

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:06PM**
- II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - We would like to recognize that while we gather at California State University East Bay located in Hayward, CA, we are gathered on the ethno-historic tribal territory of the intermarried Jalquin (hal-keen) / Yrgin (eer-gen) Chochenyo-Ohlone-speaking tribal group, who were the direct ancestors of some of the lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, and who were missionized into Missions San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Jose.

It is important that we not only recognize the history of the land of the Jalquin/Yrgin on which we gather to learn and participate, but also recognize that the First People of this region – the Muwekma Ohlone People, are alive and thriving members of the Hayward and broader Bay Area communities today.

It is of great importance to acknowledge the significance of this Holše Warep (hol-sheh wah-rehp) ~ Beautiful Land to the indigenous Muwekma Ohlone People of this region. We ask everyone who attends or visits Cal State University East Bay in Hayward, to be respectful of the aboriginal lands of the Muwekma Ohlone People, and consistent with their principles of community and diversity strive to be good stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, on whose land you are their guests.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: London Deguzman, Kartik Tripathi, Charan Reddy Doolam, Rolando Munos, Yashica Avhad, Matthias Dempsey, Dane Lopez, Amisha Farhana Shaik, Casey Pangilinan, Niharika Naidu, Nikhil Nettem, Kushal Reddipally, Martin Castillo, James Carroll, Erick Loreda, My-Lan Huynh, Jul Custodio, Jenny O, Desiree Cuevas

Absent: Kamalathmika Chalasani, Steve Spence, Kabir Dhillon



IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda of Board of directors meeting on February 18th 2026 by **K. Tripathi**, seconded by **Y. Avhad**. **Motion Carried.**

V. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of February 4th, 2026

Motion to Approve of minutes of February 4th 2026 by **M. Dempsey**, seconded by **K. Reddipally**. **Motion Carried.**

VI. 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.

Emilio Garcia, Vice President of the Student-Athlete Committee (SAC), introduced himself to the board and presented information about the upcoming Basic Needs and Youth Stride initiative, which will take place from the 22nd through the 28th. He explained that the initiative would be officially announced during an upcoming baseball game and shared that SAC aims to expand participation beyond student-athletes to include the entire student population. He emphasized that support from Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) would help increase awareness, encourage student involvement, and strengthen attendance at athletic events.

E. Garcia stated that the initiative is part of a larger effort organized by the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), in which member institutions collect essential items to support individuals in need. He explained that donated items would include hygiene products, canned goods, and other basic necessities, all of which would be contributed to the campus food pantry. He also informed the board that donation bins would be placed in several high-traffic locations, including Perry's Nest, the athletic department, outside the athletic training room, near Starbucks, and in other campus community areas. Additionally, bins would be available at baseball, softball, and basketball games to maximize participation.

He concluded by requesting ASI's assistance in promoting the initiative to students and expressed optimism that collaboration between ASI and SAC would help increase engagement and contribute to the overall success of the Basic Needs and Youth Stride drive.



VII. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No Unfinished Items

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [Navigating New Waters](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be introduced to event by Yashica.

Y. Avhad presented information about the upcoming Navigating New Waters event, noting that it was previously held the prior year during their tenure as Senator-at-Large. They explained that the event is specifically designed to support international students by providing a workshop focused on available mental health resources and adjusting to life in a new environment. The workshop will be conducted in collaboration with counselors from the Student Health and Counseling Services, who will inform students about their health insurance coverage, including therapy benefits, and emphasize the availability of free counseling services on campus.

Y. Avhad stated that the event is scheduled to take place on March 19th from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., with the tentative location listed as the DISARC South University Union, although confirmation is still pending. They shared that once the location is finalized, the event flyer will be forwarded to **R. Munos** for promotion on Instagram to increase student awareness and participation. **Y. Avhad** also informed the board that the workshop will be led by campus counselor Bunny and Maki, who will guide the discussion and provide support resources for attending students.

