California State University, Dominguez Hills
Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, May 8, 2026

1) **Call to Order and Attendance**

Chairperson Laraine Perez called the meeting to order at 10:03am. 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).

Present	Absent	Staff	Guests
Laraine Perez(I)	Ryan Heredia	Mario Ibarra(I)	Ebony Buckley
Jessica Scott (I)	Tamala Lewis		Angelica Martinez
Megan Tagle Adams (Z)	Erick Garcia		Shann Davis
Bridgette Johnson(z)	Richard Tetrick		
Kyrsten Tyler (I)	John Menary		
Johnathan Mejia(I)	Edgar Mejia-Alezano		
Tiffany Herbert (I)	Elliot Gonzales		
Susan Sanders(Z)			
Jaime Leal (I)			
Rodrigo Arenas (I)			
Mayra Soriano (Z)			

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson Laraine Perez reported that no new business is to be added to the agenda and if the need to reorder the agenda was requested.

Executive Director Jaime Leal proposed amending the agenda by removing the Personnel Committee item from New Business Item 6a and changing it to the Ad hoc Committee.

Chairperson Laraine Perez decided to postpone Agenda Item 6c. "2026-2027 Advisory Committee Appointments" to the September meeting.

No further amendments were made.

3) **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Laraine Perez acknowledged and thanked board members and staff for their continued contributions to the LSU and reflected on the approaching graduation season with gratitude for the relationships and experiences gained. Chairperson Perez also acknowledged LSU staff for their work behind the scenes and thanked ASI for collaborating on the Earth Day initiative.

4) **Executive Directors Report**

Interim Executive Director, Jaime Leal, presented the April 2026 monthly snapshot, reporting overall organizational health and welcoming Candace as the new Student Disability Resource Center representative on the Board. Staffing remains under monitoring, with recruitment ongoing for the Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations, Program Coordinator, and student roles.

Executive Director Leal highlighted successful student activities, including Board recruitment, the Rooted in Legacy Earth Day collaboration, and a billiards tournament. Facility maintenance improved following completion of the main water line repair, with a roofing project scheduled for later in May.

Executive Director Leal also reported continued progress on the organizational reset, record Board applications, monitoring of an unaccompanied minor policy matter, and monthly metrics including website and social media activity, collaborations and increased facility traffic.

5) **Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No Public Comment was made.

6) **New Business**

a. Executive Director Appointment Update

Associate Vice President of Student Success and Belonging, Dr. Mayra Soriano provided an update from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Executive Director appointment. She reported that the Board's recommendation to appoint Jaime Leal as Executive Director was forwarded through the appropriate approval process and accepted by Interim President Dr. Mary Ann Villareal. Jaime Leal's appointment as Executive Director was confirmed.

b. 2026-2027 BOD Student-At-Large Elections

Human Resource Generalist, Natalie Tapia presented the Student-at-Large appointment process, including application review, eligibility verification, interview scoring, and Personnel Committee nominations for the Board confirmation.

The Board Elected Sean Davis and Andrew Vasquez to one-year Student-at-Large terms. The Board also elected Ebonby Buckley, Namoi Lopez and Angelica Martinez to two-year Student-at-Large terms. Chairperson Laraine Perez congratulated the newly elected members.

Motion Passed One-Year Student-at-Large Term Election 8-0-0
Motion Passed Two-year Student-at-Large Term Election 8-0-0

c. FY 2025-2026 Quarter 3 Budget Report

Finance Committee/Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia and Committee Member Manny Cervantes presented the Quarter 3 Budget report. It was reported that the LSU revenues and expenses are generally within the expected year-to-date range.

The report highlighted student fees, commercial and facility rental income, increased interest income from investments, operating expenses, utilities, repairs and maintenance, event costs, salaries and benefits, contract services, and depreciation. Utilities and repairs were noted for continued monitoring due to rising costs and recent maintenance needs.

The Finance Committee reported no major capital purchases during the quarter.
Chairperson Laraine Perez thanked and acknowledged the Finance Committee's work.

7) Advisory Committee Reports

a. Ad Hoc Committee

Executive Director Jaime Leal presented that a meeting was held on April 30 and provided an update on the organizational reset, including progress related to the Brailsford & Dunlevy recommendations. The committee expects to bring an update to the Board at the June meeting.

b. Personnel Committee

Chairperson Laraine Perez presented that the Personnel Committee met on April 29 to review the interview process and nominations for Student-at-Large candidates.

c. Facility Use Committee

Student-at-Large Rodrigo Arenas presented that the Facility Use Committee met on April 14 and discussed the north/west water leak, roof repair project, and Rooted in Legacy event.

d. Finance Committee

Vice Chairperson Johnathan Mejia presented the Finance Committee met on April 22 and reviewed the Quarter 3 Budget Report present earlier in the meeting.

e. D.E.I.J. Committee

Student at Large Jessica Scott presented that the committee met on April 15 and discussed aspirational goals and restroom restoration input.

8) **Comments**

a. Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

b. Board of Director's Comment

No Board Comment was made.

c. Announcements

Associate Director Melissa Bancroft announced the annual Graduate Acknowledgement Event for LSU affiliated graduates, scheduled for May 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. She also announced a transition breakfast for outgoing and incoming Student-at-Large members.

Vice Chairperson Jonnathan Mejia highlighted the recent Student-at-0Large Board recruitment tabling event and experience.

Student-at-Large Rodrigo Arenas announced finals week de-stressor events hosted by the Culture and Identity Centers and congratulated the newly elected Student-at-Large members.

Associate Vice President of Success and Belonging Dr. Mayra Soriano expressed appreciation for the Board, LSU Staff, and student leaders for the work throughout the year.

Executive Director Jaime Leal expressed gratitude for the Board's trust and support following his appointment and reaffirmed his commitment to serving students and the campus community.

9) **Adjournment**

Chairperson Laraine Perez, adjourned the meeting at 11:04 AM

Approval of minutes: ______________________ Or Laraine Perez

Secretary, Jessica Scott   Chairperson, Laraine Perez

Date of approval: 06/05/3026

Signature: Laraine Perez (Jun 5, 2026 15:45:22 PDT)

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