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Minutes
Board of Directors
Friday, September 12, 2025, 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Loker Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:12 p.m. by Chasity Cowan, Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Chasity Cowan, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Krysten Tyler, Elliot Gonzales, Dylan Ponce-Mendoza, Arwin Ordonez, Elijah Kain-Ather, Elvis Hernandez, Rosemary Ortega, Aaditya Kapadia, De'Marlo Gray, Kathryn Santos, Chauncey Williams, Timothy Kolke, and Neel Ahir.
Non-Voting Members Present: Christopher Perkins-Pearson, Gilbert Hernandez, Dr. Sean James, Terry McGlynn
Advisors Present: Michellena Lakey, Rasheedah Shakoor, Moralia Castaneda-Patino, Emma Burke, and Jackeline Granados.
Advisors Absent: Candace Manansala
Visitors: Imari Taylor, Trimaine Davis, Tranita Avery, Savannah Coleman, Alani Alexander, Mario Ibarra, Emily Oliver, Katy Rodriguez, and Phillip Mangawang
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Santos, S/Kain-Arther to approve the agenda as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (August 29, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Santos, S/Kain-Arther to approve the minutes of August 29, 2025, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Time Certain – 1:00 PM, CSUDH Toro Auxiliary Partners (TAP) – TAP Tranitra Avery (Executive Director) & Phillip Mangawang (General Manager, Urban Mosaic Food Co.)
The Board will hear from Tranitra Avery & Phillip Mangawang regarding the Campus Dining Meal Plan Implementation.
Urban Mosaic has met with the ASI Board of Directors to present its new Student Meal Implementation Plan. Urban Mosaic has presented eight new meal plans that they plan on implementing for the fall 2026-2027 school year.

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Three of these plans are designated and designed for the students who are staying in dorms. These plans range from dining balances of \$100-\$300 but are broken in half for the spring and fall semesters. Another three plans are aimed at those staying in the on-campus apartments. Dining stated that while students do get the option to choose which meal plan, they'd like, there will be a mandatory implementation of the "Unlimited 7 W \$100 DB" Plan onto all student accounts, similar to the student fee structure that ASI uses. This plan offers unlimited meals every day of the week and can be used at any time of day.

Kain-Arther asked whether this mandatory fee would be expected from students who are using ToroCare. ToroCare is an on-campus program designed to assist students experiencing financial difficulties as well as housing hardships.

Dining stated that they have implemented some special adjustments for those currently using ToroCare, but all students will be *required* to pay the fee.

In addition to the question regarding ToroCare, Kain-Arther also asked if students who already get dining dollars, such as RAs, will be required to pay the \$50 fee even though they're not technically already eating on campus at no cost.

Dining stated that RAs are exempt from paying the \$50 fee.

Santos asked what protections are put in place if the food does not meet the standards of students in regard to quality service, since students have no choice but to pay the Dining Fee. Dining stated that they actually encourage students to be vocal about the kinds of foods they'd like to see, the quality of their food, and whether they're satisfied or not. Due to this, campus dining plans to send out surveys regularly to know what students are thinking.

VI. Reports

Director of Legislative Affairs: Ortega is currently working on the final touches for National Voters Registration Day and getting those approved by the Graduate Assistant.

Director of Student Services – Ponce Mendoza is planning on collaborating with Student Activities and CIC's on a Dropbox.

Organization Commissioner – Kain-Arther had their first meeting last Friday, September 5th. There was a large turnout, with over half of the attendees being newly introduced to meetings for the first time.

College of Arts and Humanities – Gray future funds will be hosting their first event on September 25th.

College of Health and Human Services – Williams noted her college had their open house, and she is meeting with Dean Kim and Dean Ortega next Thursday.

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College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences – Kolke is looking forward to attending the Audit Committee meeting.

Academic Senate Liaison – McLynn stated that there are currently a few classes in the Classroom Village that are being renovated.

University Housing Liaisons – Perkins-Pearson hosted their first event on August 29th, with 100+ attendees, and will be hosting their first Town Hall on September 21st.

