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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, August 1, 2025, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chasity Cowan, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Elliot Gonzales, Krysten Tyler, Chastity Cowan, Rosemary Ortega, Dylan Ponce-Mendoza, Elijah Kain-Arther, Arwin Ordonez, Kathryn Santos, DeMarlo Gray, Timothy Kolke, and Neel Ahir
Non-Voting Members Present: Liat Vorobiev and Gilbert Hernandez
Advisors Present: Rasheedah Shakoore, Michellena Lakey, Kevin Truong, Morelia Castenda-Patino, Emma Burke, Jackeline Granados, and Christopher Ashley.
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Aaditya Kapadia, Jose Solache, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Ortega, S/Santos to approve the agenda of August 1, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (July 18, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Ortega, S/Santos to approve the minutes of July 18, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Time Certain – 12:40 PM CSU Dominguez Hill, Alumni Relations
The Board will hear from Gilbert Hernandez from the office of the Alumni Association
Hernandez highlighted ToroConnect, a platform designed for networking with other alumni. The program features an alumni advisory council and offers unique opportunities, such as being a professor for a day and attending a dinner with the Toros, where alumni can select current students to dine with.

Many alumni are not currently part of the program, but if they reach out, they can easily sign up. Once they join, they will receive a newsletter that keeps them informed about current campus activities and changes.

Time Certain – 1:00 PM – Assembly Member, Jose Luis Solache Jr. (D62)
The Board will hear from California State Assembly member Jose Solache.

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Solache mentioned that he previously served as President of the ASI Board and expressed support for the new incoming board members. He offered various pieces of advice on how to navigate challenges and overcome obstacles that may seem insurmountable. He emphasized the importance of advocacy and the significance of the student voice in this process. Solache shared how ASI benefited him personally and noted that he still maintains connections with people from his year. He has found these relationships valuable for networking and building strong, genuine connections.

VI. Reports

Director of Student Services – Mendoza completed the ASI Partnering report.

Organizations Commissioner – Kain-Arther is working on his independent training checklist.

Vice President of Finance – Tyler completed the BOD checklist

Student Activities Commissioner – Ordonez is collaborating with Truong to brainstorm events for the semester and discuss what the semester should look like.

International Students Representative – Ahir met with the Dean of International Students. He was able to provide a space where students can interact with him in his office, which will be available for other international students to engage with him.

Alumni Liaison – Gilbert mentioned that they are confirming new alumni for the year, are waiting on the summer graduates, and are working with others on campus to facilitate collaborations.

Event Coordinator – Truong mentioned that there is a hiring committee for the new programming and KDHR Assistant, and they will begin their onboarding on Monday. He is also part of a task force that is assessing the programs that ASI has implemented to help restructure existing initiatives and develop new ones that will benefit students.

CDC Program Director (Provided by ED) – The CDC is partnering with College Corps to host 16 fellows with a start date of September 8th. Manansala is partnering with Director Carry Lapitan to coordinate a joint professional development with our staff, supporting children's mental health, social skills, and occupational therapy. The CDC is excited to host BOD members for their Leadership Workshop on August 22nd.

Graduate Assistant – Granados is preparing for August training.

Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator – Burke noted that the new Graphic Designer will join us soon and is currently working on ordering merchandise for the semester.

Executive Director – Shakoor mentioned that there is an effort to install ATMs on campus. Christopher Ashley will be leaving, and today is his last day as our temporary Accounting Clerk.

Associate Director – Lakey reports the addition of four new hires: a front desk assistant, a program assistant for events and logistics, a graphic designer, and a KDHR assistant. Additionally, there have been two separations—one involving a CDC teacher and another involving a front desk assistant.

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University President's Designee – Vorobiev met with Dr. Fraklin, Dr. Soriano, and SALT to discuss logistics for the upcoming semester. They are excited about the semester. She extended invitations to Board members interested in meeting with her one-on-one for questions or updates.

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano met with the Event Planner to discuss the August 7th, event. Had an informal meeting with the Vice President.

College of Business and Public Administration – Santos has met with all the deans and has sent them an email. Additionally, she has completed the independent training checklist.

Athletic Liaison – Calbert mentioned that they had a successful year, as you know, our men's and women's Basketball teams did very well. We graduated approximately 40 students and brought in 136 freshmen. They are forming a partnership with housing for some of their freshman student-athletes. They were assigned two RAS to work with them. We are going to pilot an experiment with both Psych Services and Toro Care to get feedback on this program.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Time for members of the audience to address the Board on specific agenda items only.

Santos asked about the schedule for the Liaisons' Position, and Lakey noted that they will trickle in. They are hoping to appoint a couple at the next meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business

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

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

*M/Ordonez, S/Santos to approve Aaditya Kapadia as the Elections Commissioner as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

IX. New Business – None

X. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Patino mentions checking emails regarding CSUnity, and Gonzales indicates that monthly reports to their leads are due on the 1st of every month. Elliot states that he needs two people for the dining committee.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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