

**California State University, Dominguez Hills**  
**Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. (LSU)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ♦ Friday, February 5, 2021**

1) **Call to Order and Attendance**

Chairperson, Anthony Thompson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The meeting was held via video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Anthony Thompson	Esmeralda Mendoza	John Stigar	Marci Payne
Angel Salvador	Deborah Robinson	Jaime Leal	John Curiel
Lola White		Giselle Atallah	
Erick Garcia		Victor Gonzalez	
Zack Ritter		Melissa Bancroft	
John Menary		Damesha McKnight	
Tamala Lewis		Linda Brown	
Dr. Ruttanatip Chonwerawong (Dang)			
Rihab Shuaib			
Katie Robinson			
Adam Kasarda			
Cecilia Ortiz			
Matthew Smith			
Roshni Thomas			
Jonathan Molina Mancio			

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia moved to approve the agenda for February 5, 2021. ASI Representative Lola White seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 7-0-2***

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Community Representative Tamala Lewis moved to approve the minutes as amended from the December 4, 2020 Board Meeting. ASI Representative Jonathan Molina Mancio seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 7-0-2***

4) **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Thompson reported he has done whatever he can to support the Board and the LSU's mission by participating on BOD recruitment meetings, attending subcommittee meetings, Chair the Facilities Use Committee, and meet biweekly with the Director. Chairperson Thompson introduced the newly appointed ASI Representative Jonathan Molina Mancio.

5) **Director's Report**

Director Cecilia Ortiz reported the Chancellor's Office released a video on the subject of viewpoint neutrality. LSU management will review the video for possible operational changes. Director Ortiz announced the opening of the Toro Touchdown Space. The LSU proposed revisions to the operating budget, and plans to review changes with the Board at the next meeting. Lastly, Director Ortiz announced the launch of LSU branded Zoom virtual backgrounds to promote Board awareness and invite dialogue between constituents and the Board.

6) **Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee meeting met on January 27, 2021. The committee reviewed the quarterly financial report, and discussed anticipated changes for the fall semester.

7) **Personnel Committee Report**

The Finance Committee meeting met on January 29, 2021. The committee conducted interviews for the BOD vacancies.

8) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

9) **Old Business**

a. **Removal of Student-at-Large**

Chairperson Thompson facilitated discussion about Esmeralda Mendoza's removal from the Board of Directors. The board discussed how Esmeralda Mendoza missed three board meetings, and Personnel Committee meetings, which she chairs. The LSU has sent correspondents and yielded no response.

The Board discussed how the removal would provide opportunity for a student to gain shared governance experience, and advocate for student needs.

ASI Representative Lola White moved to approve the removal of Esmeralda Mendoza from the Board of Directors. Vice Chairperson Angel Salvador seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

*Motion passed. 8-0-1*

b. **Student-at-Large Appointments**

Chairperson Thompson reported two Student-at-Large vacancies, with terms respectively ending spring 2021 and spring 2022.

The Personnel Committee recommended the appointment of John Curiel as Student-at-Large of the Board of Directors. John Curiel shared that they are a Junior and transfer student from LA Harbor College. They expressed their desire to give back to the students who provided an opportunity for them to attend school. Due to the enrichment they received, they hope to help others also gain from their university experience.

ASI Representative Lola White moved to start close session. Community Representative Tamala Lewis seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

*Motion passed. 8-0-1*

ASI Representative Jonathan Molina Mancio moved to appoint John Curiel as a Student-at-Large to the Board of Directors. ASI Representative Lola White seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed.***

*AI Representative Lola White left at 11:00 a.m.*

Alumni Representative Erick Garcia moved to appoint Student-at-Large John Curiel for a two-year term. Community Representative Tamala Lewis seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 8-0-0***

Community Representative Tamala Lewis moved to end close session. ASI President Rihab Shuaib seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 7-0-1***

c. **Advisory Committee Chairperson Appointments**

Chairperson Thompson facilitated discussion of advisory committee chair appointments. Eligible for appointments are Student-at-Large directors such as John Curiel. Chairperson Thompson shared the two advisory committee chair vacancies are for the Facilities Use Committee and Personnel Committee.

Student-at-Large John Curiel self-nominated as chair of the Personnel Committee.

ASI President Rihab Shuaib moved to appoint John as Personnel Committee Chair. Community Representative Tamala Lewis seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 8-0-1***

d. **1910 Project Update**

Assistant Director, Facility Operations John Stigar presented updates to the Café Toro Project. The project encompasses a new dining concept, removal of the East wall, new furniture, new audio/visual equipment, installation of a drinking fountain, replacement of aging kitchen equipment, and expansion of patio area. Assistant Director Stigar shared progress photos ranging from demolition to current construction framing.

The Board discussed the status of patio expansion. Assistant Director Stigar shared University plans to facilitate a bid for patio construction. ASI President Rihab Shuaib inquired about food concept and service hour plans for fall 2021. Director Ortiz shared possible approaches to share food concept and service feedback with Foundation, such as attending the Foundation Board meetings. She further encouraged all students and constituents to share their feedback.

10) **New Business**

a. **Toro Touchdown Space**

Assistant Director, Facility Operations John Stigar presented the Toro Touchdown Space (TTS), a new support service for eligible students. The service is a CSUDH and LSU collaboration, with a capacity of 50 person operating Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM-7:00 PM. TTS is an approved outdoor academic workspace for students enrolled in mix-modality courses that have insufficient

time between campus and online classes. Space amenities include individual workstation with power, Wi-Fi, heating and lighting.

Safety procedures include routine cleaning and disinfecting of each workstation, employee work areas, restroom, and other high touch points. Physical distancing and facial coverings are required for all users and staff. Further safety measures include hand sanitizing stations, and temperature check at entrance.

*Community Representative Tamala Lewis left at 11:45 a.m.*

The Board shared their excitement for the new service and discussed opportunities for future service expansion to include all enrolled students.

**b. FY 2020/2021 Quarterly Financial Report**

ASI President Rihab Shuaib moved to table agenda item 10) b. FY 2020/2021 Quarterly Financial Report to the next Board meeting. ASI Representative Jonathan Molina Mancio seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

***Motion passed. 6-0-2***

**11) Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**12) Announcements**

The next Facilities Use Committee meeting will be February 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, March 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**13) Adjournment**

Chairperson Anthony Thompson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:** \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairperson, Anthony Thompson

**Date of approval:** \_\_\_\_\_