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Minutes

ASI Board of Directors

Friday, March 13, 2026, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) Room 324 & 325

- I. Call to Order at 12:04 p.m. by Chasity Cowan, Chairperson.

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Chasity Cowan, Dylan Ponce-Mendoza, Chauncey Williams, Neel Ahir, Edgar Mejía-Alezano, De'Marlo Gray, Elvis Hernández, Kyrsten Tyler,
Voting Members Absent: Rosemary Ortega, Elijah Kain-Arther, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Kyrsten Tyler, Deylan Ponce-Mendoza, Kathryn Santos
Non-Voting Members Present: Christopher Perkins and Gilbert Hernandez
Non-Voting Members Absent: Terry McGlynn, Logan Baughman, Savannah Coleman, and Alyeska Gutierrez
Advisors Present: Jackeline Granados, Mercy Calvo-Cruz, Morelia Patino, Emma Burke, Liat Vorobiev, Candace Manansala, Morelia Patino, and Michellena Lakey
Advisors Absent: Rasheeda Shakoor,
Visitors Present: Alani Alexander, Imari Taylor, and JoAnn Aragon Valdivia

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Gonzales, S/Williams to approve the agenda for March 13, 2026, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes – Action Item
*M/Williams, S/Gray to approve the minutes of February 13, 2026 as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- V. Time Certain 12:30 PM National College Health Assessment (NGHA) Survey Presentation
The Board will hear from JoAnn Aragon Valdivia, Sr. Health Promotion Coordinator from Health & Well-Being, regarding the currently active National College Health Assessment (NCHA) research survey The National College Health survey's purpose is to gather research about the health and wellness of the student population, in an attempt to address issues and promote assistive and prevention. Aragon shared different categorical insights from last school year's survey, sharing the percentages about categories such as mental health, physical health, sexual health, and general health. The mental health survey showed 11% of students planned to commit suicide, 8% thought about committing suicide, 2% said that they will probably commit suicide at some point, 18% said that they have told someone before that they *have* thought about killing themselves Due to these numbers there has been an increase in mental health staff such as counselors, as well as the implementation of an after hour help line for students to go to whenever they have suicidal tendencies. There was also a section

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about Domestic Violence and Abusive Relationships in which the Health center shared the results with CAPE, who used the insight to train incoming domestic violence counselors as well.

The 2026 NCHA launched about three weeks ago and the number of responses have seen a severe decline from the 2024 NCHA, which is why Aragon has come to the Board in hopes of having another channel of communication and promotion for the survey. There are incentives for students who take the survey, like the opportunity to win a parking permit, graduation photos, and more. There is also another event called “Wellness on the Walkway” where the Health and Wellbeing office is offering free nachos to students, as well as showcasing the food resources offered by Teddy’s Pantry, an opportunity to talk with the Health and Wellbeing staff members, and more.

VI. Report

Alumni Association: Hernandez mentioned the Alumni was working with the “Ask You” survey to get in contact with Alumni in hopes of providing students with insight to post-graduate life, what individuals have been doing with their degrees, and use this as a chance to give students an idea of what they can do with their degrees once they graduate.

Housing Liaison: RSA had a collaborative town hall meeting with the CSUDH ESports teams, as well as having a collaborative event with the housing RSAs coming soon. There was a housing Q&A sent out to students in which students could express their thoughts. March 27th, there are housing applications opening up for the upcoming Fall semester.

Graduate Assistant: Granados is working on the final CHESS Leadership Development meeting which is centered around CHESS attire, etiquette, and any questions that students may have in regards to CHESS.

College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing Representative: Williams shared that March is Sustainability Month and so there are many sustainability based campaigns happening. The CSUDH Energy and Sustainability Summit is happening March 19th. The college is having a transfer student social on March 19th from 4:00PM - 6:00PM.

College of Education Representative: They had an event on Monday, in which he met with students who expressed that they are having issues with their academic counselors. He hopes to meet with the Dean to address the issue because there are multiple students expressing this issue.

