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Minutes

ASI Board of Directors

Friday, March 27, 2026 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Loker Student Union (LSU) 324 & 325

- I. Called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chasity Cowen, Chairperson.

- II. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Chasity Cowan, Edgar Mejia-Alezano, Elliot Gonzales, Kyrsten Tyler, Rosemary Ortega, Dylan Ponce-Mendoza, Elajah Kain-Arther, Aaditya Kapadia, Kathryn Santos, DeMarlo Gray, and Neel Ahir.
Voting Members Absent: Arwin Ordonez, Elvis Hernandez. Chauncey Williams and Timothy Kolke.
Non-Voting Members Present: Alyeska Gutierrez Estrada and Gilbert Hernandez.
Non-Voting Members Absent: Liat Vorobiev, Savannah Coleman, Christopher Perkins, Terry McGlynn, Logan Baughman, and Anthony Thomas.
Advisors Present: Morelia Castaneda-Patino, Emma Burke, Mercy Calvo-Cruz, and Jackeline Granados.
Advisors Absent: Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Candace Manansala.
Visitors: Janneane Rosales, Teresa McGuire, Kimberly Vargas, Jesus Torres, and Shamshad Elimu.

- III. Approval of Agenda – Action Item
*M/Gonzales, S/Santos to approve the agenda of March 27, 2027, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- IV. Approval of Minutes (March 13, 2026) – Action Item
*M/, S/ to approve the agenda of March 27, 2027, as submitted.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- V. Reports
College of Business Administration & Public Policy Rep. – Santos is working on the final data regarding key issues. Recently attended CHESS and had the opportunity to speak with an Assembly Member; it was a great experience. We discussed SB-106 and expressed appreciation for the support on AS-710C as we voted on food accessibility.
ASI Executive Vice President – Gonzales announced that LSU approved the POPI Project on the landscape behind the College of Education and Teddy Pantry.
Vice President of Finance -- Tyler reminded the Board that the Finance Committee is approaching the end of budgeting season on April 24th and that they must all be there on time to get that done.

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ASI President – Mejia-Alezano met with the university President to share the TAP proposals from ASI and ASFAC. We provided the PDF with the same concerns to the university back in September, identifying dining hours and student service fit as key deficiencies and requesting further study and preparations, which are currently under review. The main issue is the unmet basic needs of our community here. She was able to present this issue to the cabinet, and we will meet next week to discuss it further. Mejia-Alezano, along with Lorena, discussed that the Parent-Family program lacked funding for a student photo session, but he was able to allocate \$1,000 to support the program. All I requested was for the ASI logo to be included. I attended my fifth and final CHESS event, which was inspiring to see all the attendees working together as a team. Remember to vote for ASI. I want to congratulate all the winners and encourage those who didn't win to apply for open board positions. I would like to start meeting with the President-Elect and include the Executive Vice President-Elect.

Director of Legislative Affairs -- Ortega said they represented the student population and got the opportunity to meet with legislators this past weekend for CHESS.

Director of Student Services – Ponce-Mendoza shared that students have expressed feeling that the QCRC is small and are exploring how ASI can help them advocate for a larger space.

College of Business and Public Policy Representative – Santos participated in CHESS mentioned increasing student participation, highlighting key findings, speaking with assembly members. She also mentioned that the Food Accessibility committee will be meeting today and voted for SBAC.

College of Art & Humanities Representative -- Gray advocated for the board to participate in the College Connections Fair.

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Housing Liaison – Perkins-Pearson stated that RSA is having their elections coming up for the end of semester, May 1st, and that housing applications open today and will close April 27th.

Alumni Liaison – Hernandez stated that Commencement 101 is available on April 9th, 13th, 14th, and 29th; these are the only days to get information about commencement itself and about having family there. They will be taking in requests for soon-to-be alumni. Mentioned that a couple of alumni were participating in Professor for a Day, 3 for March and 2 more for April. Torolink Breakfast with an alumnus to talk to the DH community.

Accounting Specialist – Castaneda-Patino shared that the budget is available on PeopleSoft and that ASI is collaborating with LEAD to post club awards. Awards and club points will be announced on April 27th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Marketing Coordinator – Burke updated that elections concluded and congratulated everyone who ran and those who got elected. Shared with the committee that Toro admin day is next Saturday, April 4th, and this is a great way to meet students admitted to DH to advocate for DH as a campus.

Events Coordinator – Calvo-Cruz stated that 70 people attended the last mixer, concluded College Connections, and fed students. She is finalizing everything for Spring Fling and is collaborating with LEAD and a couple of other departments to host programming for Spring Fling and to assist students with power outages.

College of Health, Human Services and Nursing Representative – Calvo-Cruz shared William's (CHHS) report, noting that she was part of the CSU Big 5, and that she looks forward to collaborating with the other Big 5 to create AI for use in the medical field.

