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## Minutes

### Board of Directors

Friday, September 24, 2021, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

### Zoom Meeting

*This meeting is being facilitated through an online zoom format, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N25-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.*

- I. Called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Chairperson.
  
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Member Present:** Jonathan Molina-Mancio, Ricardo Ortega, Christopher Hendrix, Sophia Arlantino, Benjamin Garcia Morales, Edgar Mejia Alezano, Janelle Catbagan, Yannet Martinez, and Obioha Ogbonna  
**Non-Voting Members Present:** Matthew Smith, Marci Payne, Kirti Celly, Rita Anderson, Kisha Calbert, Bri Serrano, and Katrina Felipe  
**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Khaleah Bradshaw  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Djeneba Ahouansou, Donisha Quiller, and Liana Marin  
**Visitors:** Yoara Cruz, Zachary Ritter, Tiffany Herbert, Ivan Lopez, Natalia Garcia, Bri Serrano, Katrina Felipe, Cindy Romero, Gris, Kata, and Shamshad Elimu
  
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item  
\*M/Hendrix, S/Morales to approve the agenda as submitted  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes (August 13, 2021) – Action Item  
\*M/Hendrix, S/Morales to approve the minutes of August 13, 2021 as submitted  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- V. Reports  
**College of Arts and Humanities Rep.** – Catbagan met with Dean Tim Caron and Associate Dean Tim Chin to discuss a potential Arts and Humanities committee implemented and a possible collaboration with the ASI Children's Center.  
**College of Natural and Behavioral Science Rep.** – Morales is preparing for the upcoming CNBS event.  
**International Students Rep.** – Ogbonna and Hendrix attended International Student's Council whose goal is to help internationalize CSUDH. Ogbonna mentioned they will soon receive data on international students to complete resolutions. He noted ASI would help in advertising international student activities and the Study Abroad program.  
**Director of Student Services** – Mejia attended the Basic Needs Committee to discuss their semester plans and projects for student events.  
**Student Activities Commissioner** – Martinez mentioned she is working on a possible collaboration with a nonprofit organization that would require ASI's support. She

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mentioned meeting with the Director of student disAbility Resource Center, Adam Kasarda, to discuss the collaboration.

**Organizations Commissioner** – Hendrix attended the International Education Council with Ogbonna to discuss efforts being made for International Students. Hendrix mentioned he would speak with other departments to join a possible virtual collaboration with Study Abroad Students. He further noted last week’s Orgs Commission meeting was a success.

**College of Health and Human Services Rep.** – Arlantico attended the College Leadership council with various CHHSN chairs and met with the CHHSN Dean Mi-Sook Kim and Associate Dean Ortega. They discussed the primary objective of supporting students for their return to campus in Spring 2022. Arlantico has contacted a health educator to help in a collaboration between the Student Health Center and Kinesiology Club for a hybrid exercise program for students. She mentioned clinical science students are facing enrollment issues in various CLS courses due to limited availability. Arlantico contacted the Chair of Chemistry to find a resolution.

**Executive Vice President** – Ortega reported attending Academic Senate and Team Toro Lunch. He also met with Toro Guardian Scholars (TGS) to create a partnership and meetings between TGS students and ASI leaders. Ortega met with Assembly Member Gipson to discuss potential opportunities to work in conjunction for The Children’s Center. Ortega mentioned participating in discussion regarding the recreational centers at other campuses with ASI leaders.

**Athletics Liaison** – Calbert reported the student athlete, Katrina Felipe, has agreed to be the new student Athlete Liaison. Calbert announced there will be a new set of policies for all spectators at any CSUDH athletic home event. Calbert encouraged students to visit <https://gotoros.com/> for more information.

**Academic Senate Liaison** – Celly clarified she would be announcing reports on behalf of Anderson. Celly discussed limiting factors that Toro Hour would have on High Unit Major departments and their courses. Celly requested ASI compose a detailed Toro Hour Proposal so department chairs can analyze and possibly agree to a Toro Hour Pilot event.

