

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:04PM

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, Tiffany Trieu, Casey Pangilinan, Niharika Naidu, Nikhil Nettem, Kushal Reddipally, Martin Castillo, James Carroll, Erick Loreda, Steve Spencer, Jul Custodio

Absent: Jenny O, Kabir Dhillon, Desiree Cuevas, My-Lan Huynh



IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to amend the Information Item A to Discussion item A by **K. Tripathi**, Seconded by **C. Pangilinan**. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to table Discussion item A until Mark Almeida arrives and table information item B until President Sandeen arrives by **K. Tripathi**, Seconded by **C. Pangilinan**

Motion to approve agenda of Board of directors meeting on march 4th 2026 by **M. Dempsey**, seconded by **K. Tripathi**. **Motion Carried.**

V. ACTION ITEM – Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2026

Motion to Approve of minutes of February 18th 2026 by **K. Tripathi**, seconded by **M. Dempsey**. **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.

J. Trujillo stated that he would keep his remarks brief. He shared that he had been speaking with various organizations and individuals about the opportunities associated with the anticipated \$50 million. Although the relevant individual was not present, he conveyed that he was relaying the information on her behalf. He acknowledged that the funding would not completely resolve all financial challenges but expressed hope that it would help alleviate some of the financial pressure caused by budget cuts affecting both organizations and students. He further noted that he viewed this as an opportunity to strengthen financial value and increase profitability and growth within the financial sector of East Bay. He concluded by expressing his excitement about learning more details as additional information becomes available and thanked everyone.

VII. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No unfinished items



VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. INFORMATION ITEM: Renovation plans for University Unions

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed on the planned renovations for the University Unions.

J. Luna introduced herself as the Director of Recreation, Welding, and University Unions and shared that she and her colleague were present to discuss the space study conducted for the University Unions, in which many attendees had participated. She expressed enthusiasm about presenting the findings.

M. Almeida, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services, explained that over the past few years, the university had been evaluating how to better utilize the University Unions and Recreation Center spaces. He referenced a Fall 2022 feasibility study that included biweekly meetings, approximately 20 student focus groups (including the Concord Center), and a campus-wide survey that received over 900 responses. Key findings indicated that students desired a more comfortable “living room”, style space within the University Union, particularly for commuters, and that students often identified buildings by food vendors rather than by their functional purpose. As a result, efforts were made to improve wayfinding, including formally establishing the North and South Union designations. The study also emphasized interest in eSports and the need for a more vibrant commuter lounge environment.

M. Almeida further explained that a subsequent schematic space study focused specifically on the two University Unions, incorporating feedback from SLCC, ASI, DSART, Pioneer Dining, and union staff. Feedback highlighted the need for stronger synergies among services to increase student engagement and awareness. He noted that the team was excited to share both current upgrades and future plans while gathering board feedback.

J. Luna described improvements already underway, including updated furniture to create a lounge-like atmosphere, enhancements to the karaoke and TV area, support for commuter lounge amenities, and modernization of the building’s elevator. She also announced the upcoming opening of the “Well Nest,” a new well-being suite on the first floor of the North Union. This space would house peer advocates for well-being, expand food pantry access including evenings and weekends, allow improved walk-in health services access, and



incorporate food demonstrations and holistic health programming. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was scheduled for April 7.

J. Luna then outlined plans to enhance the second-level game zone and expand the eSports program, including improved wayfinding, reimagining the game room into a more dynamic social environment, and introducing PC-based gaming to support recruitment and retention. The university was in the process of hiring an eSports coordinator to further develop both competitive and recreational programming. The presentation also addressed a proposal to integrate ASI and SLCC into a shared, synergistic space to improve collaboration. Room 311 was proposed to be converted into a dedicated boardroom and student activity space, usable for both administrative and student organization needs. Construction considerations, cost efficiency, and technology upgrades, including smart room capabilities—were discussed.

M. Almeida noted that the proposed layout had undergone multiple iterations with stakeholder input and remained conceptual. He emphasized flexibility, cost-conscious planning, and the intention to maximize the effective use of student fees.

K. Tripathi expressed appreciation for the presentation, inquired about alternative banquet spaces if Room 311 were repurposed, and emphasized the importance of sufficient storage for ASI materials. **M. Almeida** responded that alternative campus spaces had been considered and reiterated the goal of balancing functionality with cost limitations.

Y. Avhad supported the initiative but raised concerns about ensuring adequate quiet meeting spaces for board members and SLCC student staff, particularly for private meetings and Zoom calls. **M. Almeida** acknowledged the feedback and stated that flexible meeting configurations could address this need.

