

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER at **11:35 AM**

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Nolan Calara, Kushal Sheshadri, Carlos Martinez Aguilera, Guadalupe Felix, Hailey Corum, Sharn Basi, Teresa Perez-Reyes, Elijah Quineri, Saira Garcia, Danny Lopez, Sai Charan Attili, Charan Reddy Doolam, Martin Castillo, James Carroll, Stephanie Ann Lustina, Christina Chin-Newman

Absent: London Deguzman, Tanya Gupta, Loren Smith, Steve Spencer

III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda of July 3, 2023, by **C. Aguilera**, seconded by **K. Sheshadri**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of June 5th, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023, by **C. Aguilera**, seconded by **H. Corum**, motion **CARRIED**.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – **Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

A. Ahluwalia is a recent graduate. She states SCOTUS has recently made some rulings that we may not agree with, especially being a university like CSU East Bay. A few student leaders and I, that are recent graduates from San Diego State, Sacramento State, San Jose State, and San Francisco State are planning a protest at Stanford University tomorrow at 4 PM. We would like to see you all there. We want to gather our community and student’s leader to make sure CSUs are represented. If you would like to help, make posters, or be a part of it, please let me know. I can give my email to Nolan to share. Are there any questions?

N. Calara thanks Ashmita for the advertisement. I will inform my Board that there’s a protect tomorrow.

4:20

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No unfinished items.



4:25

I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: **VP of University Affairs**

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on the appointment of VP of University Affairs **Motion** to appoint Erick Loreda as VP of University Affairs by **K. Sheshadri**, seconded by **G. Felix**, motion **CARRIED**.

N. Calara goes in details about Erick Loreda to the Board of Directors.

N. Calara recognize Christina Chin-Newman at **11:41 AM**.

C. Aguilera states I had the opportunity to interview Erick. I believe he had a good interview. He seems like a strong character, has a good work ethic, and he was our mentee last year. Erick has experience on working with the board, and he worked closely with the previous President, and it gave him the skills he needs to succeed in this position. One thing I liked about him, as Nolan said, Erick emphasizes financial aid and Title IX for students on campus. He is passionate about doing something for our students.

N. Calara asks Kushal if he like to add any comments.

K. Sheshadri states that I've worked with Prasanna before. He was Chair for the Election Committee. He has experience with ASI and is familiar with Robert's Rules. Previously, working as a web designer, the workflow between us was smooth, there was no problem. He was prompt with sending all the agendas, signing the minutes, and is aware of how ASI operates.

N. Calara states Prasanna has experience with the bylaws as he was a part of the Bylaws Committee and worked closely with our Executive Director on the election. Although Prasanna is a strong candidate, it comes down to experience in ASI. I believe Erick showed more passion and interest in the organization. He was the one to help me as Director of Programming last year with my events such as Fight Procrastination. He worked closely with our former President, Ashmita Ahluwalia as the first-year mentee.

K. Sheshadri states this is Prasanna second time applying. He applied for VP of EVP, which indicated his interest in contributing to ASI.

N. Calara states even if one person doesn't get the position, we want to invite them to participate in ASI events, committees, mentorship program, or serve as a student representative on one of the University Committee. Any comments?

Motion to appoint Erick Loreda as VP of University Affairs by **8 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAIN**, motion **CARRIED**.

11:00



B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [CSU Multi-year tuition increase](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be receiving information on the CSU Multi-year tuition proposal.

N. Calara presents and go in details about the CSU Multi-year tuition increase to the Board of Directors.

S. Basi asks are students going to be voting on these three options?

N. Calara states this would be voted by the Board of Trustees. Before it goes to the Board of Trustees, it will be sent to CSSA, which I as President and Guadalupe as Director of Legislative Affairs will be attending at CSU Long Beach this weekend. I wanted to push this as a Board item to get the Board's consensus before we go to Long Beach. Nolan continues to go in details about the CSU Multi-year tuition increase to the Board of Directors. I had a meeting with Christina about the tuition increase, so is there anything you would like to add?

C. Chin-Newman thank Nolan for the presentation. Christina goes in details about the CSU Multi-year tuition increase to the Board of Directors.

N. Calara recognize Saira Garcia and Danny Lopez at **12:02 PM**.

C. Aguilera states this is transparency for students if we knew how raising tuition would benefit us and how that money would be spent. This way students will understand why rising tuition is reasonable. Thank you, Nolan, for bringing this to the Board because we should be aware of what's going on.

N. Calara asks Guadalupe for her opinion since she is going to CSU Long Beach.

G. Felix states when I read it, you said the 6% option looks better because it's in the middle. Hearing you discuss it; it does not seem fair to students who have been here getting the increase, and we don't know about it. It's an impactful to me and many students because we pay out of our own expense if we are not covered by financial aid. If we can make the best decisions for all students, I believe the hybrid option would be the best.

J. Carroll states thanks to Nolan for beginning this conversation with other ASI leaders at Panetta Institute and continuing this at CSSA. He goes into detail about the CSU Multi-year tuition increase.

C. Chin-Newman states to have multiple questions. She gave examples to the Board of Directors.

N. Calara states thank you for giving those examples and this is what I want to advocate for when I go to CSU Long Beach. With the lack of transparency, on how it will affect students, I believe it goes against Graduation Initiative 2025. Nolan states he is all right with the tuition increase if it benefits students, but with how vague the workforce investment is, he feels uncertain with the plans. Even though, they're constituent for the tuition increase there is the



Board of Trustees meetings for informational and action, and they can speak during public comments to raise their concerns. Nolan will keep the Board of Directors updated on the Board of Trustee meetings. He asked are there any questions?

38:38

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. [Panetta institute](#)

N. Calara presents and go in details about Panetta institute.

46:36

VIII. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

N. Calara congratulates the Board of Directors for making it through their second Board of Directors meeting. He congratulates the VP of University Affairs for his appointment. Are there any roundtable remarks?

47:40

IX. ADJOURNMENT at **12:23 PM**


Motion to adjourn the meeting by **C. Aguilera**, seconded by **G. Felix**, motion **CARRIED**.

48:04

Minutes reviewed by:

President/CEO and Chair

Name: Nolan Calara


Nolan Calara (Jul 19, 2023 16:22 PDT)

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