**University President’s Designee** – Smith announced CSUDH is still making efforts to encourage students and staff to self-certify before September 30. 75% of students taking face-to-face classes and 50% of overall students are self-certified. Smith noted students will have a hold on their account before Spring enrollment if they fail to self-certify since 80% of classes will be in-person next semester. He also mentioned he would contact ASI to schedule a meeting with the nonprofit organization, Raise the Bar, for a possible partnership to create affordable housing for single parents. Smith noted he would bring more updates on the development of a campus dining facility and proposal for more affordable housing.

**Executive Director** – Shakoor reported the ASI Audit report was submitted late to the Chancellor’s Office; she encouraged ASI to search for a new Auditor and Actuary for 2022. She noted the provision for having virtual meetings has been extended to January 2022 since the Assembly Bill 361 was signed by Governor Newsom. Shakoor attended Team Toro, and announced Toro Hour will be impacted by the campus’ tenured density and is intrigued on how campus will address that issue. She also encouraged Catbagan to join the Beautification Committee. Shakoor highlighted free food will be provided by Every table at the C’s store.

**Associate Director** – Lakey announced the ASI Marketing and Public director position will be offered to a candidate soon. She mentioned the position for KDHR Production Assistant

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has been filled. Lakey noted the new CDC cook position will soon be offered to a candidate and the CDC Program Director position is open. Lakey and the ASI marketing team have been planning the ASI Halloween Haunt on October 29. She reported the Toro Tuesday program is a success and noted KDHR will support EOP's event being held today. The recruit for DJ's will commence so they can offer service for events, and she hopes the KDHR radio station opens up at the end of October.

**Finance and Business Manager** – Ahouansou announced there will be an emergency meeting on Friday, October 1 to review and approve the audit process. She noted the CDC kitchen renovations have been shipped to CDC; she clarified renovations for the playground and furniture supplies have been delayed due to Covid-19. Ahouansou mentioned the application for the CDC food program has been submitted; CDC will be up for review by food program in December. Ahouansou briefly explained the ASI Partnership Program Request has ASI funds available to clubs, organizations, and departments seeking ASI partnership/support. She noted the PPR needs to be submitted to the ASI Student Activities Commissioner and Quiller.

**Graduate Assistant** – Marin noted there is a new Marketing Intern. Marin announced there is still capacity to support student who want to volunteer for academic credit. (For more info, visit: <https://asicsudh.com/volunteer/>)

**ASI President** – Molina Mancio will further discuss Toro Hour with Smith to solidify plans. He reported attending BOD foundation meeting and decided not to approve the Starbucks location in the new I&I building. CSUDH will be taking part in multi-campus deals so the campus can outsource dining efforts to third party vendors. Molina Mancio mentioned he spoke about campus police to Smith about what they are doing to help students. A student forum will be created soon for campus police to reach out to the community and explain their services. Molina Mancio reported having a meeting with Deborah Wallace and mentioned the I&I building is 98% completed and the Science building is 99% complete.

### VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only. Ogbonna raised concerns about a communication gap for COVID-19 self-attestation He suggested to implement a status button so students can track their submission status. Celly acknowledged what Ogbonna said about the challenge of communication with covid and solutions. Celly reported attending a non-tenure track faculty advisory board meeting and noted the concerns raised were faculty does not have suitable spaces too hold confidential conversations with students during Toro Hour. Celly requested for ASI leaders to gain student feedback on their conversations with faculty and if they have any issues.

### VII. Unfinished Business

#### A. Board of Directors/Student-at-Large Appointment – Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider appointments for Board of Directors and Student-at-Large Interns and Liaisons

Molina Mancio noted there were two liaisons for appointment

Bri Serrano                      Multicultural Affairs Liaison

Katrina Felipe                Athletics Liaison

\*M/Hendrix, S/Morales to approve Bri Serrano as Multicultural Affairs Liaison and Katrina Felipe as Athletics Liaison **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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The Search Committee - Molina Mancio, Arlantico, and Ortega recommend the following candidates for appointments:

Christopher Hendrix	Vice President of Finance
Obioha Ogbonna	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Cindy Romero	Organizations Commissioner

\*M/Morales, S/Arlantico to approve to appoint Christopher Hendrix as Vice President of Finance **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

\*M/Ortega, S/Martinez to approve to appoint Obioha Ogbonna as Vice President of Academic Affairs **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

\*M/Ortega, S/Morales to approve to appoint Cindy Romero as Organizations Commissioner **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