T. Trieu asked about the responsibilities of the proposed eSports coordinator and the long-term investment in the program. **J. Luna** explained that the coordinator would oversee the game room and collaborate with the existing eSports club while expanding opportunities for broader student engagement.

C. Pangilinan inquired about plans for the former office space if ASI and SLCC were merged. **J. Luna** explained that it could become reservable space for clubs and



organizations, particularly those requiring private, closed-door environments to accommodate specific organizational needs.

B. INFORMATION ITEM: President Sandeen Updates

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed on the updates on the campus.

California State University, East Bay President **Cathy Sandeen** greeted everyone and remarked that it was nice to see them. She commented that it sounded like exciting things were happening on campus and thanked the board. She then introduced Vice President **Evelyn Buchanan**, explaining that she oversees University Advancement, which includes communications, alumni relations, and development, noting that development refers to fundraising.

President Sandeen shared that the university had received a very generous \$50 million gift from MacKenzie Scott's foundation. She stated that the university was one of only a handful of institutions to receive the award and that it was one of the larger gifts made by the foundation. She explained that the gift was directed to the Cal State East Bay Educational Foundation, the university's separate 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization, where donors contribute funds and receive tax benefits.

President Sandeen described the guiding principles established for the use of the funds. The first principle was to use the money for the greatest good for the greatest number of students, both now and in the future. She clarified that projects such as constructing or replacing facilities that would not broadly benefit students would not align with this priority. Another principle was to ensure that the funds would not supplant other existing funding sources, such as state or Chancellor's Office allocations typically designated for infrastructure improvements. She further emphasized the importance of creating long-term stability by investing the majority of the funds into the permanent endowment, preserving the principal while utilizing annual earnings. She noted that expenditures would align with the university's strategic plan, particularly its focus on student success. She then invited Vice President Buchanan to elaborate further.

Vice President Buchanan added context regarding how MacKenzie Scott's foundation identifies recipient institutions. She explained that the foundation conducts independent research in a discreet manner, evaluating nonprofits and universities based on community



need, measurable outcomes, mission alignment, leadership strength, and financial sustainability. She noted that the university did not apply for the gift but was instead contacted by the foundation after its review. She described the award as both transformative and affirming, stating that it reflected recognition of the university's strong leadership and commitment to student success.

Vice President Buchanan then outlined how the \$50 million would be allocated. She explained that \$41 million, or 82 percent of the total gift, would be placed into the endowment, generating a minimum annual distribution of approximately \$1.6 million in perpetuity, with the expectation that investment growth would increase returns over time. The remaining \$9 million would be designated for current-use initiatives.

She detailed several funding categories. The largest allocation, \$15 million, would establish the MacKenzie Scott Endowed Fund for Student Excellence, which would support scholarships, completion grants for students nearing graduation, campus life initiatives, enrollment strategies, and strategic university priorities. A \$5 million President's Initiative Endowed Fund would allow flexibility to invest in emerging opportunities, partnerships, startup costs for new academic programs, and new technologies.

Additional allocations included funding to develop new academic programs aligned with workforce demand, combining endowment and current-use funds to accelerate implementation. There would also be endowment and current-use funding dedicated to expanding paid student internship opportunities, both on campus and with regional employers. A \$3 million endowment would create an Educational Foundation Grant Awards program, allowing faculty, staff, and ASI representatives to submit proposals annually for seed funding to pilot innovative ideas. Funding was also designated to strengthen career preparation and student career success initiatives.

Vice President Buchanan further explained that \$7 million would be reserved as a matching fund to encourage additional philanthropic investment. Under this structure, new endowment gifts from donors would receive a 50 percent match, potentially leveraging an additional \$14 million in contributions. President Sandeen added that an example of this match would be a \$2 million donation receiving an additional \$1 million, and she noted that several commitments had already been secured.



Vice President Buchanan concluded by describing a current-use initiative to support the development of a centrally located Student Success Hub. President Sandeen elaborated on this vision, explaining that it would consolidate key student support services—including tutoring, career services, and related resources into a central, accessible space on campus. She described the goal of creating an open, collaborative environment that would make services easier to find and more student-centered. She noted that the university would seek approval from the foundation to potentially name the space the MacKenzie Scott Student Success Hub.

