

Board of Director Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:07 PM**

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Krisstina Caro, Angelica De Leon, Kabir Dhillon, Mirna Maamou, Zaira Perez, Tyler Luevano, Jasmine Domino, Ashmita Ahluwalia, Andrew Pajes, Arazeli Barragan, Justin Withers, Tayla Beasley, Martin Castillo, Erik Pinlac, Mark Almeida, Sarah Nielson, Andrew Yunker, Neilah Peku

Absent: Marguerite Hinrichs

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

Motion to approve the agenda of May 4, 2022, by **K. Dhillon**, second by **M. Maamou**, motion **CARRIED**.

IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022, by **M. Maamou**, second by **A. Barragan**, 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. Mirales introduces herself and I have come back from Texas yesterday. Many members of ASI are graduating this year.

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VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM: [ASI GPA Eligibility Requirements](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on raising the ASI GPA requirement.

Motion to **POSTPONE** the ASI GPA Eligibility Requirements, by **K. Dhillon**, second by **A. De Leon**, motion **CARRIED**.

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B. ACTION ITEM: [Resolution in Support of a Scholarship for Project Rebound Students](#)



The Board of Directors will take action on the Resolution in Support of a Scholarship for Project Rebound Students.

Motion to move the Board of Directors to take action on the Resolution in Support of a Scholarship for Project Rebound Students, by **A. Barragan**, second by **A. Ahluwalia**, motion **CARRIED**.

A. Barragan states the resolution in support of a scholarship for project rebound students supports those who are incarcerated. They are provided by several other CSU campuses and the closest one to us is San Francisco State. I heard about this at the Academic Senate and I believe this should be at our campus too. I talked to the author of the resolution in the Academic Senate and she said the process to create Project Rebound on East Bay campus is that the first step was to pass resolution in the Academic Senate. It would go through the systems within CSU East Bay, then they would send it to the Chancellor's Office in order to get funding. In having a resolution from students and hearing that students really want to push for this would support the case on trying to secure funding for the project. Some facts about Project Rebound are that students who are in this program, their retention rate is around 90%. Most of them go on to graduate and often come from low income and marginalized communities. They do not feel like they have that support system and being able to navigate the systems within universities is difficult. I will make the assumption that most of them are first generation students. I know most of us can agree it is really hard navigating all these systems. This would allow them to have that support and get access to resources to also help them. With the scholarship aspect, it would be providing them with some money to cover additional expenses that are not traditionally covered by financial aid. Whether it be transportation, food, or housing because it is hard for them to get hired as there is stigma around that. Are there any questions or comments?

A. De Leon states the resolution is incredibly well, but I believe collaborating with students support systems on campus would help. Hearing from students in the Senate would be really great and going along with existing support systems on campus can help guarantee this program.

K. Caro asks any questions or discussions?

Motion to approve the Board of Directors to take action on the Resolution in Support of a Scholarship for Project Rebound Students, by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. ACTION ITEM- [Honorary Membership: Kabir Dhillon](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the ASI Honorary Membership for Kabir Dhillon.

Motion to move the Board of Directors to take action on the ASI Honorary Membership for Kabir Dhillon, motion by **A. De Leon**, seconded by **A. Ahluwalia**, motion **CARRIED**.

A. De Leon states that Honorary Memberships are given to ASI members that have been in ASI for all the years that they have been in college and went beyond in their roles. I believe that we all have done an amazing job and there are many things that we can say about each position but highlighting the work and the intentionality behind it. It is incredible to see the leadership that you have had instilled in all of us, and we have been hearing on a conversation where we see ASI as his investment as the backbone and foundation for the work he has done. It has been incredible to be mentored and guided by you. I want to encourage everyone else to share their thoughts. I am in support of granting Kabir an Honorary Membership.

M. Castillo states with the administration working with ASI is a fun experience but having a Kabir at work for every year that he has been on ASI has been amazing. He has made the work easier because he has kept everything flowing. I am in support of this motion. I am sad to see Kabir leaving this year with respect but I am happy because it will be due to graduation. So, congratulations to Kabir.

M. Maamou states Kabir has been the backbone for all of us. He can answer any question. He knows everything. Kabir has the support that I need to perform. Thank you for being here and I am supporter of this.

L. Parker echoed everything everyone else said. I will miss Kabir. My daughter accuses me of adopting someone from the board every year, and he has been my adopted son for five years ago. He has been a model for ASI. I support this motion.

