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Minutes

Board of Directors

Friday, September 26, 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: 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: Liat Vorobiev, Christopher Perkins-Pearson, Gilbert Hernandez, Terry McGlynn, Trimaine Davis, Christopher Perkins-Person,
Advisors Present: Michellena Lakey, Rasheedah Shakoor, Moralia Castaneda-Patino, Emma Burke, and Jackeline Granados.
Advisors Absent: Candace Manansala
Visitors: Alani Alexander, Ruma Chopra, Alyeska Gomez, and Shamshad Elimu
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Ordonez, S/Kain-Arther to approve the agenda as submitted
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- IV. Approval of Minutes (September 12, 2025) – Action Item
*M/Kain-Arther, S/Ordonez to approve the minutes of September 12, 2025
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- V. Reports
Student Activities Commissioner – Ordonez's community service project was a success. He thanked the Mejia-Alezano, Mendoza, Santos, and Gray for attending. We participated in a Coastal Cleanup with the Office of Sustainability in partnership with the non-profit Heal the Bay. Ordonez chaired his first ASI Student Activities meeting last Friday. I have one solidified request from the Parent & Family Programs, requesting two thousand dollars, for their 7th Annual First Generation College Celebration.
College of Behavioral Science Representative - Kolke was part of the coastal cleanup day. He met with his dean.

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College of Business Administration & Public Policy Representative – Santos met with Nancy and attended ASI Workshop. She has been visiting the CICs to gather data on student needs.

College of Arts and Humanities Representative – Gray attended the Audit Committee meeting and the ASI Legislative Affairs meeting.

College of Health and Human Services Representative – Williams met with the Chair of the School of Student Health to discuss sponsoring an event.

University President Designee – Vorobiev announced that the campus will host Discover Dominguez on October 10th.

Graduate Assistant – Granados completed interviews for Student-at-Large Internships.

CDC Program Director (shared by Shakoor)– Manansala noted that the Child Development Center has now been open for a month and shared several key updates with the "Parent Involvement" program. They launched their first Parent Toro Association (their version of a PTA) and named their 2025–2026 PTA President, Beatrice Ramirez, who has been part of the center community for three years. She is eager to foster growth through community engagement, fundraising, and amplifying parent voices. Our Back-to-School Night last Friday was highly successful, with a great turnout of parents and children, highlighting family enthusiasm and team dedication during these initial weeks. Manansala further noted their Internship Program has 19 interns, including our first Occupational Therapy candidate focusing on fine motor development in young children, a Human Services practicum student, two Special Education credential candidates, and 15 College Corps students exploring careers in Child Development. These interns offer valuable perspectives and contribute to enriching our program. I am honored to represent Dominguez Hills as one of six participants in the California Alliance Empowering Single Mothers and Parenting Students Community of Practice. Alongside Dr. Mayra Soriano (AVP of Belonging and Engagement), Dr. Jessica Pandya (Dean, College of Education), Chauncey Williams (ASI CHH Rep., DH student and CDC parent), Lorena De La Cruz (Parent and Family Coordinator), Ryan Whitman (Director of Institutional Research), and Danny Duong (Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships), I am collaborating to strengthen statewide support for parenting students. The CDC Impact Report 2024-2025 has been submitted to Burke as part of Dominguez Hills' overall institutional report. The CCAMPIS Annual Report is due today; the draft is complete and awaiting final review from Shakoor. Revised documents for the second reading of the CDE continued funding application were emailed to all board members. Once finalized, we will proceed with submission to the Department of Education to secure ongoing support for children ages 2–5 in the upcoming program year. On October 14th.

ASI President – Mejia-Alezano had discussions with the Board and submitted meeting request dates for the Toros Together Event and the ASI Event Coordinator. We'll have the first 'Team Toro' meeting, where the executive members will meet with the cabinet to discuss student

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concerns. They observed that many staff members were taking advantage of the Toros Together event, which was not an issue, but they were eating before students, making it difficult to ensure every student ate. They hope to make this event more strategic with sign-ins, all for students, and more Board of Directors volunteers since the Board is now full this year.