### VIII. New Business

#### A. Social Media Report – Discussion Item

The Board will hear from Ivan regarding an update on the performance of the organization's social media

Lopez made a general overview of ASI's social media engagement all platforms during August 2021. Instagram was most successful in gaining 147 new followers and 3,027 total engagements. He further noted most popular posts were First day of Fall Semester and Where's Teddy Welcome Week Edition. For twitter, the platform was able to gain 7 new followers and 159 total engagements. Twitter's most popular posts consisted of Ballot Bowl Registration Rumble announcement and New Student Convocation-Reminder. Lopez addressed Facebook was the least performing social media platform with having 16 total engagements and losing 2 followers. Lopez highlighted the direct result of the big follower increase on Instagram was because of the tabling events. Lopez suggests ASI should be involved and table at various events on campus to engage more students. Mejia inquired if students are more engaged when they see students or board on the posts. Lopez noted creating more content around Board of Directors or students generates more engagement and awareness. Ogbonna thanked the marketing team for creating videos and posts that creates more engagement with students.

#### B. Recreation and Wellness Center – Discussion Item

The board will discuss an update on the recreation center conversation

Molina Mancio mentioned the CSUDH has received \$60 million onetime funds; 20 million will be allocated towards the Power grid, 20 million towards dining hall commons, and 20 million towards the Health and Wellness Recreational Center. Molina-Mancio mentioned the recreational center would be decided by student referendum vote since it would generate an additional fee for students. The University will need to find a department to operate it, as President Parham currently wishes Student Affairs will operate it. Molina-Mancio mentioned several Cal State campuses have their Rec center operated by ASI. Ortega agreed that ASI should be the selected department to operate the Rec center since ASI will include the fee referendum into its March ballot next year. Ortega and Molina Mancio mentioned the benefits of ASI operating the center would bring in additional revenue that would be used for CSUDH students and students would

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be the decision makers for the center. Hendrix mentioned if students pay for the center, then they should have the privilege to operate it. Calbert inquired if additional housing would be built to provide more use of the Rec Center since most students commute to campus. Molina Mancio mentioned that The University has plans for housing expansion in the master plan. Serrano inquired how much the fee would be per student. Molina Mancio mentioned the fee is yet to be determined. Shakoor added the past estimated fee ranged between \$200 - \$300. She mentioned the University Advancement is actively trying to receive donations from donors. ASI will gather more information and data from our students to decide how to move forward. Molina Mancio noted ASI would oversee putting the initiative on the ballot, informing students and advertising during elections. Romero inquired when the center would be opening and who can use the Rec Center. Molina Mancio clarified the Rec center is in its preliminary phases but estimated 2 – 3 years. He also noted the Membership model will be created once the center is open. Smith noted the timeframe for the center is still being created but noted affordable housing will be implemented to reduce costs of current housing. Mejia raised a concern on raising fees on students when they are already struggling because of the pandemic. He mentioned receiving numerous student feedback about student fees so he thinks it will be additional pressure and stress if the new fee is implemented. Molina Mancio clarified students will get to vote on the initiative. Morales and Hendrix stated they understand the student fee increase will be alarming but encouraged voting since this will be a great opportunity to determine student resources

### IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Kata, a concerned student, asked how ASI is going to advocate for students who cannot come back to campus physically. Kata also asked what the outcome would be if students vote against the fee. She also thanked Mejia for raising concerns on the possible fee increase. Molina-Mancio he would ask Dr. Parham for the outcome of a “no” vote and return with a response. Molina-Mancio noted CSUDH has a strict mask mandate and self-certification when coming back to campus. Molina-Mancio mentioned he would continue advocating for students who do not feel safe with in-person return to campus. Ogbonna announced the possible creation of an International Student Club to help with activities, trips, and excursions. He asked for ideas on how to create a club for international students. The Dean of International Education wants to collaborate with ASI to support two possible events at the student housing complex – a mixer event and a Thanksgiving event. Smith suggested inviting various stakeholder from across campus to present to ASI to provide details around what the campus is doing to keep everyone safe. Smith addressed CSUDH communication is actively calling students and visiting classes to encourage self-certification.

### X. Adjournment at 2:02 p.m.

Chair’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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