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### Minutes

#### ASI Board of Directors

February 27, 2026, Friday 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Loker University Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chasity Cowen, Chairperson.
  
- II. Roll Call  
**Voting Members Present:** Chasity Cowan, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Elliot Gonzales, Kyrsten Tyler, Dylan Ponce-Mendoza, Elijah Kain-Arther, Arwin Ordonez, Timothy Kolke, Kathryn Santos, Chauncey Williams, and Neel Ahir  
**Voting Members Absent:** Rosemary Ortega, Aaditya Kapadia, DeMarlo Gray, and Elvis Hernandez.  
**Non-Voting Members Present:** Liat Vorobiev, Savannah Colman, Alyeska Gutierrez Estrada, Christopher Perkins, and Gilbert Hernandez.  
**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Terry McGlynn, Logan Baughman, and Anthony Thomas.  
**Advisors Present:** Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, Emma Burke, Mercy Calvo-Cruz, and Candace Manansala.  
**Advisors Absent:** Morelia Castaneda-Patino and Jackeline Granados  
**Visitors Present:** Alani Alexander, Claudia Benson, Kaya Lail, and Shamshad Elimu
  
- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item  
\*M/Tyler, S/Gonzales to approve the agenda as submitted.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes (February 13, 2026) – Action Item  
\*M/Gonzales, S/Santos to approve the minutes of February 13, 2026, as submitted.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
  
- V. Time Certain - 12:30 p.m., California Alliance for Student Parent Success Committee,  
The Board will hear from members of the California Alliance for Student Parent Success Committee on empowering the student-parent and single mothers Community of Practice.  
Lorena De La Cruz shared how the California Alliance for Student Success Committee (SPSC) came to present their program's mission and what they have been working on for the past six months. The California Alliance for Student Parent Success Community is a statewide coalition focused on equity, policy change, and institutional capacity. The GAINS Act is legislation that helps students better identify themselves, especially regarding financial and educational support. Student parents

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face higher costs due to housing, tuition, childcare, and more, but have not been properly represented in financial discussions. The GAINS Act highlights these issues. The program aims to advocate for mothers on campus who share their testimonies about the hardships they've faced as student parents. They seek to raise awareness and visibility about parenting students, including recognizing them in terms of accessibility. Some mothers mentioned a lack of accessibility from professors regarding attendance and deadlines because, as mothers, their child's needs are a priority, and sometimes circumstances arise where their needs interfere with schooling. Sometimes they don't have a babysitter, so they ask to bring their child to class; however, professors often do not support this, which means they cannot attend the sessions.

Williams shared that this program has a great opportunity to connect with other parents and campus faculty in terms of viewing how different campuses address student parents. She agrees that it is hard to manage being a student and a parent, but the entire point of getting a degree is to better their family. Some of the obstacles of this action plan that they have seen thus far (the past six months): Limited Existing Data regarding Data Governance and Access Capacity Constraints, Time, and Coordination Barriers. Mejia-Alezano shared that we may be able to acquire the funds for Student Parents for Graduation Photos.

VI. Time Certain - 1:00 p.m., Dean Liat Vorobiev (AVP for Student Life and Dean of Students)

The Board will hear from Dean Vorobiev regarding Housing Concerns and updates. Vorobiev came to the Board to discuss a few concerns she had heard about since taking on her new role. She is learning new things every day. She reviews and addresses outstanding maintenance requests, ensuring that professional staff inspect emergency move-in units and improve communication with affected students. She is open to coordinating a collaborative workgroup between ASI, Housing Staff, and RAs to address ongoing housing issues and gather student feedback to inform policy improvements. A detailed discussion of student-parent support initiatives and data collection highlights the importance of transparency, collaboration, and policy changes. She is also talking to the facility team about work orders and maintenance requests that are not being handled promptly. She was asked if there were any plans for the older apartment housing. Vorobiev noted that the construction team has been assessing the units and prioritizing which buildings to repair first. Perkins-Pearson asked if students could have a voice in the search for the new Housing Director. Yes, they want students involved in the process. They plan to start with an Interim Housing Director while a search is underway for the permanent director. Santos and her roommate had several questions, some of which are being addressed. Vorobiev is also working on a Town Hall meeting to discuss students' concerns about Housing Staff accessibility.

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### VII. Reports

**ASI Executive Vice President** – Gonzales noted that the Finance Commission is finalizing the 2026-2027 Budget. Should you have any suggestions or questions, we would appreciate hearing from you.

