

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER at **12:06 PM**
- II. [ROLL CALL](#)  
**Present:** Erick Loreda, Charan Reddy Doolam, London Deguzman, Deepthi Bhimanapati, Kartik Tripathi, Germione Villegas, Jana Ramos, Nidhi Sharma, Joe Trujillo, Sai Lokesh Gayam, Akeem Brown, Sophia Dela Cruz, Yashica Avhad, Ashley Depappa, MyLan Huynh, Maureen Scharberg, Steve Spencer, Dessiree Cuevas  
**Absent:** Nolan Calara, Gerardo Segovia, Venkata Anirudh, Martin Castillo, James Carroll, Stephanie Ann Lustina,
- III. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** to postpone C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Touchdown with the Blue, to next Board of Directors meeting by **K. Tripathi**, seconded by **A. Brown**, motion **CARRIED**.  
**Motion** to postpone D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Oath of Office, to next Board of Directors meeting by **D. Bhimanapati**, seconded by **L. Deguzman**.  
**Motion** to approve the agenda of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by **D. Bhimanapati**, seconded by **K. Tripathi**, motion **CARRIED**.
- IV. ACTION ITEM - **Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2024**  
**Motion** to approve the minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by **J. Trujilo**, seconded by **L. Deguzman**, motion **CARRIED**.  
**Motion** to nominate **L. Deguzman** as vice chair of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting by **K. Tripathi**, seconded by **D. Bhimanapati**, motion **CARRIED** by **10 YES**.
- 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.**  
**Isaiah Lennox** states that several of his previous works were reviewed in the last meeting, during which health-related topics were addressed. He mentions hearing reports about the presence of fish



in certain areas and inquires whether any investigations or actions have been initiated. Acknowledging prior assessments over the past year, he requests an update on any current initiatives. **E. Loredo** states that he would get back to the question at the earliest. **Daniel Anilao** raises two main concerns, first, he emphasizes the importance of maintaining a paper trail for financial documentation, preferring that all financial matters be documented via email rather than relayed solely through a delegate. Second, he addresses the limitations surrounding accepted forms of payment, noting that cash is currently the only accepted method. This restriction, he explains, hinders organizations in their fundraising efforts for philanthropies and their own chapter needs. He suggests that expanding the accepted forms of payment could significantly improve fundraising capabilities. He concludes by thanking the group for their attention. **E. Loredo** replies that he would address the question at the earliest.

**9:40**

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

No unfinished items.

**9:52**

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ACTION ITEM - [ASI Committee Codes](#)

The ASI Board of Directors will take action on the ASI Committee Codes.

**E. Loredo** announces updates to the ASI Committee Codes, highlighting several changes: the Lobby Corps Committee is removed, with its duties reassigned to the newly named External Affairs Committee, formerly the Legislative Committee. The Programming Council Committee is now the Wellness and Recreation Committee, while the Executive Committee will continue to be led by the Executive Vice President. The Sustainability Committee will include non-voting advisors, comprising a professional staff advisor, an ASI staff member from CSUEB, and a designated staff member. **E. Loredo** invites the committee chairs to discuss their proposed revisions. **J. Trujillo** seeks clarification, asking if the committee's name changes will also impact any functions or operations within the committees or if the changes are simply a matter of renaming. **E. Loredo** clarifies that the



changes are primarily in name only, intended to align with the current bylaws for the academic year, while committee functions will remain the same. **D. Bhimanapati** outlines recent changes to the Internal Affairs Committee: the position of Vice President of Communications is replaced by the Vice President of Internal Affairs. Additionally, student-at-large members will now be recommended by the chair, instead of passing the first motion typically handled by the Personnel Committee. Non-voting advisors will include ASI staff from CSUEB, the ASI President, and the Executive Vice President. These adjustments apply specifically to the Internal Affairs Committee.

**Motion** to approve ASI Committee Codes by **L. Deguzman**, seconded by **K. Tripathi**, motion carried by **10 YES**.

**B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - [Datathon](#)**

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about Datathon in collaboration with the Business Analytics club.