L. Deguzman reminded board members to add the Navigating New Waters event to their calendars, emphasizing the importance of attending and showing support. They expressed appreciation for the event flyer, noting that it was well designed and effective. Deguzman also stated their hope that Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) would share and promote the flyer, allowing the organization and its members to actively support and participate in the event.



B. ACTION ITEM: Senator of College of Health Candidate

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on a candidate for ASI Senator of College of Health.

Motion by **K. Tripathi** to appoint **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health,
Seconded by M. Dempsey. Motion Carried.

K. Tripathi introduced **Tiffany Trieu** as a graduate student candidate, highlighting her strong interest in community engagement and her commitment to amplifying student voices. Tripathi explained that Trieu aims to build stronger connections within the College of Health and is motivated to shift perceptions of California State University, East Bay as a commuter school by fostering a more engaged and connected campus community. They described her as a genuine and thoughtful communicator who actively seeks collaboration and has demonstrated the ability to build professional relationships. Tripathi also noted that Trieu has researched ASI resolutions, including those supporting undocumented students, and is passionate about empowering students to participate in civic engagement. Additionally, Trieu hopes to increase awareness of ASI initiatives and promote the successes of its resolutions to boost overall student involvement. Tripathi mentioned that **E. Lored** and **M. Dempsey** conducted her interview and invited **M. Dempsey** to provide further insight.

M. Dempsey shared their observations from the interview, emphasizing Trieu’s strengths in building connections across campus departments and offices. They highlighted her organizational and creative abilities, particularly her experience at University of California, Davis, where she helped coordinate career fairs for majors that previously lacked such opportunities. He also noted her strong marketing and event planning skills. In addition, Trieu’s leadership experience with an immigration advocacy nonprofit in Oakland was mentioned, where she has actively contributed to community outreach and advocacy efforts. **M. Dempsey** concluded that her experience, leadership, and organizational skills would make her a valuable contributor to ASI.

L. Deguzman Started a roll call vote.

K. Tripathi in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
C. Doolam in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
Y. Avhad in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
M. Dempsey in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health



D. Lopez in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
C. Pangilinan in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
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N. Nettam in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
K. Reddipally in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health
M. Castillo in favor of appointing **Tiffany Trieu** as senator of College of Health

Tiffany Trieu has been appointed as senator of College of Health.

C. ACTION ITEM: ASI Sustainability Affairs Committee Candidates

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on candidates for ASI Sustainability Affairs Committee.

Motion to appoint **Sri Charan Baka**, **Sri Lekha Buddithi** and **Ruthwik Reddy** for as members of Sustainable Affairs Committee by **D. Lopez**, Seconded by R. Munos. **Motion Carried.**

D. Lopez stated that Sri Charan demonstrated strong potential to work with their committee, particularly due to his graduate studies in construction management and his background in architecture both internationally and domestically. He explained that his academic and professional experience aligned well with their goals of advancing sustainable building practices on campus and expressed confidence in his ability to contribute meaningful ideas in this area.

D. Lopez also discussed **Sri Lekha**, describing her as creative and ambitious, particularly in relation to her biochemistry goals. He noted her interest in integrating biochemistry concepts, such as fertilizer applications, to improve campus greenery and sustainability. He stated that her ideas aligned closely with ongoing campus garden initiatives and believed she would be a valuable collaborator in supporting environmental improvements.

D. Lopez addressed **Ruthwik Reddy**, acknowledging that while he has limited experience as a second-year student, he demonstrated strong potential and enthusiasm. He highlighted his passion for community outreach and his desire to ensure that student voices are heard



and represented, emphasizing the importance of student perspectives within ASI. He concluded by stating that all three candidates were strong and promising applicants.

