

California State University, Dominguez Hills  
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU) Board of  
Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, September 5, 2025

1) Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Laraine Perez 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>  |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Laraine Perez (I)   |                     | Mario Ibarra(I)      | Rodrigo Arenas |
| Johnathan Mejia (I) | Jason Wimbley       | John Stigar (Z)      |                |
| Bryan Picart (I)    | Edgar Mejia-Alezano | Natalie Tapia (Z)    |                |
| Jessica Scott (I)   | Megan Tagle Adams   | Melissa Bancroft (Z) |                |
| Mayra Soriano (Z)   | Susan Sanders       | Damesha McKnight (I) |                |
| John Menary (Z)     |                     |                      |                |
| Ryan Heredia (Z)    |                     |                      |                |
| Jaime Leal (Z)      |                     |                      |                |
| Kyrsten Tyler (I)   |                     |                      |                |
| Elliot Gonzales (I) |                     |                      |                |
| Erick Garcia (Z)    |                     |                      |                |
| Richard Tetrick (Z) |                     |                      |                |
| Tamala Lewis (Z)    |                     |                      |                |
| Tiffany Herbert (Z) |                     |                      |                |

2) Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia moved to approve the consent calendar which would approve the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the June 26, 2025, meeting. Elliot Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 8-0-0

3) Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Laraine gave recognition to her colleagues in Nebraska and her time at iLEAD. In addition, she informed the board of her time during the Board of Directors Retreat in August. Her goals to continue in the pursuit of having the LSU being the heart of the CSUDH community.

4) Interim Executive Directors Report

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal presented a monthly snapshot of organizational performance. The snapshot showed green indicators for governance and activities, yellow for

staffing due to an unfilled Program Coordinator Position, and red for property loss after a golf cart theft. The report also noted facility maintenance issues, a dip in facility traffic compared to last year, and efforts to improve guest satisfaction scores from the current 2-Star rating.

- 5) Public Comment – Agenda Items  
No Public Comment

- 6) New Business

- a. Professional Team Interim Duties – Personnel Committee (Closed Session)

Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia motioned to go into closed session, Secretary Bryan Picart seconded the motion.

**Motion Passes: 8-0-0**

The LSU BOD further discussed the Professional Team Interim Duties Item.

Student at Large, Jessica Scott, moved to leave the closed session. Vice-Chairperson, Johnathan Mejia seconded the motion.

**Motion Passes: 9-0-0**

The LSU BOD announced they have officially voted and passed to approve the recommendation by the Personnel Committee to accept the emergency response to fill the gaps in the organization by assigning interim duties to the following roles: Business Operations Manager, Guest Services Manager, Building Maintenance Assistant and Human Resource Generalist.

**Motion Passes: 9-0-0**

- b. BOD SAL Appointment – Personnel Committee

The Board approved Rodrigo Arenas for the Student at Large position and was appointed chair of the Facility Use Committee for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

ASI representative Elliot Gonzales moved to appoint Rodrigo Arenas for Student at Large and appointed Chair of the Facility Use Committee. Community Representative, Tamala Lewis seconded the motion.

**Motion Passes: 9-0-0**

- c. BOD 2025-2026 Aspirational Goals

The board adopted two SMARTIE goals, an operational reset to be completed by May 2026 to amplify the Board and committee involvement. This will include updating the leadership structure and redefining the position description.

- d. BOD Compliance Documents

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal informed the Board about receiving and completing the annual Compliance and Conflicts of Interest forms.

## 7) Advisory Committee Reports

### a. Ad hoc – Operational Reset

Interim Executive Director Jaime Leal discussed the initial kick off meeting that happened on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and discussed strategies to Brailsford and Dunlavey recommendations and development for future approach.

### b. Personnel

Secretary Chairperson Bryan Picart provided the report for the Personnel Committee and shared the committee discussing LSU's approach to the new Interim Duties, student employment and the future of the LSU.

## 8) Comments

### a. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### b. Board of Director's Comment

ASI Representative, Elliot Gonzales, raised concerns about limited LSU services for students with evening classes after 6PM and suggested collaboration with ASI to address the issue.

Vice-President of Student Affairs (Designee), Dr Herbert, echoed the concern regarding evening services and expressed the willingness to assist in the collaboration with both ASI and LSU.

Associate Vice-President of Belonging and Engagement, Dr. Soriano, discussed the consideration of board members to participate in the "Discover Dominguez" event that will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Alumni Representative, Erick Garcia, discussed the consideration and encouragement of participating and enrolling in the Alumni Counsel to any graduates on the board.

Community Representative Tamala Lewis discussed future events that will be coming to the CSUDH community.

### c. Announcements

There was no public comment.

## 9) Adjournment

Chairperson, Laraine Perez, adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM

Approval of minutes:

Bryan Picart

Bryan Picart (Oct 8, 2025 18:44:24 PDT)

Secretary, Bryan Picart

Or

Laraine Perez

Laraine Perez (Oct 8, 2025 14:43:16 PDT)

Chairperson, Laraine Perez

10/08/2025

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