**N. Sharma** provides an overview of the upcoming Datathon, scheduled for November 16-17 in VBT. This hands-on event will engage students in solving a real-world challenge focused on sustainable, inclusive education within the college. Participants will work with a provided dataset under the mentorship of professors. The event also features two days of workshops in collaboration with the Business Analytics Club, with guest speakers from Grammarly and GitHub presenting on tools such as Figma for design and Tableau for data dashboard creation. Open to students from all backgrounds, the Datathon offers opportunities to build practical, in-demand skills and explore new interests. Keynote sessions and panels from professors will complement the event. Points of contact for the Datathon are **N. Sharma** and **Sai Lokesh Gayam**. **S. Lokesh Gayam** announces an informative session scheduled for November 4th, where details about the Datathon, registration, and team formation will be discussed. Currently, registrations are ongoing, and the organizing team is collaborating with professors and deans, as mentioned by **N. Sharma**. ASI is sponsoring the event's food, with a budget of **\$466.00** outlined in the attached breakdown sheet. Additionally, they plan to set up a photo booth and a feedback wall, allowing participants, volunteers, and speakers to provide feedback via sticky notes or a QR code linking to an online form. The Datathon, themed "Hack Data for Sustainability,"



focuses on AgTech (agriculture technology) and EdTech, spanning 36 hours with a prize pool exceeding \$2,000 for winners. The event will take place on November 16-17 in the VBT building. **E. Lored** seeks clarification on whether the \$466.00 allocated for food is sourced from the SALS budget. **N. Sharma** and **S. Lokesh Gayam** clarifies that it is sourced from Senator of CBE and Senator of College of Science budget. C. Reddy Doolam mentions that this is the first Datathon happening in East Bay and expresses his intention to attend it. **J. Trujillo** seeks clarification regarding the involvement of other academic senators in the budgeting process, asking whether their participation is still needed or if the current team is sufficient for the task. **S. Lokesh Gayam** confirms that the current team is sufficient for budgeting the event, stating that discussions have taken place and they believe they have enough budget to sponsor the event. He expresses gratitude for the support. **N. Sharma** emphasizes the importance of collaboration from other colleges to enhance the event's success. She expresses the desire to involve participants from those institutions, highlighting that their support would contribute significantly to making the event larger and more impactful. **L. Deguzman** inquires whether any promotional marketing has been conducted in advance of the event and asks for an estimate of how many students are expected to attend. **N. Sharma** explains that, in collaboration with the Business Analytics Club, they have previously seen attendance of around 50 to 60 participants at smaller events. For this larger event, they aim to register at least 10 teams, consisting of three to four members each, and are expecting a total of 100 to 200 participants across all workshops. The upcoming informative session on Monday will help gauge interest in the event and allow them to tailor their marketing efforts accordingly. **C. Reddy Doolam** mentions that The Business Analytics Club and The Bad Designers Club in collaboration has requested for around \$1300.00 and this event is going to be huge. **L. Deguzman** recommends considering to allow more time for marketing efforts, noting that with the event scheduled in just two weeks, additional time could enhance promotional outreach. **A. Depappa** expresses enthusiasm for the event while reminding the organizers of the importance of advocacy work. She raises concerns about the \$400 budget, questioning what role board members will play during the event. **A. Deppapa** emphasizes the need for dedicated time for ASI members to interact with students, suggesting that this interaction is crucial for understanding the needs of different academic units. She also points out that since the food budget exceeds \$250, they must cater



through Chartwells, which requires additional planning time. **A. Deppapa** advises the organizers to discuss with the Business Analytics Club about allocating time for ASI to engage with attendees effectively, given the significant financial investment in food. Finally, she reiterates her interest in understanding how board members can contribute during the event. **N. Sharma** addresses the advocacy concerns by explaining that they have been engaging with students and professors to bridge the gap between the skills needed in the job market and the outdated curriculum. She mentions that they are collaborating with industry professionals from companies like Grammarly and GitHub to provide valuable insights during the event. She encourages board members to promote the event to attract students, emphasizing that the workshops will cover a range of topics beyond coding, including design skills like Figma, which are commonly sought after in job descriptions. Regarding dedicated time for ASI, **N. Sharma** highlights the plan for an ASI-branded photo booth and feedback wall, where ASI representatives, including **S. Lokesh Gayam**, will gather feedback from participants. He notes the importance of understanding students' needs to enhance the event experience. Additionally, they are in discussions with the Alpha CSUEB Chapter to arrange professional headshots for students, further ensuring the event is beneficial for attendees. **N. Sharma** concludes by reaffirming their commitment to making the event valuable and inclusive for all students.