C. Doolam asked whether students would have access to detailed information about the allocation framework. **President Sandeen** responded that a dedicated section of the university’s website would be created to share guiding principles, allocation updates, and impact reports. **T. Trieu** asked about transparency regarding the endowment’s investment portfolio and how students could provide feedback. **President Sandeen** stated that information regarding the investment breakdown could be shared and that consolidated student feedback could be submitted to her or **Vice President Buchanan** for presentation to the foundation’s investment committee. She also noted that the ASI President serves as a student trustee on the foundation board, along with a faculty trustee.

L. Deguzman offered congratulations to **President Sandeen** and **Vice President Buchanan** for securing the funding and expressing appreciation for their leadership and efforts on behalf of the university community.

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

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

C. Pangilinan greeted everyone and asked them to refer to the event pamphlet. She explained that she was organizing a programming event called “Class,” which would be structured as a picnic. She described it as similar to a town hall but designed to be more informal and accessible to students.

She expressed her intention to collaborate with **Y. Avhad**, who would provide an overview of the board’s recent initiatives. In addition, **C. Pangilinan** planned to engage directly with her students and constituents by discussing the business items she had been addressing, as well as sharing updates from her communications with deans and higher education



administration. These updates would include discussions on Inspire programs and the major program cuts currently under consideration.

C. Pangilinan noted that the event timeline was included below in the pamphlet and that the budget sheet was attached. She stated that she intended to complete her reservations and submit the budget sheet to Sneha Shrama by the end of the day, allowing a three-week buffer to address any potential issues prior to the event. She also mentioned that the flyer had been prepared and highlighted that it referenced her initial tabling session, “Cup with Casey,” which promoted the idea of a picnic day, an initiative that had generated enthusiasm among students earlier in the semester. She concluded by thanking everyone.

D. ACTION ITEM: Vice President of External Affairs Candidate

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the Appointment of Vice President of External Affairs.

Motion to appoint **Y. Avhad** as Vice President of External Affairs Candidate by **K. Tripathi**, Seconded by **C. Doolam**. **Motion carried.**

K. Tripathi explained that due to the vacancy in the Vice President of External position, and because it is a vice presidential role with additional requirements, the board invited eligible members to apply. He stated that the Personnel Committee recommended **Y. Avhad** for the position. For those unfamiliar with her background, he noted that she had served on the board for nearly two years, beginning as a Senator-at-Large, where she demonstrated exceptional performance. He added that he had personally served as her lead and was consistently impressed by her work.

K. Tripathi further shared that she currently serves as Director of Communities and has continued to excel in leading the South region and developing her own initiatives. Additionally, he highlighted her participation in multiple CSSA conferences and workshops, emphasizing that such experience is particularly relevant to the responsibilities of the Vice President of External. He concluded by stating that, following a productive discussion, the Personnel Committee formally recommended **Y. Avhad** for the position.



L. Deguzman Started a roll call vote.

K. Tripathi in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

C. Doolam in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

R. Munos in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

Y. Avhad in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

M. Dempsey in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

D. Lopez in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

T. Triueu in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

C. Pangilinan in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

N. Immadi in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

N. Nettam in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

K. Reddipally in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

M. Castillo in favor of appointing **Yashica Avhad** as VP of External Affairs

Y. Avhad is appointed as VP of External Affairs.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: [INSPIRE Classroom Sign-ups](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed of the launch of ASI Classroom Sign Ups for the Inspire Program and the finalized [classroom presentation](#), an outreach initiative designed to increase student awareness of ASI resources, advocacy efforts, and leadership opportunities.

C. Pangilinan greeted everyone and directed their attention to the Inspire Classroom Sign-Ups attached to the agenda. She explained that most of the proposed classes would take place during the week of April 7, following spring break. She noted that there would only be three classes per day and that the presentations would occur on two days of the week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, since those were the only days, the courses were taught. She shared that she had already signed up for the dates and times she was available and that the effort would be done in collaboration with the Orientation Team. She clarified that members of the Orientation Team would be present to assist but would not be presenting on ASI-specific matters.



C. Pangilinan asked board members to sign up if they had availability, acknowledging that many members also hold office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She emphasized that participation would be especially important because the Inspire program would be closing at the end of the semester. She stated that it was crucial to take this opportunity to connect students with resources before the program concluded.

C. Pangilinan added that the sign-up sheet included designated space for the Orientation Team and confirmed that arrangements had already been finalized for a short presentation in each class. However, she reiterated that additional sign-ups were still needed. She also mentioned that she would be meeting with the Orientation Team to finalize the specific content of the presentation and invited members to reach out to her with any feedback.

