

California State University, Dominguez Hills
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, June 2, 2023

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Alex Lan-Powell called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The meeting was held via video conferencing and in person.

Present

Alex Lan-Powell
Emilyn Rangel
Miguel Juarez
Gustavo Cardenas
Edgar Mejia
Ezinne Nwadiogu
Obioha Ogbonna
Erick Garcia
John Menary
Mayra Soriano
Matthew Smith
Cecilia Ortiz

Absent

Tamala Lewis
Yancey Modesto
Tony Jake
David Gamboa

Staff

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

Guests

Matt Bohannon
Michael Shrock
Winston Bao
Laura Kane
Steven Flanagan
Codou Ndiaye
Gabriel Perez
Christina Vasquez
Alejandro Herrera

2) Approval of Agenda

ASI President, Obioha Ogbonna moved to approve the agenda for the June 2, 2023, meeting. ASI Representative, Edgar Mejia seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 8-0-0

3) Approval of Minutes

ASI Representative, Edgar Mejia moved to approve the minutes for May 5, 2023. ASI Representative, Ezinne Nwadiogu seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 8-0-0

4) Chairperson's Report

Chairperson, Alex Lan-Powell shared that a special meeting will be discussed to finish pending business items and to complete the officer transitions for the upcoming 2023/2024 fiscal year.

5) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, reported the fiscal year's building traffic resulting at over three-quarters of a million visits to the Loker Student Union. Traffic trends remain constant throughout the fiscal year with peak hours at noon and the peak day on Wednesdays.

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz shared that Professional Team has been working on the 2023/2024 calendar which includes Board development. The Business team has set up preliminary documentation to

begin the financial audit. The process is initiated to negotiate business agreements with Toro Auxiliary Partners that indicate the LSU as a service provider or a receiver of the service. The search for the Reservations Coordinator is finalizing and the team is hoping to make the announcement at the special meeting.

6) Facility Use Committee Report

Facility Use Committee Chair, Gustavo Cardenas shared that the Facility Use Committee has recommended two items which will be presented to the Board.

7) Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair, Miguel Juarez shared that the committee met on May 25th and discussed the cost of the restroom modernization project. The committee also discussed the Operating Budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

8) Personnel Committee Report

Personnel Chair Committee Emilyn Rangel shared that the Personnel Committee was presented with the Executive Director Evaluation results. The committee discussed a Student-at-Large proposal and the expansion of the Employee Assistance Program. Interviews were conducted for three potential candidates for the Student-at-Large positions for the upcoming academic year.

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

9) Public Comment – Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

10) Old Business

a. LSU NXT30

Brailsford & Dunlavey partners presented a proposal for the continuation of the NXT30 Project. Laura Kane shared an overview of the project up to date. A Project Team was assembled to help inform the overall project. The Board has been previously presented with various concepts on possibilities that the LSU can become. Sister campuses such as Cal State East Bay, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton, and Cal State Northridge are all working on similar projects. CSU Fee Comparison's demonstrate that fees across different campuses are increasing due to similar projects. B&D partners shared recommendations to the Board for the LSU to continue to be what students needs. The recommendations include continuing student engagement, to engage with LPA architects to produce high level concepts, and to continue to refine financial analysis. LPA partner, Winston Bao shared the importance of student engagement for the NXT30 Project.

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia motioned to provide access to \$750,000 from CU-101 account to continue with the next phase of the NXT30 Project. Academic Senate Representative, John Menary seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 9-0-0

11) New Business

a. Restroom Modernization Project

The Facility Use Committee recommended a restroom modernization project to accommodate privacy concerns, meet core values of inclusivity, and meet contemporary norms of public buildings. There have been privacy concerns from the public prompting the need to modernize the restrooms. Layouts of restrooms were presented as possibilities of a construction update. The construction renovation is estimated to cost one million dollars and if approved, there will be some restrooms offline during the renovations. Although there has been discussion of facility improvements with the NXT30 Project that would be down the line of five years or more.

ASI President, Obioha Ogbonna and Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia shared that they would like an analysis on the project containing information, numbers, and statistics.

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia motioned to take agenda item 11a. back to the Facility Use Committee and Finance Committee to provide the Board with a thorough report. Vice Chairperson, Emilyn Rangel seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 8-0-0.

b. Student-at-Large Appointments

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz shared there are two vacant Student-at-Large seats for the upcoming 2023/2024 year. Emilyn Rangel presented the candidates recommended by the Personnel Committee, Codou Ndiaye and Gustavo Cardenas. Gustavo Cardenas shared that they are interested in continuing as a Student-at-Large to continue to keep developing in presiding over meetings and to continue to be the voice for students. Codou Ndiaye shared that they are interested in becoming a Student-at-Large member because they want to have a positive impact on other and help create a great experience for others.

ASI President, Obioha Ogbonna motioned to appoint Gustavo Cardenas and Codou Ndiaye to Student-at-Large Directors. VP Student Affairs Designee, Mayra Soriano seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 8-0-0.

10) Old Business

a. Executive Director Evaluation

Edgar Mejia motioned to move into a closed session for the Executive Director Evaluation Results. Ezinne Nwadiogu seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 9-0-0

c. FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget

The agenda item was tabled to a Special BOD Meeting.

d. Culture & Identity Center Sublease Extension

The agenda item was tabled to a Special BOD Meeting.

e. 2021 Informational Tax Return

The agenda item was tabled to a Special BOD Meeting.

f. BOD Transition Meeting

The Board discussed the need to have a special BOD meeting to finish business for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and to transition the 2023/2024 Board. Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz shared that the BOD Voting members would be sent a ballot voting system to vote for the Officer Positions on the Board. Administrative Assistant, Amy Torres shared that she would send out a poll based on calendar availability to set a date and time for the special meeting.

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia moved to table items 11c., 11d., and 11e. to a Special BOD Meeting before June 30, 2023. ASI Representative, Edgar Mejia seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Motion passed. 7-0-0.

12) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

13) Announcements

Mayra Soriano announced that the Office of First Time, First Year students will start the New Student Orientations this month.

14) Adjournment

Chairperson, Alex Lan-Powell adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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

Date of approval _____