R. Munos added further support for the candidates and elaborated on their qualifications. He noted that **Sri Charan** possesses a strong technical background in structural and architectural work, which would allow him to contribute valuable expertise to committees working closely with university administration at California State University, East Bay. He also highlighted **Sri Lekha's** practical and realistic ideas for improving campus facilities, including classroom environments and garden spaces, noting her focus on achievable and impactful changes. Regarding **Ruthwik Reddy**, he emphasized his ability to represent the student perspective and his strong communication skills, as well as his motivation to become more involved in university initiatives. **R. Munos** concluded by formally recommending that all three candidates be appointed, citing their unique strengths and potential contributions to ASI and the campus community.

L. Deguzman initiated voting. After voting the all the 3 candidates are appointed unanimously in the Sustainable affairs committee.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [CBE vs Science: Pop Quiz Showdown](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed on the event by Amisha and Niharika.

Motion to postpone Information item D indefinitely by **K. Tripathi**, Seconded **D. Lopez**.
MOTION CARRIED.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [Fuel Your Focus: Healthy Snacks w/ASI](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about the event "Fuel Your Focus: Healthy Snacks w/ASI".

M. Dempsey presented details about an upcoming two-day tabling event in recognition of National Nutrition Month in March. He explained that the purpose of the event is to promote student academic success through nutrition education and engagement. He shared those informational materials, including healthy snack suggestions and healthy eating tips, would be distributed to students. The event will also highlight budget-friendly snack options to demonstrate that maintaining a healthy diet is possible even with financial constraints.



Additionally, approximately \$150 worth of healthy snacks will be provided to students across the two tabling dates.

M. Dempsey also informed the board that a new tabling location had been secured inside the CORE at California State University, East Bay, inspired by observing successful student engagement at similar events hosted by the Alumni Association. He noted that they had coordinated with the Building Services Manager to reserve March 17th for one of the tabling dates and had already sent calendar invitations to board members, encouraging their participation and assistance. He also welcomed suggestions from members to further enhance the event.

L. Deguzman followed up by asking whether calendar invitations had already been distributed and whether volunteers had been secured to assist with the event. After learning that volunteers had not yet been confirmed, he emphasized the importance of organizing support, particularly to assist with the check-in process and overall event coordination. He encouraged planning ahead to ensure adequate staffing and a successful execution of the tabling event.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [Cup w/ Casey Program Tabling Recap](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be given a recap.

Motion to postpone Information item F indefinitely by **C. Pangilinan**, Seconded by **R. Munos**. **MOTION CARRIED**

G. ACTION ITEM: Internal Affairs Committee Seats

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on the removal of David Perez-Montes & Erik Lopez from the Internal Affairs committee.

Motion to remove **David Perez-Montes & Erik Lopez** from the Internal Affairs committee by **R. Munos**, Seconded by **K. Tripathi**. **Motion Carried**.

R. Munos reported that multiple attempts had been made to contact two members, **David** and **Eric**, regarding their onboarding and participation during both the previous and current semesters. He explained that an initial email was sent on December 9, 2025, congratulating



them on their appointments and outlining the next steps for onboarding; however, neither individual responded.

R. Munos further stated that a final follow-up email was sent on January 22, 2026, which included a deadline of January 27, 2026, for the members to confirm their interest in serving, coordinate scheduling, or voluntarily resign. Despite this final outreach and the provided deadline, neither individual responded. As a result of their continued lack of communication and engagement during the Spring 2026 semester, he formally recommended their removal from their positions in order to reopen the seats and allow other interested and active members the opportunity to serve.

L. Deguzman initiated voting. After voting **David Perez-Montes & Erik Lopez** are removed from the Internal Affairs committee.

H. ACTION ITEM - Appointment of Internal Affairs committee seats

The board of directors vote to add candidates for ASI Internal Affairs Committee.

