

California State University, Dominguez Hills
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, March 6, 2020

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson, Anthony Thompson, called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Anthony Thompson	Roshni Thomas	Giselle Atallah	Hawk McFadzen
Jonathan Thomas	Wayne Nishioka	Melissa Bancroft	Toumik Asatoorian
Patrice Bonds	Dr. Thomas A. Parham	Jamie Leal	Morgan Kirk
Rihab Shuaib	Dr. William Franklin	Israel Sandoval	
Erick Garcia	Adam Kasarda	Gloria Medina	
Christian Jackson	Tamala Lewis	Ana Maria Celis	
Cecilia Ortiz			
Matthew Smith			
Makonnen Tendaji			
Zach Ritter			

2) Approval of Agenda

ASI Representative Rihab Shuaib moved to approve the agenda for March 6, 2020. Vice Chairperson Jonathan Thomas seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

3) Approval of Minutes

ASI President Christian Jackson moved to approve the minutes for February 7, 2020 Board Meeting. Secretary Patrice Bonds seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

4) Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Anthony Thompson reported he met with University President Dr. Thomas Parham on February 19, 2020 and discussed the union, further building a relationship with upper administration, upper administration's Board meeting attendance, and the possibility of a recreation center on campus.

5) Director's Report

Director Cecilia Ortiz reported on the success of Open House earlier in the semester. As a result, the LSU gained an additional 400 followers on social media. During the program there was a total of 7,992 engagements on social media platforms and 1,197 in-person engagement points in the facility.

The LSU plans to schedule interviews for the Building Maintenance Assistant position in March.

The campus is initiating pandemic protocol planning in case that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation worsens and affects the local area. The LSU currently has precautionary measures in place. The facility is sprayed with Citra-Cide twice per week and night custodial staff are wiping all public touch points daily. The LSU Leadership Team is continuously meeting to discuss the Business Continuity Plan in case of a pandemic. The LSU plans to have a table-top exercise. Planning has initiated to move all activities and events to online platforms, to limit exposure on campus. Director Ortiz announced the decision to cancel travel to the ACUI Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. as key personnel in the organization will be needed on site.

Director Ortiz shared that following the last Board of Directors meeting, ASI President Christian Jackson clarified that ASI had a Tuition Reimbursement Policy but it has been discontinued. An updated review indicated that out of seventeen respondents from CSU auxiliaries, twelve do have a tuition reimbursement policy. Director Ortiz reported that the Executive Committee discussed the matter and decided if the Board wishes to discontinue or make changes to the policy then it will be brought back for Board consideration.

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia arrived at 10:19 AM.

6) Facility Use Committee Report

The Facility Use Committee had no recommendations and did not meet in February 2020. The next scheduled meeting will be on March 16, 2020.

7) Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on February 17, 2020 to discuss the Master Planning and Bond Campaign contribution. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2020.

8) Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee met on December 17, 2019 to discuss the Tuition Reimbursement Policy. The committee did not meet in February 2020 and had no items for the March Board meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on March 11, 2020.

9) Public Comment

No one from the gallery addressed the Board.

10) Old Business

a. Master Planning

Vice Chairperson Jonathan Thomas and Assistant Director Business Services Jaime Leal presented the Master Planning scope proposal by Brailsford & Dunlavey. Brailsford & Dunlavey will be assisting with the programming phase of the Master Plan along with architecture firm LPA.

Assistant Director Business Services Jaime Leal shared that the LSU plans to move forward with phase one and two of the project scope proposed by Brailsford & Dunlavey. He asked the Board to consider the approval of an additional \$57,285 to include phase three of the project.

Phase three contains critical components for the long term fiscal schedule that will be presented to the Chancellor's Office during the financial phase. The original proposal had the funds coming out of the CU-301 account construction fund but the programming phase is not considered to be part of construction. The appropriate rather account is CU-101.

Vice Chairperson Jonathan Thomas moved to approve additional funding of \$57,285 to incorporate the last phase of the proposal. Secretary Bonds seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Director Cecilia Ortiz asked the Board to consider a motion to clarify the account this amount will be funded from.

Vice Chairperson Jonathan Thomas moved to have the full amount of \$560,405,000 come out of the CU-101 account instead of the CU-301 account. Secretary Patrice Bonds seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed 7-0-0.

11) New Business

a. Bond Campaign Contribution

Chairperson Anthony Thompson shared that LSU received an invoice requesting support of the Prop 13 Bond Campaign. He asked the Board if the LSU should reimburse the funds paid towards the campaign.

The Board expressed concerns with using student fees to support a campaign of which students may or may not be in favor, as well as respecting students' rights to share their point of view. Board members shared that the decision can set a negative impression and precedent for the future.

Secretary Patrice Bonds moved to not reimburse funds for the Prop 13 campaign. ASI President Christian Jackson seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the possibility of backlash to the organization if the LSU does not provide funds. The Board discussed creating a letter, statement or resolution explaining the reasons for refusing support to contributions made for the Prop 13 campaign.

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia moved to call the question. ASI President Christian Jackson seconded the motion.

The question was called.

The Board voted on the main motion to not reimburse funds for the Prop 13 campaign.

The motion failed.

Motion failed. 0-7-0

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia moved to refer the matter to the Executive Committee to write a resolution. The motion was seconded by ASI Representative Christian Jackson.

The Board discussed that a resolution might be antagonistic to the University. The Board intends to be clear on why they are refusing support. Board members shared that a resolution will help future board members by setting a standard of acceptable processes to request contributions from the LSU.

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia withdraws the motion to refer to the Executive Committee to write a resolution.

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia motions to refer the matter to the Executive Committee and bring it to the table at a subsequent BOD meeting. ASI President Christian Jackson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed. 7-0-0

ASI Representative, Makonnen Tendaji left at 11:00 AM.

b. Basic Needs Climate Survey Report

Student Affairs Assessment Office and Data Translator Hawk McFadzen presented on the Basic Needs Assessment that was conducted in Fall 2019.

A basic needs study was first conducted at all twenty three (23) CSU’s campuses, which showed that 42% of students are food insecure and 10.9% of students are housing insecure. That same study was replicated at CSUDH as student facilitated project. The student had a 25% response rate. The results demonstrated that 61.3% are food insecure and 15.6% are home-insecure or were homelessness in the last year.

The study shows that two thirds (2/3) of students are reducing or skipping their meals, are choosing less healthy or inexpensive foods, and losing weight unintentionally because they do not have enough money for food. Of the 15.6% that are housing insecure, some have slept in a car, storage unit, or couch of a family member or friend in the last year. Demographically, students who are transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, former foster youth and student disabilities are of the highest being affected.

ASI Representative, Ribab Shuaib left at 11:08 AM.

Hawk McFadzen recommended to have the University to fully fund the basic needs program, and add staff since the program is mostly student-run. Students are being priced out of being able to eat or live somewhere. Students choose between paying for their tuition or their basic needs therefore causing them to drop out of college. An open forum will be held on March 24, 2020 to present this data to the University community.

12) Public Comment

No one from the gallery addressed the Board.

13) Announcements

14) Adjournment

Chairperson Anthony Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Approval of minutes: _____ or _____
Secretary, Patrice Bonds Chairperson, Anthony Thompson

Date of approval: _____