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**C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - [Touchdown with the Blue](#)**

The ASI Board of Directors will be informed about Touchdown with the Blue.

**D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Oath of Office**

The ASI Board of Directors will swear in Senator of Concord Gerardo Segovia.

23:45

**VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS [CSSA Plenary at Cal State Monterey](#)**

**L. Deguzman** provides an update from the recent conference at Cal State Monterey Bay, where a leadership workshop and committee discussions took place. He reports that the organization



supported 14 bills, with 13 being signed into legislation by Governor Gavin Newsom. Among the approved bills, 10 relate to Title IX and others focus on basic needs. However, AB 2586, which would have allowed individuals regardless of immigration status to work on campus, was vetoed by the governor due to concerns over criminal and fiscal liability, though the team plans to continue advocating for it. **L. Deguzman** highlights a proposed basic needs grant program, supported by CSSA, which aims to establish a \$1 billion competitive grant initiative to help institutions meet students' basic needs, including housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and technology. Institutions could compete for up to \$1 million, with an additional \$50,000 available for research on implementing these programs. He emphasizes that this grant would benefit all students, including undocumented individuals, especially at universities with a high number of Pell Grant recipients. He discusses ongoing efforts related to Title IX, including initiatives at various campuses, such as respondent-focused resources at Cal State Fullerton, transparency dashboards at San Jose State University, and mandatory Title IX training. **L. Deguzman** mentions the proposal for student ambassadors to educate peers about Title IX issues, a topic he has discussed with the Title IX Office. Additionally, he notes that campuses received \$200,000 each to hire confidential advocates for Title IX support. He discusses a proposal from Andrew Fox, the ASI president of Channel Islands, to rally the 461,000 CSU students around issues like basic needs and lowering the cost of attendance. An ad hoc task force, led by CSSA President Iese Esera, will work to plan this initiative.

**L. Deguzman** concludes by emphasizing the need for the ASI board to raise awareness about ASI and CSSA to better engage students and strengthen their brand. **J. Trujillo** inquires about the allocation of the \$200,000 designated for Title IX training, specifically asking if there will be any transparency regarding how the funds are spent, given that the money has already been distributed. **L. Deguzman** responds by stating that he will follow up with the Title IX Office to ensure the allocated funds are being used appropriately. He emphasizes his commitment to maintaining transparency regarding the use of these resources. **J. Trujillo** expresses strong support for a large-scale ASI movement, noting that a lack of information about ASI's role and advocacy has created some disconnection among students. He suggests that a united initiative could enhance ASI's visibility and establish a positive public image, potentially empowering the organization to take impactful actions, such as organizing strikes, to advocate effectively for student needs.

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IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

**A. Brown** shares his recent interactions with students who experience transportation delays when late classes end. Observing that missing a bus after a late class can disrupt students' entire travel schedules, he proposes a formal tabling initiative to gather more insights from these students firsthand. **A. Brown** invites other board members to join him in this evening outreach effort, aiming to collect valuable data before the next meeting. He emphasizes that while no budget is required, additional participation would be appreciated. **J. Trujillo** supports **A. Brown's** initiative and shares his own experience engaging with students directly in specific areas like the Arts and Education Building. He acknowledges advice from other members, emphasizing the importance of selecting a location that directly impacts the targeted student group. **J. Trujillo** suggests that instead of tabling in front of the RAW building, they consider setting up near the bus stop itself to foster more direct and relevant interactions. He expresses willingness to participate, noting that this approach would likely enhance the quality of conversations and insights gathered. **A. Brown** clarifies that the goal is to cover both the crosswalk and bus stop areas to engage a wide range of students, especially commuters. By focusing on these spots, they can reach students coming from the parking lot as well as those waiting for buses, ensuring interaction with the primary target group. **A. Brown** appreciates **J. Trujillo's** input and emphasizes that this location will allow them to connect directly with the students who rely on these transit points.