Motion to appoint **D'Adriean** and **Sharadha** in the ASI Internal affairs Committee by **R. Munos**, Seconded by **D. Lopez**. **Motion Carried.**

R. Munos reported that they had the opportunity to interview both candidates and provided an overview of **D'Adriean's** qualifications. He explained that **D'Adriean** is a fourth-year music education major with extensive experience in student leadership and campus operations. He noted that **D'Adriean** currently works with the Student Leadership and Campus Life (SLCC), which has given him valuable knowledge of internal processes such as event planning and room reservations. **R. Munos** stated that this experience aligns well with the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Committee. They also highlighted his previous role as Social Coordinator for the Pilipino American Student Association (PASA), where he helped coordinate large-scale events such as Friendship Games, demonstrating strong organizational, communication, and collaboration skills. Munos further noted that **D'Adriean** expressed his availability to attend regular ASI Board of Directors meetings, confirming his ability to fulfill required responsibilities. He emphasized his commitment to representing underserved student communities and his readiness to contribute effectively to ASI.



D. Lopez also shared their support for **D'Adriean**, reflecting on his leadership and performance during his time with PASA. He recalled observing his work closely and noted his ability to successfully manage responsibilities even when faced with challenges, such as continuing his role independently after another coordinator stepped down. They highlighted his ability to collaborate with campus organizations and facilities to organize events, including coordinating a campus dance. Lopez concluded by expressing confidence in **D'Adriean's** leadership abilities, work ethic, and capacity to contribute positively to ASI and the campus community.

R. Munos introduced **Sharada** as a graduate student in business analytics with extensive experience in governance, operations, and leadership. He explained that she previously founded and led a student organization with over 100 members and has experience coordinating with stakeholders at an international level. He noted her involvement in managing large-scale events, including community events with approximately 600 participants, demonstrating her strong organizational and leadership abilities. **R. Munos** also highlighted her system-level thinking, policy awareness, and institutional experience gained through her work in India, as well as her skills in conflict mediation.

R. Munos stated that **Sharada's** background in structured operations and accountability aligns closely with the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Committee. Although her availability for Board of Directors meetings was not confirmed, he shared that she is available to participate in committee meetings on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Munos concluded by emphasizing that both **Sharada** and **D'Adriean** demonstrated strong readiness and availability to serve. Based on their qualifications and potential contributions, **R. Munos** formally recommended the appointment of both candidates to the Internal Affairs Committee, expressing confidence that they would strengthen the committee and support its ongoing work.

L. Deguzman initiated voting. After voting Sharada and D'Adriean are appointed unanimously in the Sustainable affairs committee.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - "[Rescue & Relish](#)".

The board of directors will be informed of the upcoming event that focuses on helping students have access to food.



D. Lopez presented details about an upcoming sustainability and food access initiative scheduled to take place on March 7th and March 19th. He explained that the event will consist of two components: tabling and a primary distribution activity. During the tabling portion, students will be introduced to available food support resources on campus, including the Pioneers for H.O.P.E. Pantry, as well as information about food access programs such as EBT usage. He also shared that interactive waste management quizzes will be offered, allowing students to win small prizes, with the goal of increasing awareness of sustainability practices.

D. Lopez further explained that the main portion of the event will involve partnering with local bakeries and restaurants through the Too Good to Go app to obtain surplus food items. These items will then be distributed to students experiencing food insecurity, helping reduce food waste while supporting students in need. He noted that each event will last approximately four hours, including setup, the main event, and breakdown, and will take place in designated campus spaces, including tabling areas and the Bayview Room.

L. Deguzman expressed support for the initiative, commending Lopez for developing new programming under Sustainability Affairs. He asked whether a flyer had been created for the event and encouraged **D. Lopez** to finalize promotional materials and send calendar invitations so that Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) could assist with promotion and outreach. **D. Lopez** confirmed that flyers were not yet completed but agreed to prepare and share them to support event promotion.

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - [Thrift, Swap, & Drop](#)

The board of directors will be informed of the upcoming event that focuses on helping students become sustainable within their wardrobes.