T. Luevano echoes what everyone else said. Kabir has been an incredible leader for the whole Board. He does answer every question asked and he has the flexibility of stepping into new roles, even if his position does not require him to do a task. He will do it. That is something I will take into consideration, hopefully going into the next year of ASI. We are going to miss collaborating with you.



A. Ahluwalia states I joined ASI because of Kabir. He used to come to Starbucks before ASI meetings on Wednesdays and I was a barista. I asked him about the ASI polo shirt, and he told me about ASI. That was the reason I got involved within school and he was my first mentor as ASI First Year Mentee. Now, I am collaborating with him every day and seeing the progress of our relationship from him being a customer at Starbucks to working with you all the time. I imagine him as the face of East Bay, we need him on the logo because ours is based on school. I will miss working next to Kabir. Thank you for all you have done for ASI.

S. Spencer states as your past president, I had an opportunity to work with Kabir for 3 full years. He was excellent from the day he first began working with ASI and collaborating with me and others. He has been a stable and a good voice for ASI while representing the students and taking every step possible.

A. Barragan states Kabir is professional. Despite that we have a fun friendship outside of the professional realm, he is strict. He always had the best intentions and students can always respect that. I have known him since my first year. I am proud and honored that you excelled. You took leadership within our university. Thank you so much for bringing me back to ASI and making me feel ASI is home. I am so honored to be able to see you get this recognition. Kabir does so much within ASI and outside. I hope you are able to come back and visit us.

K. Dhillon thanks everyone for your kind words. I appreciate that. When I first joined ASI, I never expected to be here. Everything I did was with the intentionality of advancing our campus and moving it forward but taking the voices of our students and amplifying it. When speaking with our students, I have mentioned that East Bay was never my first choice attending the university. It became the place I needed and the place that I loved. While talking to students, you hear that they have dreams, aspirations, and concerns. With those concerns, it is about elevating and making sure they are supported to believe the reason you have been involved for the longest time. Today is the end of an era and the start of a new generation so that it is bringing those people back. It has a special place in my heart. I have been involved every single year since the first year. I do intend to visit ASI and there is no question about that. ASI has the potential and will continue to have the potential to do remarkable things for students and to push change on this campus. Thank you.

Motion to approve the Board of Directors to take action on the ASI Honorary Membership for Kabir Dhillon, motion by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.



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B. ACTION ITEM- [Honorary Membership: Anjelica de Leon](#)

The Board of Directors will take action on the ASI Honorary Membership for Anjelica de Leon.

Motion to move the Board of Directors will take action on the Honorary Membership for Anjelica de Leon, motion by **K. Dhillon**, seconded by **M. Maamou**, motion **CARRIED**.

K. Dhillon states this Honorary Membership nomination is coming for AJ. AJ has been involved with ASI ever since she started as a First Year intern. She was a part of our second class of the First Year interns, then she became Senator at Large. We ran together, and she became our Vice President of University Affairs. I was also VP of University Affairs. This last year, we ran together as President. AJ is our President and CEO. AJ and I talked about this when we wanted to continue being with ASI. We did not want to run against each other. We do not see the point of running against someone we respect, admire, and would want to have on my team. The working relationship we had is that we lead together and I am proud of that. If we look at AJ's accomplishments, she is the nicest person, has empathy, care, and that inspiration speaks to people along with the way she engages with students. Specifically, when you imagine about the Childcare Resolution that came up in the past year, which was intentionality to bring something out that was lost. Recognizing from one that it is a need for our campus, we have a Board member that is apparent in the data. When it is close to your hurdles to realizing that this is something your students are facing. AJ is someone I respect and admire, and grateful to have the opportunity to not only mentor and watch her grow through the year, but the woman and the leader she is today. I do believe she is deserving of this recognition.

M. Castillo believes AJ is the heart of ASI. All of the years that she has been involved, she is amazing. She does things from that perspective of care and accountability which is tough to hold people accountable while still caring. I cannot imagine of a stronger leader to bring us out of the pandemic as we are coming out of it, re-engage and get everyone to care about things again in person. I have faith that she is going to do best. Congratulations to you, I support this.

M. Maamou is proud of AJ and her leadership is so unique. When I got to work with AJ, I have learned that is the leader I want to be in any setting I am in. I want to echo what everybody else said that she leads with so much passion while getting



everything done. She is professional and elevates everybody around her in any meeting. She says when you have all these resources, build a bigger table, not a higher fence. I repeat it every single day in any setting. She inspires everybody around her. When she was the Vice President of University Affairs and I was a Senator, she did everything then as a President, I can hope to ever be the leader that she is.

