

California State University, Dominguez Hills
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, February 7, 2025

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Jessica Scott called the meeting to order at 10:05am. 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>
Jessica Scott (I)	Tony Jake (Z)	Anthony Thompson (I)	Bryan Picart (I)
Johnathan Mejia (I)	Justin Gammage (Z)	Jaime Leal (I)	CSULA Board of Directors (I)
Shaleyah Haywood (I)		John Stigar (Z)	
Laraine Perez (I)		Natalie Tapia (I)	
Efrain Contreras (I)		Chilmann Chaudhary (I)	
Marcelo Cowo (I)		Khoi Pham (I)	
John Menary (Z)		Andrea Frausto-Zamora (Z)	
Tamala Lewis (Z)		Alejandro Herrera (Z)	
Mayra Soriano (I)		Melissa Bancroft (Z)	
Megan Adams (I)		Damesha McKnight (I)	
Cecilia Ortiz (I)		Mario Ibarra (I)	
Erick Garcia (Z)			
Jason Wimbley (I)			
Catherine Jermany (I)			
Edgar Mejia-Alezano (Z)			
Richard Tetrick (I)			

2) Approval of Agenda

ASI President, Edgar Mejia-Alezano moved to approve the consent calendar which would approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the December 6, 2024, meeting. ASI Representative, Efrain Contreras, seconded the motion.

Motion passed 10-0-0.

3) Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Jessica Scott shared wished the audience a Happy Black History Month due to it being the month of February and also welcomed our guests California State University Los Angeles University Student Union Board of Directors who were in attendance of the meeting in person.

4) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, shared building usage metrics in her report and also spoke about following events that are coming up or that have already occurred: LSU Open House, ToroCon, on February 26, 2025, Asian Pacific Culture Center's Lunar New Year Celebration, etc. Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, also shared that effective February 21st, 2025 she will be stepping down as Executive Director to move on and serve as the Executive Director of the University Student Union at California State University Northridge. Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, shared there is a plan for temporary assignments and a proposed search process to find the next Executive Director in lieu of her departure that will be presented later on in the meeting.

5) **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

7) **New Business**

a. **SAL Appointment - Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee shared that they have concluded the recruitment process to find a candidate to fill the newly vacant fifth Student-At-Large Seat and that they have a recommendation. The Personnel Committee recommended to appoint student Bryan Picart, to Student-At-Large.

Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez, moved to go into closed session to privately discuss whether to appoint the candidate to Student-At-Large, Vice-Chair, Johnathan Mejia seconded the motion. After second thought the Board thought it would be best to interview the candidate publicly and then decide whether to appoint the candidate in closed session. Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez rescinded her motion to go into closed session, Vice-Chair, Johnathan Mejia, rescinded his seconding of the motion to go into closed session.

The Board invited Bryan to the front of the room to address the Board. Bryan shared that he is a Senior, Advertising Major, who is involved in ROTC, and has aspirations of being a pilot. The Board then proceeded to ask Bryan qualifying questions.

At the conclusion of the questioning, ASI Representative, Efrain Contreras, moved to go into closed session. Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez, seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 10-0-0

While in closed session, Student-At-Large moved to appoint Bryan Picart, to Student-At-Large, Vice Chair, Jonathan Mejia, seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 10-0-0

ASI Representative, Efrain Contreras, moved to end the closed session. VP of DEIJ Designee, Catherine Jermany, seconded the motion.

ASI Representative joined the meeting in person at 10:35am.

Motion Passed: 10-0-1

b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair Appointment

The Board sought nominations for a Student-At-Large of the Loker Student Union Board of Directors to become the inaugural Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. The only Student-At-Large eligible was newly appointed Student-At-Large, Bryan Picart, due to other committees already having existing Chairs. Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez moved to appoint Student-At-Large, Bryan Picart, to be the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. ASI Representative, Efrain Contreras, seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 11-0-0.

c. Board Programs Review

Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, presented an overview of BOD Programs such as the BOD Retreat and Camp LSU. Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, shared attendance and financial data, and recommended that the Board make adjustments to or condense these events to benefit the organization financially. The Board informed management that they would like to move the BOD Retreat to a one-day event on campus and Camp LSU a two-day event on campus. Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, will reflect these changes in the Budget Proposal for FY 25-26.

d. Interim Staffing Plan

ASI President, Edgar Mejia-Aleazano, moved to go into closed session. Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez, seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 12-0-0

While in closed session, Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez, moved to implement the Temporary Assignments of appointing, Jaime Leal, to Interim Executive Director and Melissa Bancroft to Associate Director, while tabling the proposed search process to be discussed and finalized on the next BOD Meeting, March 7, 2025.

Motion Passed: 11-0-0

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia, moved to get out of closed session. Student-At-Large, Laraine Perez, seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 12-0-0

8) Advisory Committee Reports

a. Facility Use

Committee reports were tabled to the next meeting on March 7, 2025.

b. Finance

Committee reports were tabled to the next meeting on March 7, 2025.

c. Personnel

Committee reports were tabled to the next meeting on March 7, 2025.

9) Comments

a. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment due to the rest of the agenda being tabled to the next meeting on March 7, 2025.

b. Board of Director's Comment

There was no Board of Director's Comment due to the rest of the agenda being tabled to the next meeting on March 7, 2025.

c. Announcements

Community Representative, Tamala Lewis, shared that a Black History Month will take place at the Black Rose Resource Center, in partnership with the reigning MLS Champions, LA Galaxy, on February 25, 2025.

Faculty Representative, Dr. John Menary, thanked Executive Director, Cecilia Ortiz, for her excellent service and dedication to the Loker Student Union for over a decade.

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia, formally invited all BOD Student-At-Larges to a breakfast, lunch, or dinner to connect. Executive Secretary, Anthony Thompson will coordinate everyone's schedules and find a day and time to meet.

10) Adjournment

Chairperson, Jessica Scott, adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm.

Approval of minutes:

Or

Secretary

Chairperson, Jessica Scott

Date of approval
