distributed a very successful food survey on campus. Chairperson Pablos will continue communicating with the Board and students, and encouraged Board members to talk or email her if they like to discuss anything.

Student at Large Kelsie Shawver arrived at 10:14 a.m.

5) Director's Report

Director Cecilia Ortiz introduced microphones to the Board of Directors meeting to enhance diversity and inclusivity.

Director Ortiz introduced the new Building Maintenance Supervisor Geovany Paiz to the Board of Directors. Mr. Paiz addressed the board announcing that he is a CSU Dominguez Hills Graduate with a Bachelors in Physics. Mr. Paiz has been working in residential and commercial

buildings for the last twelve years. With his current position he will look after the upkeep of the Loker Student Union and looks forward to assisting and serving the community.

Four professional staff members from the Loker Student Union will attend the ACUI conference starting on March 20, 2018, in Anaheim. Those attending the ACUI Conference include Director Ortiz, Jaime Leal, Giselle Atallah, and Gloria Schoeberle. Director Ortiz was asked to present on a panel for women of color at the ACUI conference. Along with the invitation, Director Ortiz has been asked to become a member of the Risk Management Authority Committee within the AOA and CSU system, Director Ortiz accepted.

CSUDH Foundation passed a resolution to move forward with opening a Starbucks in the space vacated by Jamba Juice.

ASI President Justin Blakely has ensured that Foundation has a conversation on the future of 1910 with the LSU.

6) Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on February 15, 2018. The meeting's topic of discussion included new member recruitment, the student union's 2016 tax review, and the student union's long term financial plan. The Finance Committee would like to announce the arrival of their newest member Jonathan Thomas, who will be presenting the 2016 tax return review alongside fellow finance committee member, Christian Sanchez-Heredia. The Finance Committee is currently on pace to meet and exceed their enrollment goal of five members, with the current total being three members, and two prospective members.

7) Facility Use Committee Report

The Facilities Use Committee met on February 21, 2018. The committee discussed Campus Dining move to their new office, and the status of the nap room project. The LSU will move forward in selecting and purchasing the right sleep pods for the nap room. The committee also discussed the old campus dining office which is now vacant, some campus partners have shown interest in the space. The LSU will look at the room to evaluate future use. Lastly, the Committee received the findings of the LSU and food survey distributed to students. The survey received an enormous response pool and concluded that extending operating hours on Fridays would be a likely route to look into.

8) Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee met February 27, 2018, where two timelines were reviewed regarding the 2017-18 Director's Evaluation and 2017-18 LSU BOD awards. Due to the potential merger, the Personnel Committee decided to review and postpone one of the committee's goals. The next Personnel Committee Meeting is on March 13, 2018 at 4 P.M. in LSU 322.

9) Public Comment

CSUDH Student and former chairperson Edwin Avelar expressed his dislike of the ASI/LSU Merger. Avelar introduced to the board a petition he started with the names of over 100 students who are against the merger obtained within a two-week span.

Avelar believes that a merger would not increase student activity, but decrease it. Avelar worries that the process would eliminate two entities where student's voices can be heard; as well as, having one Board with that much control can lead misuse of power. Avelar cited CSU San Marcos where

a successful student union and ASI merger occurred and are faced with a lawsuit from students for misuse of funds.

AVP, Student Life/Dean of Students Marcelo Vasquez arrived at 10:24 a.m.

10) New Business

a. Officer Appointments

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia arrived at 10:28 a.m.

With Amanda Pablos appointment as Chairperson her former position of Vice-Chairperson has been left vacant. The election of Vice-Chairperson was conducted by ballot voting with simple majority.

Secretary Thompson self-nominated for Vice-Chairperson

Secretary Thompson expressed his interest in the Vice-Chairperson position stating the since taking the opportunity of being on the Board of Directors it has been his intention to move up the ranks. As Vice-Chairperson, Secretary Thompson will continue his mission to help the LSU grow and maximize its potential. With his experience, Secretary Thompson feels he is best qualified to be Vice-Chairperson.

Dr. Stephen Rice moves to go to closed session, Marquel Reid seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 7-0-0.

Dr. Stephen Rice moves to go to end closed session, Ranferis Hernandez-Cabrera seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 8-0-0.

Anthony Thompson received the majority of the vote and appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Director.

With Anthony Thompson appointed Vice-Chairperson his former position of Secretary was left vacant. The election of Vice-Chairperson was conducted by ballot voting with simple majority.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony Thompson nominated Ranferis Hernandez-Cabrera for Secretary for the Board of Directors.

Ranferis Hernandez-Cabrera declined the nomination.

Grace Iheke Nominated Kelsie Shawver for Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Kelsie Shawver accepted the nomination. Kelsie Shawver expresses her interest to be Secretary of the Board of Directors, she knows that this is a position that needed to be filled and believes that she is extremely qualified for the Secretary position.

Grace Iheke moved to appoint Kelsie Shawver as Secretary for the Board of Directors; Marquel Reid seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 9-0-0.