T. Luevano states I had the privilege of working with AJ, not only on PAC but with ASI. She is an amazing leader and leading with passion, love, and empathy. Kabir and AJ are the best duo that we could have. She did the best she could have especially with the obstacles we have all faced individually as a collective group.

A. Yunker states Kabir and AJ are glued together similar to the Duo Team which you are going to find those characteristics and personalities. I have a co-worker, Dara, we bumped into Starbucks, and said I have not seen you since the first year and you dress better than I did. He was professional from the beginning, and we are going to respect and honor that. Kabir and AJ had that characteristic.

S. Spencer states my experience with Angelica was unfortunately missed because I was not here when she was President. It is great to hear things that are said about you. You had the discussions and were being put into a position to state your opinions. I believe when talked about in terms of leadership, leading with passion and compassion, and with strength is something all of you can take with you. People often misunderstand others at times thinking, if you are a nice person, then you cannot be a leader but that does not have to be the case. You can be a nice person, have passion, and compassion mixed in with strength. We hope for good things and that congratulations are well deserved.

A. De Leon thanks everyone and appreciates everyone. I joined ASI as the First Year intern and Kabir was one of my mentors. I wanted to come to a place where I felt heard, seen, and represented which I got from ASI. I wanted to stay to make sure that everyone in this room felt heard, seen, and welcomed. I wanted the students to feel that way. I am grateful for ASI. Thank you for making all of us feel supported. I am so proud to work with the new Board and Senate. Congratulations! I believe that accomplishment in this pandemic is exceptional as well as wanting to lead in a pandemic or post pandemic, it speaks volumes to your character. We all experienced that. Thank you, ASI, in general for being my family and for making me feel seen.

Motion to approve the Board of Directors will take action on the Honorary Membership for Anjelica de Leon, motion by **ALL**, motion **CARRIED**.



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C. INFORMATION ITEM: [Oath of Office](#)

The 2022-2023 elected Board of Directors will take the ASI Oath of Office.

K. Dhillon is the longest serving ASI officer and will administer the Oath of Office.

K. Dhillon states the reason this is being different this year is for one the last time this was done is in 2019. AJ and I are going to be doing this together since that is the nature of our leadership.

K. Dhillon proceeds to call the incoming Board of Directors to stand in positions in order to take Oath of Office.

A. Ahluwalia takes the Oath of Office which by stating I Ashmita Ahluwalia, as duly elected President of Associated Students, Incorporated of California State University East Bay, do swear that I will faithfully fulfill the duties of this office as provided by the established Bylaws. I will strive to establish representative government, maintain academic freedom, and defend student rights. I will work toward the strengthening of the cooperation between the Associated Students, Incorporated Board of Directors (Chair, Executive Officers, Directors, and Senators of the Academic Colleges) and the Administration, and work toward bettering my leadership qualities and scholastic standards. With these thoughts in mind, I shall set as my final goal the betterment of California State University East Bay Associated Students Incorporated; I so affirm.

Arazeli Barragan takes the Oath of Office as the Executive VP/Chief-of-Staff.

Krisstina Caro takes the Oath of Office as the VP of University Affairs.

Ashley Medeiros takes the Oath of Office as the VP of Communications.

Josephine Cabeza takes the Oath of Office as the Senator of College of Science.

Jilian Manlapaz takes the Oath of Office as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

Michelle Serratos takes the Oath of Office as the Director of Sustainability.

Aleah Largo takes the Oath of Office as the Director of Wellness.

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VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

No special reports.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS



A. Depappa states going back to Honorary Membership, Kabir and AJ have been a great duo who has encouraged me to be my best and produce a solution. I am thankful for Kabir and AJ. I am proud of their Honorary Membership. Congratulations to other seniors for graduating and putting in challenging work this year.