University Housing Liaison – Perkins-Pearson, RSA, attended the first annual town hall on September 4th, and another is scheduled for September 25th, to address student concerns about safety, cleanliness, and dining issues. RSA plans to meet with the University to review the data collected to benefit housing.

Cultural & Identity Center Liaison – Davis noted that Queer Resource Center has had a successful Cheer with Queers event.

Event Coordinator – Calvo-Cruz thanked the Board members who attended and supported the September 30th event. She invited them to attend the Toro Tuesday tabling event and promote Halloween Haunt.

Academic Senate – McGlynn is concerned that AI and immigration issues were discussed at the Senate meeting. He will bring more information and updates to the next meeting.

Associate Director – Lakey attended the Housing Focus Group hosted by Brailsford and Dunleavy. Much of the discussion was centered around University Housing being future-focused with a “Targeted New Reality”. Addressing connection with students, safe/non-violent environments and increase of resources for identified communities. She also encouraged all Board members to complete the last bit of their Independent Training Checklist meetings.

Executive Director - ?????

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Lakey mentioned that before putting out and collaborating on surveys, discuss with Burke, the Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator. Ponce-Mendoza mentioned that he is more than happy to collaborate with the Athletics Department but would like to have a one-on-one meeting with Mejia-Alezano to discuss how he can help.

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/Gonzales, S/Kain=Arther to table the Board of Directors/Student-at-Large Appointments.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. ASI CSUDH Child Development Center Resolution (Second Reading) – Discussion/Action Item

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The Board will review and consider the resolution to submit the Continued Funding Application to the California Department of Education for the ASI Child Development Center
*M/Ordonez, S/Santos to approve ASI CSUDH Child Development Center Resolution as submitted. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

VIII. New Business

A. ASI Elections Timeline - Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider the approval of the Elections Timeline for the 2026 ASI Elections

*M/Ordonez, S/Santos approve the Elections Timeline as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

B. ASI Elections Code Amendment Review – Action Item

The Board will discuss and consider revisions made to the ASI Elections Code by the Elections Commission.

*M/Kain-Arther, S/William to approve ASI Elections Code Amendment Reviews.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C. Student Concerns – Discussion Item

The Board will discuss recent student concerns and climate.

Vorobiev explained that she does not control what is being sent via emails about the current political climate. No actions have been taken following this email. Several students have attempted to start the clubs or organizations in question, but these efforts have been unsuccessful due to a lack of interest. Recently, there has been renewed interest in starting the club, but like all clubs, campus support is necessary. Kain-Arther stated that he views these threads as a lack of policy and transparency, since these emails have not been shared with everyone. He also mentioned that he supports the creation of all clubs and organizations, noting that there is a constitution and bylaws in place. He brought this up because the club is often associated with hate speech and foul language, which he does not condone. While he supports establishing the club, he emphasizes that rules should be fairly enforced for all, not singled out. Santos agreed that much of the language surrounding the requested club contradicts hate speech laws and Article Four of the Constitution. She is concerned about how adding new clubs might impact the campus climate and students' feelings of safety. Kolke's concern is student safety. Mejia-Alezano expressed that his concerns are safety and comfort in the classroom. He believes faculty members sometimes spread their views through language in emails, but he questions what stops them from spreading negative views unintentionally. These

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clubs present perspectives on different political groups in a non-debating manner. While he isn't opposing the creation of a new organization focused on a political group, he suggested checking existing campus groups first to avoid duplication. Kain-Arther recommended that faculty leaders develop guidelines on appropriate email content, as there have been too many slip-ups.

- IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members of the audience to address the Board.
Gonzales noted that SQE had to cancel their Town Hall due to spacing issues.
- X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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