L. Deguzman thanked **C. Pangilinan** for the update and encouraged members to participate. She noted that even for those with office hours during the scheduled times, the classroom visits would only require about five minutes. She shared that member would be contacted individually to request their support for the events. She concluded by expressing appreciation for **C. Pangilinan** 's efforts and stated that she looked forward to being more involved with the Inspire program as it approached its conclusion.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Cruising on Campus (St. Paddy's edition)

The Board of Directors will be informed on the Cruising on campus event.

R. Munos explained that the purpose of the proposal was to host a St. Paddy's Day edition outreach event, similar to the Halloween edition previously organized. He stated that the event would take place on March 17 and would involve walking around campus to engage with students. He shared that he had prepared a budget sheet and that he would be requesting approximately \$200 to assemble themed goodie bags. He described the contents of the bags, noting that they would be green and include items such as green lollipops, Tootsie Rolls, chocolates, mints, stickers, and temporary tattoos, items aligned with the St. Patrick's Day theme. He emphasized that the total request would not exceed \$200 and mentioned that he could share the budget sheet later or send additional details via email.

K. Tripathi thanked **R. Munos** for bringing the proposal forward and clarified for transparency that the funding would come from the special projects budget. He added that members who were present the previous semester might recall the earlier holiday-themed



outreach event, which he and **R. Munos** had organized with support from volunteers. He noted that the event had been successful in engaging students, increasing awareness about ASI, and distributing small giveaways.

K. Tripathi expressed hope to continue organizing similar outreach efforts for different holidays or festivals. He invited both returning volunteers and new members to participate by walking around campus, distributing items, playing music, and dressing in green to match the theme. He encouraged members to reach out to either him or **R. Munos** with any questions or for additional details about the event.

L. Deguzman asked for clarification regarding the outcomes of the previous holiday-themed outreach event and inquired about the anticipated benefits to the university in hosting a similar event again. He expressed interest in understanding both the measurable results from the last event and the broader expectations for institutional impact.

K. Tripathi responded that the primary purpose of the event was to boost student engagement and create a fun, visible presence for ASI on campus. He explained that the initiative was intended to strengthen ASI's reputation and image while informing students about the organization's role and services. He noted that informational materials about ASI were included so students could learn more about available resources and opportunities. He shared that approximately 200 gift bags had been prepared during the previous event and that all of them were distributed. He added that once the bags ran out, he even gave away personal beverages he had on hand to continue engaging students. He reiterated that the goal was to connect with a large number of students and demonstrate that ASI remained active and invested in creating positive campus experiences.

L. Deguzman then clarified that he wanted to ensure that organizers were collecting student contact information during the event. He emphasized the importance of building a contact list to support outreach for future initiatives and encouraged organizers to promote ASI's Instagram so that students could stay connected beyond the event. He apologized for interrupting but stated that he wanted to ensure those follow-up strategies were considered.

M. Dempsey asked for clarification regarding the event's date and time. **R. Munos** responded that the event would take place on March 17, with setup beginning at 11:30 a.m. Distribution would continue until 1:00 p.m. or until the goodie bags were depleted.



Y. Avhad suggested a potential collaboration opportunity. She noted that SLIC would be hosting a week-long St. Patrick's Day themed initiative to encourage students to nominate themselves for Falcon Flags. She observed that Falcon Flags and the Solar Awards both center on student engagement and recognition, similar to ASI's outreach efforts. She proposed that organizers consider reaching out to SLIC to collaborate and potentially expand the event into a larger, more coordinated engagement effort. She concluded by stating that she simply wanted to offer the idea for consideration.

G. ACTION ITEM: Senator at Large Candidate

The ASI Board of Directors will be taking action on the appointment of the Senator at Large.

Motion to appoint **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large as by **K. Tripathi**, Seconded by **M. Dempsey**. **Motion carried.**

K. Tripathi provided context regarding the recommended candidates for the vacant Senator-at-large positions. He explained that Aria and Allie, along with Mattias, had previously applied for the Senator-of-Health role and had been very strong candidates during that process. Because of their qualifications and performance, he encouraged them to apply for the newly vacated positions.

K. Tripathi described Aria's background, noting that she currently serves as an intern for the College of Science, where she focuses on social media initiatives. He stated that she is majoring in Health Sciences with a concentration in Nursing. He explained that she was motivated to apply for the Senator-at-large position because she aspires to be a strong advocate for students, represent diverse communities on campus, and amplify student voices. He added that she brings a unique perspective shaped by her experience as a triple E student, which has strengthened her teamwork abilities, patience, and adaptability. He further characterized her as hardworking and persistent, qualities he noted are essential for effective advocacy and follow-through.