ASI Graduate Assistant -- Granados updated that they are preparing to hire the next grad assistant to replace her and that there are 2 more workshops left. The next workshop will feature ASI Alumni for Q&A on life after ASI, higher education, and life after graduation.

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Cowan shared that they attended CHESS and, alongside other SBAC representatives, advocated for CSUDH students to discuss fees, the Toro advisory committee, and concerns about dining fees. She updated that more food vending machines are coming to campus, including Medicube, and that a vending machine will soon be coming to housing. Meal plans will remain the same. The mandatory fee for freshmen is \$3,000, and the required meal plan for all upperclassmen is 3 meals a day, with a mandatory \$50 fee. She expressed concern about operating hours, as there has been no clarification for the dining hall, which only said its hours of operation “7:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.” She hopes they have longer hours, since graduate students get out of class at 9:45 p.m.

VI. Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

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

Ponce questioned the fee all students have to pay. Cowan clarified that all DH students will have to pay a mandatory \$50 fee and that upper-class men must select a dining plan. Cowan also noted that vending machines will open after Spring Break. Ponce noted that there is an RA on the committee and that the vast majority of residents oppose the mandatory fees, asking whether the fee can be waived. Gutierrez asked whether this was part of the contract with Aramark for conditional funding of the dining hall. Mejia-Alezano said that the contract needs to be revisited, but it is in the contract and there are things that should have been addressed sooner.

Gonzales asked, in terms of SBAC, whether the students or the representative vote. Mejia-Alezano said some fees can be voted on and some can't. They rejected the fees that were eligible for rejection. Reminded BOD that they can be appointed since

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everyone offers value to the board. Gutierrez suggested creating a plan for what voting could look like for the following year to reach 10% of the student population. Burke said that in the past few years, they reached 6-8% and are trying to reach students through all available avenues to engage them in the election process. She is open to suggestions to engage students more in future elections. DH has a large population of online and evening students, who are harder to reach because of our hours of operation. Cowan noted that elections put in a lot of effort for prizes to bring in participation and advocated for the academic senate to encourage students to vote.

VII. Unfinished Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. ASI General Elections Results – Action Item

The Board will receive and consider the results of the 2026 ASI General Elections from the Elections Chair.

Kapadia (Elections Commissioner) announces the 2026 election outcome.

Date: March 27, 2026

To: CSUDH Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors

From: Aaditya Kapadia, ASI Elections Commissioner; Emma Burke, ASI Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator; Mercy Calvo Cruz, ASI Events Coordinator; and Joseph Pacheco, Ethical Development Coordinator, Office of Community Standards

Re: ASI 2026 General Elections Outcome

The Associated Students, Inc. conducted their annual General Elections from March 23-26, 2026. Elections were held online with the Elections Commission monitoring the campaign practices. The online elections and the official ballot count were managed by Elections Buddy Online Voting Services and Software. Based on an electronic count of the ballots cast over the four-day election period, the following results were noted:

Total Votes: 771 5.4%	Position	Name	Percentage
	President	Kathryn Santos	Opposed 46.73%
	President	Chauncey Williams	Opposed 53.27%(Winner)
	Executive Vice President	De'Marlo "Yam" Gray	Opposed 42.21%
	Executive Vice President	Dylan Ponce Mendoza	Opposed 54.86%(Winner)
	Vice President of Finance	Edgar Mejía-Alejano	Unopposed 84.44%
	Director of Student Services	Emma McLeod	Unopposed 87.42%
	Organizations Commissioner	Arnav Gulati	Opposed 12.45%
	Organizations Commissioner	Kimberly Vargas Portillo	Opposed 77.69%(Winner)

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College of Business and Public Policy Representative	Juan Moreno	Unopposed	84.44%
College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing Representative	Adelina McCloud	Unopposed	87.68%
College of Natural and Behavioral Science Representative	Makeda Webb	Unopposed	87.42%
College of Arts and Humanities Representative	Christopher Ajayi	Unopposed	90.01%

*M/Kain-Arther, S/Santos to approve the Elections for 2026 as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

IX. Open Forum – Discussion Item

Time for members of the audience to address the Board. None.

Bulletin Board expressed interest in the following elections and would love to help raise awareness via their email or newsletter to increase voter turnout, as their new distributor has been going above and beyond.

Teresa spoke about her experience during her first semester on campus in Fall 2025 and expressed safety concerns about the dorms. She explained that there was an issue with the Phase 3 building door and that on the 4th floor, 8-12 young people came looking for someone and said they were going to take over those dorms. She expressed concern about gang signage on students' backpacks or pants and asked whether ASI can do more to ensure that students in housing are safe. Mejia-Alezano said that yes, something can be done, and they will alert the President immediately because this is a serious issue. She mentioned that she was advised to call campus security and on-campus police, and suggested that this be included in orientation for people in housing to inform them of the steps to take in the event of these events. Ponce-Mendoza apologized for these negative experiences. Mejia-Alezano would like to schedule a meeting with her, the president, and Ponce-Mendoza so that the president can hear these concerns directly from her.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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