**Director of Student Services** – Ponce-Mendoza noted that five new responses were added to the Associated Students Inc. Dropbox. Most questions related to events, Associated Student Inc., and promoting campus opportunities.

**Alumni Liaison** – Hernandez shared that the Alumni Association has been organizing Alumni Memberships. He is also coordinating and encouraging Alumni to present in classrooms. The Alumni Association has also participated in the Commencement Fair, which is managed by Ceremonies and Events.

**Graduate Assistant** – Granados asked the Board to collect their stories for CHESST travels and encouraged the Board Members to attend Leadership Development.

**President** – Mejia-Alezano congratulated the Women's Dance Team on their victory and presented the Athletics Liaison with an exclusive ASI sweatshirt. He mentioned that he is scheduled to meet with Mike Gibson and Interim President Villareal.

**Cultural Identity Center Liaison** – Gutierrez Estrada noted that La Casita hosted an event where students expressed feeling unsafe due to recent immigration issues across the government. She also mentioned that the Women's Resource Center is moving to Welch Hall after the deconstruction of the "Classroom Village."

**College of Natural Behavioral Sciences Representative** – Kolke encouraged Board members to attend the CNBS Open House on March 4th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing Representative** – Williams shared that March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Sustainability Summit, and March Waste to Reduce. There is an Earth Day festival on March 21<sup>st</sup>. She attended the Student Success meeting. Interestingly, only four faculty members are serving 14,000 students, which is a big concern. There will be a new rollout for TSE.

**Executive Director** – Shakoor met with TAP and LEAD to discuss changes at TAP, specifically those that might affect ASI and funding. There are ongoing updates to the Clubs & Organizations process expected to make the entire system easier for student clubs.

**Associate Director** – Lakey received an email from Rommel, the Associate Director of Marketing for the University, who asked to learn more about ASI Internship programs to include in university marketing campaigns.

**Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator** – Burke announced that they finished candidate orientations for Elections 2026. There is a new social media & Marketing intern. Please introduce yourself when you see her in the office. The campaigning period for the elections begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Event Coordinator** – Calvo-Cruz announced in March that they will start with the College Fair event. The confirmed date for Spring Fling is April 13<sup>th</sup>, and rides have been confirmed. The new name for Spring Fling is "Spring Fling Fest". KDHR is

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having Small Tours soon, she shared dates and times for all of the March Events, such as CIC Events, Elections, KDHR, and Community Outreach.

**Child Development Center Director:** Manansala shared that their Baby Community Toro Drive last weekend was very successful. Many families were able to take home new or gently used clothing, bags, school supplies, toys, and other helpful items to support their growing families. CDC hopes to hold this event once a month to continue supporting our center community. Manansala also attended the annual CDC Directors Meeting via Zoom, hosted by Sonoma and San Francisco State. A major topic was CCAMPIS funding and how centers are navigating next steps. They also discussed creative revenue streams, partnerships, and staffing ratios. She was proud to share about our partnership with College Corps and how it supports our ratios without heavily impacting our budget. The students truly enhance the quality of interactions and intentional teaching practices we focus on in professional development. Lastly, the Empowering Pregnant and Student Parents Community of Practice has officially concluded. Some participants will reconnect to explore ongoing advocacy efforts, including a proposed policy to better support student parents as they balance caregiving and academics. Their goal is to strengthen engagement and overall well-being as they complete their degrees here on campus.

### VIII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Santos shares that her student housing unit experienced a window leak in November, which led to rooftop issues and flooding in their apartment. The problem remains unresolved. She has been dealing with ongoing water issues, a gas leak, moldy food, and other problems in her new apartment. While she is grateful that the leaking ceiling problem was finally fixed, she mentions that newer issues have arisen, which she finds overwhelming. Perkins-Pearson reports that he also faces problems with work orders. Although his issues are less severe than Santos's, there have been times when work orders were submitted but never addressed. This has resulted in false charges and a lack of accountability from housing staff.

### IX. Unfinished Business – None

### X. New Business – None

### XI. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board.

Kaya Kill asked if there would be actual cleaning requirements when assigning residents to new apartments. Cowan inquired who conducts inspections when students are moved into the space. Vorobiev noted that facility workers and professional staff are generally supposed to check the spaces for students before moving them into a new building. Perkins-Pearson is curious if housing plans to

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implement additional security measures. Kolke shared that Turning Point has become a recognized club on campus, with some Board members raising concerns about the organization's strongly expressed beliefs that could pose a problem for students.

### **XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.