Graduate Assistant – Granados is setting up interviews for the Internships this week. She is anticipating more applicants and looking for student advocacy applicants.

Alumni Liaison - Marcus Biegl will be hosting dinners with anyone interested in business and entrepreneurship.

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano will attend the CSU GI 2025 Conference in October 2025. He asked the Board member to attend the visit of the Supreme Court Justice to the campus. The dinner with the President and his cabinet was a success, and the cabinet was highly impressed with this year's Board of Directors. Mejia-Alezano has a meeting with Dr. Parham, the University President, next week. The conversation is next week, and he advises everyone to attend in person. Spoke with the Political Science Club with Ordonez and felt it was great to create a better connection with the club. The Campus Dining and TAP meeting followed his dining suggestions at the last BOD meeting. He submitted a proposal, and two of the three proposals were greenlit.

ASI Associate Executive Director – Have identified a new Event Coordinator. I have been working with liaisons and university designees. Wrapping up the 5500 requirements as of October 1st,

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Mejia-Alezano asked how have the meetings with the auditors have been going. Shakoor has reported that the meetings with auditors have been going good. They are now using TransAct with the deposits, which has changed the way that deposits are recognized in the system.

VII. 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, and Liaisons.

*M/Ordonez, S/Kain-Arther to approve Savannah Coleman as the Athletics Liaison. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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*M/Kain-Arther, S/Gray to appoint Trimaine Davis as the Cultural Identity Center Liaison as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

VIII. New Business

A. ASI CSUDH Child Development Center Resolution (First Reading) – Discussion Item

The Board will review the resolution to submit the Continued Funding Application to the California Department of Education for the ASI Child Development Center.

This is an annual occurrence as part of their authorization to receive funds from the state so that families can receive funding for little to no paid childcare for their children.

Ordenez read the resolution aloud to the Board, followed by Shakoor, who stated that this will be revisited three times to make a thorough decision. Shakoor also suggested that the Board make any necessary changes to it.

After reviewing the CDC Resolution, the following changes have been suggested to be made:

The correct re-spelling of Tyler's first name.

To change the section titled 'Chair of Meeting' to Cowan and Mejia-Alezano, since Mejia-Alezano *is* the ASI President, but not the BOD Chair.

B. Huron Report Findings – Discussion Item

The Board members will provide input on the findings from the Huron Report. Gonzales requested that this item be involved in the meeting because at the bottom of the majors mentioned at the bottom, especially the ones surrounding culture. He felt as if these were being neglected, especially financially. He believes that the humanities-based colleges offer support to the university and are underrepresented, especially compared to majors like Psychology and Business. Humanities, Africana Studies, and majors that draw people to these schools and feel as if they're being sunset, which means phased out of the university. He addressed that Parhman said that all these majors are not *technically* on the chopping block. He suggested this. He wants to have an engaged discussion regarding the Huron Findings, because he feels like the conversations are very fiscal and students have not received the opportunity to speak on this issue. Kain-Arther mentioned that this was put first so that it can be approached from a discussion point, rather than a point that is emotional. He wants to know what,

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outside of emotions, what would happen if these programs were sunset? At what cost, what positives can come from this possibly negative perspective?

Mejia says that some of the concerns from the report may be that it is not feasible to have these programs. If there are only a small number of students graduating from these colleges, there is basically enough money to go into larger programs. He feels like the benefits are that you're balancing yourself as a university student.

Shakoor suggested we voice our concerns so that we can invite the President's Cabinet.

From the faculty side, the primary concern about the Huron report is the lack of information that was provided. McGlynn felt as though we're in such a budget crisis, then using thousands of dollars for an independent report that lacked depth and necessary information seems quite irresponsible.

Kain-Arther agrees morally, but he feels as if we're going to break even, then the university cannot keep running through a financial deficit.

The Board has decided to continue its conversation revolving around the Huron Report for the next Board of Directors meeting.

X. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

It was asked why outside consultants were hired for the Huron report. Shakoor states they had gotten money from the Chancellor's office.

Mejia-Alezano wants to know what we can change to keep these programs running. Lakey and Ortega discussed whether there would be student engagement at the reimagining committee.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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