

**California State University, Dominguez Hills**  
**Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, March 3, 2023**

**1) Call to Order and Attendance**

Chairperson Alex Lan-Powell, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. The meeting was held via video conferencing and in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Present**

Alex Lan-Powell  
Emilyn Rangel  
Miguel Juarez  
Gustavo Cardenas  
Edgar Mejia  
Ezinne Nwadiogu  
Erick Garcia  
Dr. John Menary  
Tamala Lewis  
David Gaboa  
Mayra Soriano  
Obioha Ogbonna  
Tony Jake  
Nathaniel Dotti  
Cecilia Ortiz

**Absent**

Matthew Smith

**Staff**

Damesha McKnight  
Jaime Leal  
Amy Torres  
John Stigar  
Melissa Bancroft  
Victor Gonzalez  
Dajjah Johnson  
Khoi Pham  
Mario Ibarra  
Andrea Frausto  
Natalie Tapia

**Guests**

Laura Kane  
Michael Shrock  
Matt Bohannon  
Amanda Goodman  
Cailin White  
Deborah Wallace  
Alejandro Herrera

**2) Land Acknowledgement**

**3) Approval of Agenda**

ASI Representative, Edgar Mejia-Alezano moved to approve the agenda for February 3, 2022, meeting. Academic Senate Representative, Dr. John Menary seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 11-0-0***

**4) Approval of Minutes (February 3, 2022)**

ASI Representative Edgar Mejia-Alezano moved to approve the minutes for February 3, 2022. ASI President, Obioha Ogbonna seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 10-1-0***

**5) Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson, Alex shared that he has been engaging with students and that students seem to be excited for the projects that the LSU has planned. Chairperson, Alex has also been working alongside the Finance Committee on the printing services project to research whether making the printing services free for students is feasible.

**6) Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz invited Assistant Director, Melissa Bancroft to share about programming in the LSU. Assistant Director, Melissa Bancroft shared that the first On the Road Disney trip since the pandemic will be on March 17, 2023 and that tickets sold out in a record time of 1 hour and 5 minutes. The LSU30 Open House was a successful two-day event. Some high level numbers include 460 popcorn bags, 400 hot churros, 215 airbrush tattoos, and hundreds of collectible pins were given out.

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz shared up to date building counts with a total of 620,771 visitors year to date. The average daily during the weekday is 3,811 total visitors with the peak day being on Wednesdays. The peak hour is during the lunch hour of 12pm-1pm with an average of 444 total visitors. In the facility operations lane, the Reservations Coordinator search is still ongoing and preventative maintenance work is ongoing.

**7) Finance Committee Report**

Finance Committee Chair, Miguel Juarez shared that the Finance Committee discussed consideration of what it would take to offer students a cost-free printing service. The committee also discussed the Sponsorship and Partnership Policy which is on the agenda for consideration for the Board.

**8) Personnel Committee Report**

Personnel Committee Chair, Emilyn Rangel shared that the Personnel Committee where they reviewed a benefit analysis for the Cost of Living Adjustments. The committee discussed the BOD recruitment campaign for this semester.

**9) Public Comment- Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

**10) Old Business**

**b. LSU NX30 Project**

Brailsford & Dunlavey (B&D) partners shared an update on the LSU NXT30 Project. Laura Kane shared that the project is at the tail end of the process. Although the project is at the tail end of the process that does not mean that anything is final. Laura Kane and Michael Shrock shared two concepts based on focus groups, survey findings, and student engagement. Concept 1 is a lower investment project and concept 2 is a higher investment project. Both concepts have an inclusion zone for students, general student lounge spaces, co-location of student support staff & services, and the relocation & square footage of the bookstore. The main difference between both concepts is that concept two includes a rooftop, which makes it a higher investment project. Laura Kane shared a CSU fee comparison which showed that Dominguez Hills is number 17 when it comes to union and rec student fees. If any of the concepts are passed Dominguez Hills will go up to number 1 in union and rec student fees. Dominguez Hills ranks number 17 in total mandatory fees. If concept 1 were implemented, they would go up to number 6 and if concept 2 were implemented they would go up to number 2.

Erick Garcia asked if they had considered expanding towards other parts of campus. Laura Kane shared that they could look into expanding towards other parts of campus, like the north lawn.

Gustavo Cardenas shared that in neighboring schools there is a larger enrollment compared to Dominguez Hills. Gustavo asked if we continue to have lower enrollment, will the student fee be even higher to keep the building operational and running. Laura Kane shared that this is something they are taking enrollment into consideration. B&D is continuing to gather student feedback on whether they see value in the project.

***Paused report due to time certain- University Master Plan Presentation***

**a. University Master Plan Presentation- Time Certain 11:10am**

VP Deborah Wallace of Admin & Finance shared that the campus master plan was approved in September of 2019. The master plan is divided into three sections which include AED/Dignity, the core campus, and the University Village. Campus transformation includes the newly opened Innovation & Instruction Building, University Housing, and the Science & Innovation Building. Three new capital projects are the Student Health & Recreation Center (HWRC), Student Housing Phase IV

& Dining Commons, and the Campus Switchyard Project Phase 1. The Student Health Wellness & Recreation Center is a \$84 million project which will include a running track, two courts, a recreational pool, and a field house demo. Construction is set to start in March 2024 with an estimated opening date in January 2026. The Student Housing Phase IV & Dining Commons is a \$97 million project which will include a total of 1,439 beds, 315 indoor seating for dining, and 50 outdoor dining spaces. Construction is set to start in February 2024 with an estimated opening date in November 2025. The Campus Switchyard Project is a \$33 million project that will help close the infrastructure gap on 53-year-old equipment. The project will be completed in two phases. Construction is set to start in October 2023 with an estimated completed date in February 2025. With the master plan there is a concept for University Village which will be a mixed use development. It will include housing units for faculty/staff & students and a 1.3 acre park for wellness. As the campus transforms they are looking to improve on access, parking, transportation/transit, environmental impacts, and landscape changes.

Student-at-Large Gustavo Cardenas asked how big the new parking structure will be in the future. VP Wallace shared that parking space will increase since the parking structure will go up with various levels.

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia asked if the dining commons will have all the dining services. VP Wallace shared that the dining services will not move completely to the dining commons but will alleviate spaces in the LSU and will open the possibility of having more options available for students.

*ASI President, Obioha Ogbonna left at 12:00pm.*

**b. LSU NX30 Project**

Laura Kane shared that the fee would go into effect when the building opens. Chairperson, Alex Lan-Powell shared that he preferred concept 1 due to the rearrangement of the building that would attract students without such a high increase.

Student-at-Large, Gustavo Cardenas shared concern with enrollment numbers being uncertain and how that will impact the student fee. The concern is in the case that the number of enrolled students will not be able to uphold the new building and that the fee is increased even more.

*Vice President Student Affairs Designee, Mayra Soriano left at 12:29pm.*

**11) New Business**

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia motioned to table agenda items 11a. and 11c. to the next Board meeting in April and to move 11b. to a BOD Special Meeting in mid-March. Academic Senate Representative, John Menary seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

*Motion passed. 7-0-0*

**a. Sponsorship and Partnership Policy**

The agenda item was tabled to the next Board meeting.

**b. Cost of Living Adjustment**

The agenda item was tabled to the BOD Special Meeting

**c. Board Member Attendance and Accountability**

The agenda item was tabled to the next Board meeting.

**12) Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**13)Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**14)Adjournment**

Chairperson Alex Lan-Powell adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairperson, Alex Lan-Powell

Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_