K. Tripathi then discussed Allie's qualifications, explaining that she is a graduate student in Social Work who has been actively organizing and engaging in campus community initiatives for several years. He stated that she applied for the Senator-at-large position because she strongly believes students should play an active role in campus decision-making



processes. According to him, she is committed to improving student life by strengthening communication and expanding access to campus resources. He added that she brings a distinctive perspective informed by multiple lived experiences, along with a strong understanding of policy and historical context. He described her as deeply passionate about care and health, and noted that her layered background enables her to approach students holistically and advocate for inclusive, informed, and compassionate campus policies.

K. Tripathi concluded by explaining that, based on the established scoring rubric used for evaluating candidates, both applicants received nearly perfect scores. As a result, he stated that the Personnel Committee had decided to move forward with recommending these two candidates for appointment.

L. Deguzman Started a roll call vote.

- K. Tripathi** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- C. Doolam** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- R. Munos** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- Y. Avhad** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- M. Dempsey** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- D. Lopez** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- T. Triueu** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- C. Pangilinan** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- N. Immadi** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- N. Nettam** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- K. Reddipally** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large
- M. Castillo** in favor of appointing **Aria** and **Allie** as Senators-at-large

Aria and **Allie** are appointed as Senators-at-large.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Oath of Office

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed of the Oath of Office.

Tiffany Trieu takes his Oath of Office as the **Board of Directors of 2025- 2026**.

I. DISCUSSION ITEM: Navigating New Waters

The ASI Board of Directors will be discussing this event by Yashica.

Y. Avhad stated that she was presenting “Navigating New Waters” again, noting that she had introduced the event at the previous Board of Directors meeting. She explained that the reason for bringing it forward again was to formally request a budget allocation.

She provided an overview of the event, describing it as a mental health–focused program in collaboration with Student Health and Counseling Services. She shared that the event would primarily focus on international students and the mental health challenges they may experience after relocating to a new country. She explained that the discussion would center on raising awareness of available campus resources and fostering supportive conversations.

Y. Avhad announced that the event would take place at DISARC on March 19 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. She mentioned that she had already sent out an invitation and encouraged board members to attend and show their support. Moving to the budget breakdown, she explained that the Student Health Center and ASI would split the cost of food evenly. The total food expense was estimated at approximately \$220, with ASI contributing \$110 toward that amount. In addition, she proposed purchasing small giveaway items animal plushie keychains to serve as incentives for student participation. She stated that the keychains would cost approximately \$30 through Amazon. She concluded by summarizing that the total funding request from the Director of Communities and Senators-at-large budget would be \$140 and thanked the board for their consideration.

J. Carroll noted that although he understood it was a busy time of year, a block party was scheduled to take place on March 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He explained that the area in front of the University Union would be activated during that timeframe and that the event could potentially impact “Navigating New Waters,” since it was planned for a similar time. He encouraged **Y. Avhad** to consider how the overlapping events might affect attendance or logistics.



Y. Avhad thanked him for bringing that to her attention. She acknowledged that she had not seen the block party reflected on her personal calendar and therefore had not accounted for it when planning. She stated that she would reach out to the representatives from Student Health and Counseling Services to explore the possibility of rescheduling the event. She then asked whether, if the date were changed, she would need to present the proposal again to the board.

L. Deguzman responded that she would not need to present it again.

IX. SPECIAL

REPORTS

A. ASI Sustainability Committee Monthly Report | February

Motion to postpone Sustainability Committee Monthly Report of February indefinitely by **D. Lopez**, seconded by **Y. Avhad**. **Motion Carried.**

B. Senator of College of Science - Fall Recap & Spring 2026 Action Plan Update.

N. Immadi greeted everyone and explained that she would begin with a brief recap of Fall 2025 before outlining her plans for the current semester. She shared that during the fall term, she served as a voting student representative on the GANG Committee, a role that allowed her to represent student perspectives in academic cases and advocate for fair, student-centered decision-making. She also co-authored the TA Tuition Waiver Resolution under Executive Order 611, which focused on advancing financial equity for Teaching Associates. Throughout the semester, she maintained regular communication with Dean Carmen, holding consistent meetings to discuss student concerns and broader College of Science initiatives. She highlighted one major collaborative effort: hosting a joint leadership meeting that brought together College of Science clubs, Dean Carmen, and Associate Deans Dean Danica and Dean Judy. She explained that the goal of the meeting was to improve communication between students, administration, and student organizations within the College of Science. As part of that effort, they created a shared spreadsheet to collect and track student concerns, establishing a clearer feedback channel.