D. Lopez introduced the upcoming Thrift Swap and Drop event, describing it as a sustainability-focused tabling initiative designed to promote clothing reuse and reduce waste. He explained that the event will feature clothing racks where students can donate gently used clothing items, which will be sorted and organized prior to and during the event. Students will also have the opportunity to browse and exchange clothing items, encouraging sustainable consumption through clothing swaps. He noted that the event will be organized in collaboration with the Sustainability Affairs Committee and is scheduled to take place on the 9th and 11th along the University Union walkway.



D. Lopez also shared plans to promote Bear Area Bargains 2.0 during the event and expressed interest in collaborating with campus support resources, including the Pioneers for H.O.P.E. Pantry and Housing and Residential Life, to help provide clothing resources for students who may be experiencing financial hardship or clothing insecurity. He emphasized that donations would be reviewed to ensure they were appropriate and suitable for redistribution.

L. Deguzman provided guidance regarding event logistics, emphasizing the importance of implementing a check-in process for attendees, particularly when refreshments or items are being distributed. He explained that maintaining a check-in form would allow organizers to track attendance, measure student engagement, and collect important data to assess the effectiveness and reach of the event.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - "The Cigarette Surfboard Documentary Screening".

The board of directors will be informed of the upcoming collaboration with an outside organization which focuses on the aspects of sustainability.

D. Lopez presented plans for an upcoming documentary screening event tentatively scheduled for March 10th in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) at California State University, East Bay. He noted that the date may be adjusted depending on scheduling coordination with **Ben Judkins**, the director of the film. He explained that the purpose of the event is to educate students about cigarette filter pollution in oceans and waterways and to promote greater environmental responsibility, particularly regarding waste disposal and its ecological impacts.

D. Lopez shared that the event will include multiple components to encourage student engagement. The schedule will begin with a check-in period, followed by the film screening, which will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. After the screening, there will be a panel discussion and student interaction session involving the filmmaker and community members, followed by a question-and-answer session to allow students to engage directly with the film's producers and learn more about sustainability efforts. He also noted that refreshments will be provided to attendees.



D. Lopez explained that the event was made possible through collaboration with campus and external partners, including support from **Jennifer Sanchez**, who helped facilitate the connection with **B. Judkins**. He also shared that, promotional efforts will include distributing flyers and informational materials outlining the film’s synopsis and production team. He emphasized that the screening will be free to attend, as Judkins is touring college campuses to raise awareness about sustainability and environmental responsibility through his documentary.

L. Deguzman expressed strong support for the proposed documentary screening event, commending **D. Lopez** for collaborating with external partners and organizing a cost-effective program for Associated Students, Inc. (ASI). He noted that if any funding is needed for refreshments, food, or promotional efforts, **D. Lopez** should communicate those needs in advance so the expenses can be properly allocated from the appropriate budget.

L. Deguzman also acknowledged that the event date might be postponed and advised **D. Lopez** to coordinate with campus scheduling through 25Live to ensure the venue is reserved in a timely manner. He emphasized the importance of providing sufficient advance notice, particularly allowing at least two weeks for the executive or board assistant to finalize reservations and logistical arrangements. Additionally, **L. Deguzman** suggested that Lopez obtain a movie poster from the film’s director as a way to commemorate the collaboration and display it in the ASI office as a representation of the organization’s programming achievements.

D. Lopez confirmed that the event may be postponed by up to one week, depending on availability and scheduling coordination with the filmmaker, but assured the board that planning would remain within a two-week timeframe.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Bouquets for Belonging Recap

The Board of Directors will be informed on the recap.

C. Pangilinan presented a recap of the Bouquets for Belonging event, describing it as a successful and well-received program. She reported that approximately 50 students attended the event, and engagement was so high that supplies were depleted within the first hour, despite the event being scheduled to run for three hours. She noted that this level of participation demonstrated strong student interest and engagement.