Executive Vice President: Gonzales shared that the TGIF project has been said to happen in front of Teddy’s Pantry, behind the College of Education.

Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator: Burke mentions election’s events are in full swing and asked board members to support when they can.

Events Coordinator: Cruz mentions KDHR has begun their CIC Tiny Tours which have been very successful. The College Connection Fair is approaching, which Clavo-Cruz has shared is open to anyone who wants to assist. She has been working with the Spring Fling Committee to begin planning for Spring Fling, which involves making sure everything is up to date with risk management.

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Child Development Center Director: The CDC is preparing for the 2025–2026 Program Self-Evaluation by distributing surveys to staff and families to gather feedback on its practices and services. The feedback will inform professional development and strategies for improvement, with findings shared with families and the Board. The CDC is collaborating with the PERCH Lab at CSUDH to study resilience in children’s mental health, especially among those facing chronic stress. Two PK–3rd-grade student teachers from the College of Education are completing their practicum hours at the center. Recent IRA funds have supported fellowships for practicum students, with another fellowship available for the spring. Upcoming events include Herb N’ Sound in May, designed to promote learning through multisensory activities, and participation in Toro Admit Day at CSUDH, where the CDC will share its services and resources. In addition, The CDC will be hosting another Baby Community Toro Drive on Friday, March 27 from 8-9 am at the CDC. Anyone who would like to donate new or gently used clothing, bags, school supplies, toys, and other helpful items to support their growing family drop them off at the CDC Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 11:30 am or 2:30 - 4:00 PM. Lastly, the CDC will be closed for Spring Break March 30th - April 3rd, 2026.

College of Business and Public Policy: (Grey shared on Santos behalf) The CBAPP Social was very successful and had a strong turnout. Faculty and students were able to connect, engage in conversation, and build relationships in a welcoming environment. The event created a great opportunity for networking and strengthening the sense of community within the college. Thank you to Student Staff, KDHR and board members for your attendance and support.

Accounting Specialist: Patino mentions ASI has completed their taxes for this year, as well as following up with the budget office due to the fact that the budget for this fiscal year has not been uploaded yet, which is typically done in the beginning of the year.

Vice President of Academic Affairs: Cowan has been promoting elections to faculty, those at the Academic Senate meetings, as well as informing them about upcoming presentations that the candidates will be having. There is now a digital and physical flyer for the College Connection Fair for the college representatives to share with their Deans, as well as their clubs.

VII. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Gonzales raised concerns about the upcoming May 1, 2026 ASI banquet date, as he’s gotten concern from Board members. The concern stems from the fact that the LatinX graduation is taking place during the same time, as well as the event falls on International Workers' Day. Gonzales expresses that the Board of Directors is not only staff members, but they are the directors of the organization, and therefore, when they have requests, they should be fulfilled. He shared that there was a save-the-date sent out for this date to which he immediately replied and said the date needed to be changed. So, due to the confirmed date of May 1, 2026 he feels as though the concerns were blatantly ignored. Calvo-Cruz explained that the banquet is an event that involves all year planning, meaning that the date has been saved since the before of

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the Fall semester, whereas the Latinx graduation was not. Due to this, she clarified she was not ignoring or disregarding Latinx students, but simply did not anticipate them hosting it on the same day. She acknowledged the concerns and shared that she is also speaking Latinx Graduation Coordinators to find a compromise because while the banquet is a moment to appreciate the students' staff, she understands how important this graduation is to people. As the discussion grew tense, Cowan intervened when Gonzalez interrupted Calvo-Cruz and implied that staff members work for the BOD. Cowan redirected this view, labeling it as disrespectful and unacceptable for board meetings or any setting. She stated that such issues regarding the banquet and scheduling should be addressed outside of the meeting, reinforcing a standard of respectful conversations.

- VIII. Unfinished Business – None
- IX. New Business – None
- X. Open Forum – Discussion Item
Time for members of the audience to address the Board.
- XI. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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