K. Dhillon states this is our last ASI Board meeting which is bittersweet, and it is the end of the era. I am excited to see the new Board take over the reins. It is odd to imagine meeting with Ashmita at Starbucks, then became a First Year Mentee, then Director of Wellness and now the President/CEO. I had seen you grow over the years and I know you can do this. You all have strengths that will guide you in this role, with being thoughtful and critically thinking but asking the questions that some people are afraid to ask. Thank you for everything you all have done. It has been a long ride, but I am glad we were able to do it together. To Mirna, you did not want this position and it has been a long year. I understand that but you stepped into this role and showed up, which is important. Thank you for doing that. To AJ, we have been working together for many years, and it is bittersweet that it is an end, but I would want to collaborate with you again. As everyone said, we are a power duo in the sense that we lead together but the way we lead is coordinated with each other. We did rise and amplify East Bay. To Kristina, who started off as Senator for Online Students and stepped into being Chair. You are one of our youngest ASI Chairs. Simon regrettably was not able to continue, and he stepped into that role, which I believe is prepped for a VP of University Affairs. That role is dear to my heart as it was my first position. You are going to take what you have learned from this year and do wonderful things with the Senate. I will be following on Instagram and checking stories to see how that is going. To Tayla, I am glad you joined our team with campaigning. I have been friends with every Senator of Science, and I am a science student myself. I am glad we were friends. You have done a wonderful job representing us as the Senator of Science. College of Science is the best college to put that out there. To Tyler, I am glad you joined ASI and stepped into the programming role. You are the student leader that people need, and you would be excellent for ASI. You did great with events, and it was rough transitioning back from hybrid online models so with that. Arazeli, I am glad the next year's Board has you. Neilah, we have done great with planning events and sending in the group chat about the Academic Senate. We have worked in ASI over the years. You showed great resilience over the years and perseverance with that and take it forward with you. Andrew, I am going to miss you. It has been great even though I never had you as an instructor, but it has been great having collaborated with you on the board and this advisor. Thank you for being the person that I text on the side and being someone who is provided support for me. President Morishita,





I remember the first time I met you, I was an intern in January, and we were talking about parking concerns at the time. I remember you asked me for my input-on campus. It has been a pleasure collaborating with you over the years. It saddened me when you did not want to continue as University President, but I understand the reasons why. I appreciate knowing you have made strides and representation in that. It has been great working with you, Ashley. Ashley started off as an intern and continue staying with ASI is going to be a home for you. I wanted to make sure that some important people who have been a part of ASI were brought here today. President Sandeen was not able to make it here today, but she wanted to give her best regards. She is serving on the Presidential Search, which is important to ensure that campus has a great president and I know she is going to do remarkable things with that. I do want to recognize previous Board members who are here. Daisy is here. Justin was always the person I never expected to become close friends with but somehow, we did. I am glad you were able to be a part of ASI this year. I have been working with Erik for so long. Erik has been a huge supporter over the years. I have not agreed with everything Erik says but also that is his job. Zaira, I remember the first time I met you and you applied for Senate. Your hair was different color at the time, and I was the one interviewing you. You did great in that interview and I am proud to have seen your growth in the years from being Senator to Vice President of Communications. I see the passion you have for that position and you have done great with the social media posts. ASI does have dear place in my heart. It was something I wanted to be a part of and then Sam pushed me to apply for VP of University Affairs then next thing was running for Executive Vice President. I have felt being Executive Vice President, everyone is wondered why I have never pursued the presidency. To me, I believe some desire that and they want that for me, but it is not what I have desired. I was able to accomplish everything I set out to do and I was able to do it in this position. For example, helping people with other positions and working with AJ on other big projects. For next year's Board, I know many of you are feeling excited, but also nervous at the same time. That is a completely normal feeling to have that excitement and that passion, take that forward. If you have an event you want to do to then take the initiative and move forward. Do not be afraid to hold each other accountable and do not live life with any regrets. Make sure you complete your terms with feeling satisfied that you did everything you wanted to do. We brought Daisy back for a workshop and connected our previous Board members with our current Board members because I believe having her Alumni, her resource would be helpful. They are there to help and provide their experience, which will be aid to members going further. Thank you everyone.





K. Caro thanks everyone for welcoming her into the Board. At the beginning I was not aware of the responsibilities of Chair of the Board. Thank you all for being so patient. I am excited to work with our new Board.

A. Ahluwalia thanks everyone. It has been nice to collaborate with everybody. I joined late, I was applying to different colleges to transfer but if you had not called me that day, I would have missed this. Thank you to this team for making me want to stay. I am scared, but excited for next year. This is bittersweet because there are many different things that are coming to a close. It is exciting, but there is a sense of loss and grief. It means that we care about it so much.

A. De Leon states there were many difficulties, challenges, and obstacles that we face. We were able to manage to serve our students. We experienced some things that we have never experienced before. Our new Board will be experiencing the rising population of our campus so it is going to look different than this year. We need to lean on each other, who all have great ideas. Thank you for trusting me and I appreciate all the work.

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X. ADJOURNMENT at **1:09 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

Chair of Board

Name: Ashmita Ahluwalia

Euridice Pamela Sanchez-Martinez (Jul 20, 2022 19:26 PDT)

Minutes approved on:

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