**Dessiree Cuevas** introduces herself as one of the new Alumni Representatives, sharing the role with Kabir. Both are East Bay alumni and interns and advanced to the role of EVP. She expresses her enthusiasm for serving in this capacity. In reference to the bus stop safety discussion, **Dessiree** suggests that they review a resolution she previously authored, which led to securing \$2,000 for campus improvements, including new lighting and enhanced pavement for safety. She offers her support, mentioning that Ashley has her contact information and is available to discuss her past contributions to ASI. **D. Cuevas** looks forward to reconnecting at future meetings. **K. Tripathi** supports the tabling initiative but raises a procedural question about whether they need to go through SLIC (Student Leadership and Involvement Center) for approval, even if the tabling occurs at night. **A. Depappa** reminds everyone that roundtable remarks are not intended for in-depth discussions, suggesting they continue the conversation offline if needed. **A. Depappa** adds that for reserving a table, they should reach out to **Sneh Sharma**, who can provide information on available areas for reservation. **S. Dela Cruz** expresses strong support for the tabling initiative, emphasizing its



alignment with her role as the Senator-at-Large for commuter students. She shares that she is eager to join the effort, as she wants to gain insights into the challenges commuter students face, particularly with bus schedules affecting their commutes.

**S. Dela Cruz** adds that some students she knows are significantly delayed if they miss the shuttle or bus, sometimes even resorting to walking to the BART station, which is not ideal. She reiterates her commitment to participating in the tabling to support commuter students.

**Y. Avhad** shares her ongoing work related to Title IX presentations in all GS classes. She highlights her collaboration with **Terri La Beaux** and **JoLani Hironaka**, and GS professors to ensure that Title IX education is included in the syllabus for all future semesters, guaranteeing its continuity beyond her tenure. **Y. Avhad** mentions that she works closely with **J. Hironaka** and **T. La Beaux** to tailor the presentations to better meet the needs of students, particularly focusing on international students. She notes the significant differences in how consent is addressed in various cultures, emphasizing that in many places, consent is not discussed in educational settings. The goal of these changes is to make Title IX education more relevant and accessible to all students.

**A. Depappa** expresses a warm welcome to Dessiree and Kabir, highlighting their expertise in writing resolutions and policies, and encourages others to reach out to them for assistance. She reminds everyone about the campus-wide Halloween trick-or-treat event happening tomorrow, urging participants to dress up and bring at least one friend to help generate excitement and engagement. **A. Depappa** notes that ASI will provide bags for those who stop by. She then shares a personal announcement about her involvement with the Stack Run Club in the city of Hayward. She invites anyone interested to join the next run scheduled for Saturday, the 9th, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on campus. **A. Depappa** explains that the run features various route options, including a 5K, a one-mile route, and a walking option, emphasizing that participants of all fitness levels are welcome, whether they are seasoned runners or beginners. She expresses hope to collaborate with the run club at East Bay and encourages anyone interested to reach out for more information.

**J. Trujillo** raises a few points regarding campus policies and the challenges faced by student organizations, particularly Greek life. He addresses the issue of cash-only policies for certain events, mentioning that his fraternity, Delta Phi, had to operate in cash only for their recent pumpkin sales event. Since the campus is largely cashless, he questions the restriction, as most students and event attendees do not carry cash, which can hinder participation and sales for fundraising activities. He also highlights the poor condition of the Greek life flags on campus, noting that many are so faded





they're barely visible. **J. Trujillo** emphasizes that while this may seem like a minor issue to some, it's a significant concern for students involved in Greek life and for those interested in campus community visibility. He believes the flags are an essential symbol of Greek life presence and representation on campus, which plays a role in building campus culture and encouraging student engagement. To address these concerns, **J. Trujillo** shares his intent to draft a proposal for the next meeting. He suggests that gathering input from various student organizations, as well as their CEOs and representatives, could provide a comprehensive overview to present to campus leadership. His goal is to advocate for policies that better support student organization visibility and engagement, especially considering the unique challenges of being part of a commuter school.


**E. Loredo** shares an announcement about an upcoming lunch meeting with two CSU trustees, Trustee Fong and Trustee Jazmin Guajardo, on November 11th. He mentions that he and **L. Deguzman** will have the opportunity to speak directly with them. Trustee Jazmin Guajardo is highlighted as the first student trustee from CSU Channel Islands, bringing a unique perspective as a nursing student and first-generation college student. **E. Loredo** invites everyone to contribute questions or feedback they would like shared with the trustees, particularly if there are concerns related to academics, campus resources, or community representation. He encourages anyone with input or suggestions to reach out to him or L. Deguzman before the meeting, ensuring that the trustees hear a wide range of student perspectives.

X. **ADJOURNMENT at 12:48 PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

**President/Chair of the Board**

Nolan Calara

  
Nolan Calara (Nov 13, 2024 13:27 PST)

**Minutes approved on**

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