Kelsie Shawver received the majority of the vote and appointed Secretary of the Board of Director.

b. 2016 Draft Tax Return

Jonathan Thomas and Christian Sanchez-Heredia from the Finance Committee to present the 2016 Draft Tax Return.

The presentation covered the IRS Destination under section 501(c)3 non-exempt tax for non-profit corporation reporting in fiscal year 2016. Informational returns are required by tax authorities and the Franchise tax board. Filing the Informational return validates the LSU's tax exempt status and keep stakeholders informed.

The forms that are filed are from IRS 990 tax-exempt organizations informational tax returns and IRS 990T tax-exempt organization business in context. The LSU will also give a back report the Attorney General of the state of California.

IRS form 990 informational return gives information about the structure of the Board of Directors, total employees and volunteers, and financial information from this and previous year. The information was audited for accuracy once filed the information becomes public.

IRS form 990T is filed to report unrelated business income. Unrelated income is income made that is not aligned with the LSU's mission, an example would be renting out the ballroom to an external party. The UBI is recorded as a loss.

Form 199 is the same as the 990, but at the state level and is submitted to the Attorney General. This registers the LSU as a non-profit.

Vice-Chairperson Thompson moved to approve the LSU tax reform as presented by the finance committee for filing with their respective authority; Ranferis Hernandez-Cabrera seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 9-0-0.

c. Building Hours and Food Court Survey Report

The Facility Use Committee sent out the Building Hours and Food Court Survey to all students. The survey received 3,372 responses, an amazing amount of feedback displaying how passionate students are on the topic.

From the survey responses the voting for hour goes as follow, 44.37% of students voted for the LSU to open at 6 A.M. Monday through Friday, and 37.04% voted for the LSU

to open at 7 A.M. on Saturday. When closing on Friday, 33.87% of students voted that the LSU close earlier than 10 P.M., 32.44% voted for a closing time later than 10 P.M. When closing on Saturday, 56.20% voted that the LSU close earlier than 10 P.M.

The Facility Use Committee Survey also indicated that from those who answered 46.95% live off campus and 44.78% live off campus with their parent or legal guardian. Comment from students ranged from wanting vegan/vegetarian options to food being too expensive.

d. ASI/LSU Discussion

Director, Facilities Planning Roshni Thomas arrived at 11:27 a.m.

Vice-Chairperson Thompson discussed the timetable of the ASI/LSU Merger stating that the process needs to slow down and questioned the timing of the merger with current President Hagen retiring.

Erick Garcia inquired about how ASI felt about the merger, ASI representative Grace Iheke noted that ASI does not want the merger to happen.

It was shared that the University received the audit report cited as a factor for the merger in October 2017. The LSU received the finalized audit report the last week of January, first week of February, and the LSU Board was informed of the President's Cabinet decision in February 2018.

Discussion was held on mergers and acquisitions, and how typically they are caused when one organization is not doing well. The Board expressed that both ASI and LSU are doing well and both transparent organizations, with Board members stating that the decision and process from the University are not transparent.

Dr. Marcelo Vazquez stated, for the merger to go through it would need the support of both ASI and LSU. Erick Garcia voiced his concern on the intent of the merger and the oversight it gives administration. Erick Garcia offers alternatives such as joint ventures for greater efficiency.

Erick Garcia moved to allow the galley to share their opinions of the ASI and LSU merger; Vice-Chairperson Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 9-0-0.

CSUDH student Jonathan Thomas shared that a need for collaboration was prevalent and a merger unnecessary by describing the merger, "Why tear the whole house down for a leaky faucet?" Jonathan Thomas voiced his concern if a merger where to transpire what happens to the student volunteer/leadership positions; will it minimize opportunity for more student voice to take an active role on campus? He shares that students will lose in a merger, and "taking away a growing thing is rash."

CSUDH student Edwin Avelar addressed the Board again, expressing that student's reactions were the same across the spectrum. First was surprise, they asking why this is

happening, and asking why the students get a say in the decision. Edwin Avelar shared that students not being part of the conversation is a betrayal of student voice. Through his research mergers cost money, expressing that students should have a say in the decision as this is the students' home.

e. Student Housing Presentation

Roshni Thomas, Director, Facilities Planning presented on updates of the Student Housing plan. She shared that students were invited to provide feedback on the plans, and when referring to the commons area voiced their excitement that they will be able to have a facility to eat and hang out only for housing students. The new housing site is a close walking distance from the LSU and library which students like.

ASI Representatives Grace Iheke and Marquel Reid left at 11:58 a.m.

Minimal change has been made to building plans but it will still house 505 beds for students. It is Roshni Thomas wish to put an advertisement loop in the LSU to share the plans with the boarder campus and cultivate excitement.

11) Public Comment

No one from the public addressed the Board.

12) Announcements

No announcements were shared.

13) Adjournment

Chairperson Amanda Pablos adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Approval of minutes: _____ or _____
Secretary, Kelsie Shawver Chairperson, Amanda Pablos

Date of approval: _____