N. Immadi further noted that she represented ASI at the College of Science department chairs meeting to ensure that student concerns were elevated at the departmental leadership level. In addition, she partnered with the College of Science social media intern to record a short introductory video explaining her role in ASI and how ASI functions overall. In terms of

programming, she collaborated with Kushal to organize an event aimed at increasing awareness of tutoring and academic support resources available within the College of Science. Transitioning to Spring 2025, she stated that she began working with Dean Carmen at the start of the semester and shared her workshop ideas early on, receiving approval to move forward. The first planned initiative is a Career Readiness Workshop in collaboration with the Career Empowerment Center. **N. Immadi** explained that it will be led by Matt Harris, a career counselor, and will focus on helping students understand how Handshake (referred to as ADS) works and how to effectively use Job scan, which is available to students at no cost. She noted that many students are unaware of these tools and that the workshop aims to better prepare them for career fairs and internship applications. The session is expected to be offered in a hybrid format toward the end of the month.

The second planned initiative is a Generative AI workshop led by Dr. Ariyashis Hariprasad, an AI and cybersecurity expert specializing in secure and ethical AI systems. She explained that the workshop will introduce students to generative AI, demonstrate how it can be accessed and used responsibly, and explore its connections to scientific research and future career pathways. This workshop is tentatively planned for early April.

N. Immadi added that she is also in discussions with Dean Khan regarding additional initiatives that are still being finalized and stated that she would share further details once they are confirmed. She concluded by emphasizing that her focus for the semester is to remain actively engaged in governance participation, maintain strong collaboration with the dean and college administration, and prioritize practical programming that directly benefits science students.

L. Deguzman thanked her for the comprehensive report and offered a brief comment, noting that the first week of April is typically spring break and encouraging her to keep that timing in mind when scheduling the Generative AI workshop. He concluded by commending her work and expressing appreciation for the recap.



X. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

D. Lopez reminded the board that his event would take place the following week. He shared that the event is scheduled for March 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and acknowledged that it is slightly later in the evening. He explained that the program will be a movie screening of *The Cigarettes Surfboard* and encouraged members to attend. He added that Ben would be present to participate in a brief panel discussion following the screening.

K. Tripathi then provided clarification regarding the Vice President of External Affairs item. He reiterated that the individual stepping into the external responsibilities would not be vacating the Director of Communities role. He reassured the senators that they would continue to receive support and would not be left without guidance. He stated that she would continue working with them while also taking on additional external responsibilities. He further noted that **E. Loredo, L. Deguzman,** and he would personally ensure that responsibilities remain balanced and that all duties are properly managed. **K. Tripathi** also informed the board that he would be sending out his one-on-one meeting schedule through a calendar booking link by the end of the day. He clarified that this would be the only one-on-one session scheduled for the month and encouraged members to sign up promptly. He added that he would distribute the meetings across two weeks to avoid overloading a single week.

L. Deguzman expressed appreciation to the board for their continued support, dedication, and commitment to their roles and responsibilities. He reminded members to update their March task lists and mentioned that he would be reviewing February task lists as well. He stated that he would schedule one-on-one meetings to discuss ongoing projects and potentially provide new advocacy ideas.

J. Carroll shared a few acknowledgments. First, he thanked those who supported Spirit Week the previous week, attended basketball games, and helped reestablish collaboration with Athletics while strengthening ASI's presence in supporting athletic teams. He also referenced Giving Day and thanked **E. Loredo, K. Tripathi,** and **R. Munos** for attending an alumni pop-up event the prior Friday evening. He noted that there were three locations hosting events and that their site secured the highest number of donors, earning an additional \$750 prize for placing first. He reported that the Giving Day total had reached \$2,395 at that time and emphasized that the funds would support leadership programs and similar initiatives. He commended the team for their engagement and contributions.



K. Reddipally informed the board that an online eSports event was currently underway for students at East Bay. He explained that the event began on March 1 and would run through March 7, with four days remaining. He encouraged board members to participate if interested, noting that the flyer had already been posted on Instagram and shared in the group chat.

R. Munos concluded by reminding members about regular tabling scheduled for the following day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Monument near the silver East Bay letters. He mentioned that two time slots remained unfilled and that he would be present for the entire duration. He invited anyone available to sign up or inform him of their availability.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 1:16PM

Minutes reviewed and approved by:

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