C. Pangilinan also discussed some logistical challenges, including delayed delivery of materials. However, she explained that adjustments were made effectively, and the event ultimately operated under budget. Although \$500 had originally been allocated, only \$300 was spent, resulting in a cost of approximately \$6 per student. She highlighted that a check-in system was implemented, allowing organizers to collect student contact information and plan follow-up outreach, including a feedback form to assess student satisfaction and identify potential improvements.

Additionally, **C. Pangilinan** shared that some floral supplies arrived late and were refunded, which created an opportunity to host a future pop-up event using the remaining materials. She emphasized that the collaboration with Creative Creature contributed significantly to the event's success by increasing visibility, marketing reach, and student participation. She concluded by expressing hope that Bouquets for Belonging would become a recurring legacy event due to its positive reception and meaningful impact on student engagement.

L. Deguzman congratulated **C. Pangilinan** on the successful execution of the Bouquets for Belonging event. He acknowledged the logistical challenges, particularly the delays related to item delivery and procurement, and expressed appreciation for Pangilinan's ability to adapt and ensure the event was still successful. He commended her efforts and leadership, noting that the event's outcome was impressive despite the initial setbacks. He also expressed enthusiasm for her future programming and advocacy initiatives, indicating confidence in their continued contributions to student engagement and campus events.

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [Call CLASS \(Midterm CLASS Check Up\)](#)

The Board of Directors will be informed on the event by Casey.

Motion to postpone Information item O to the next Board of directors meeting by **Y. Avhad**, Seconded by **C. Pangilinan**. **MOTION CARRIED**



IX. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. [ASI Sustainability Committee Monthly Report | February](#)

Motion to postpone Special Reports: ASI Sustainability affairs committee report to the next Board of directors meeting by **D. Lopez**, Seconded by **C. Pangilinan**. **MOTION CARRIED.**

X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Lopez shared an update regarding the collaboration between Generation Conscious and Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), announcing that sample laundry sheets had recently arrived at the office. He explained that they planned to explore potential opportunities for collaboration using the samples and would follow up with board members to discuss next steps.

K. Tripathi reminded board members to complete their assigned task lists, emphasizing that these responsibilities are basic expectations for board members, especially during the second semester of their term. He stated that personnel agendas would be prepared and that members who had not fulfilled their responsibilities would be contacted directly, noting that expectations and accountability would be more strictly enforced moving forward.

R. Munos provided an update regarding the Spring 2026 tabling and sampling schedule, explaining that a view-only document had been shared with members to coordinate availability. He asked members to update their schedules to reflect their availability for event setup, tabling, and breakdown, and noted that those who had not yet submitted their availability would receive follow-up reminders to ensure adequate staffing.

L. Deguzman stated that they would be reviewing board members' task lists and scheduling individual meetings to support their project development. He emphasized the importance of strengthening advocacy efforts and expressed their intention to become more involved in guiding board members, helping them connect with campus partners and increase the overall impact of their initiatives.

J. Carroll shared several important campus and organizational reminders, including that the application deadline to run for ASI Board positions for the upcoming academic year was set for February 18th at 11:59 p.m. he also announced upcoming events, including a Block Party



celebrating Perry's one-year anniversary, Pioneer Spirit Week activities, a student t-shirt design contest, giveaways at the leadership symposium, and raffle and tabling opportunities at upcoming basketball games. He encouraged board members to participate in tabling efforts and support campus spirit initiatives.

J. Custodio provided additional announcements regarding recognized student organizations (RSOs), including a reminder that the deadline for club recognition and renewal was March 1st. she also announced that RSO awards and Falcon Flag nominations were open and encouraged members to promote these opportunities, nominate deserving organizations and individuals, and recognize student leadership and achievements across campus.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 12: 48PM

Minutes reviewed and approved by:

President/CEO:

London Deguzman

Minutes approved on:

03/04/2026

Date

