



Minutes

Governance Committee

 Thu March 10th, 2022

 2:45pm - 3:45pm PST

 ASI Boardroom - Titan Student Union

 **In Attendance**

1. **Call to Order**

Alison Sanchez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Aquino, Sanchez, San Gabriel, Shah, Velazquez

Members Absent:

Liaisons Present: Chammas, Nettles, Samaniego

Liaisons Absent:

According to the ASI Policy Concerning Board of Directors Operations, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remaining until the scheduled end of the meeting.

* Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the start of Unfinished Business, but left before the scheduled ending of the meeting.

** Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

(Aquino-m/Shah-s) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

(Shah-m/San Gabriel-s) The February 24, 2022 Governance Committee minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

a. **02/24/2022 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

5. **Public Speakers**

Members of the public may address Governance Committee members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters impacting students.

There were no public speakers.

6. **Reports**

a. **Chair**

Sanchez, Chair, had no report.

b. **Director, Student Government**

Sanchez yielded to Nettles.

Nettles, Director of Student Government, had no report.

7. **Unfinished Business**

None

There was no unfinished business.

8. **New Business**

a. **Discussion: College of Education Director Vacancies**

The Committee will discuss ideas to address the ongoing College of Education Director vacancies.

The Committee discussed ideas to address the ongoing College of Education Director vacancies.

Sanchez yielded to Nettles to open the discussion.

Nettles, Director of Student Government, shared that filling the College of Education spots has always been a challenge.

Nettles said she and Sanchez have scheduled a meeting with the College of Education leadership to develop ideas/strategies to help fill these roles.

Nettles shared the importance of this Committee discussing the issue to gather recommendations to encourage greater student awareness, interest and ultimately recruit more students for the College of Education Director positions.

Sanchez opened the floor to discussion.

Shah said that meeting times are often inaccessible to many Grad Students, who largely fill the College of EDU, that are working full-time day jobs. Shah said it may be useful to look at other days and times that would be more accessible even if it includes an evening or weekend meeting times.

Samaniego stated that although those times may be more beneficial to students they would be very impactful for the Pro Staff members and possibly inaccessible to them. Samaniego said that we should think about the impact of the changes and recommendations for all members.

Nettles recommended that they not limit what they want to do based on the Pro Staff availability.

Shah said that after discussing with Dr. Edwards he was made aware that these meetings, being in the middle of the day, sometimes throw off the Pro Staff's workday as well.

Shah said that there are colleges that have labs during meeting times and that students just cannot make it due to scheduling.

Shah mentioned that they could explore stacking meetings on Friday.

Sanchez stated that when she spoke with her Dean that inaccessibility was a talking point.

Sanchez shared she has received similar statements of concerns from an ESC student who teaches, and if he were to come to these meetings he would have to get a sub for his classes those days.

Velasquez said that from speaking with the students directly, he believes they want to be involved but do not know what ASI is or what ASI does. Velasquez says his hopes are to facilitate a program or activity to talk to students directly and give them more information on what student Government is and who their representatives are.

Sanchez believes that will be a good idea as she often feels that people get involved because they have a friend or acquaintance that was already involved. Sanchez agreed that they have to extend the opportunity to people who are getting into ASI for the first time.

Shah says they have met with students and still reiterated that there are systemic problems that add to the lack of seats being filled not just awareness.

Samaniego said she has done a lot of events to increase awareness about ASI. Samaniego thinks what would be helpful is to revamp the Board and try to bring in new members.

Samaniego feels the students are just feeling the effects of being away and online for a year and may even be overstimulated by all the events happening at once. Samaniego feels that mentorship should be more important to the members, not just increasing programming and running events, but being approachable and open to new people.

San Gabriel said she has spoken with a lot of CHAD Majors who are going into Education and most of their concerns were around conflict of interest rules they may be violating when they volunteer at the Children's Center on campus.

San Gabriel offered an option of modality where a member could be on Zoom while the rest are in person.

Chammas wanted to reiterate the concerns from Shah and Samaniego as she feels that they have done their part in programming. Chammas does not feel that programming is the way to resolve this concern.

Velasquez shared that he doesn't feel that the focus should be on programming, but that as individuals we can have more conversations with students not just in our larger committees or groups.

Velasquez feels that the events that have been going on target a specific community of students, but he has been speaking with people who were not getting this information. Velasquez said when he was speaking with people one-on-one a lot of students didn't know what ASI is or who the representatives are and he just wanted to do something about that.

Sanchez redirected the conversation to figuring out ways to fill the vacant ECS Seats and away from programming.

Shah feels that there is a very small percentage of students that do not know ASI that want to, and feels that they have to address larger issues surrounding availability and accessibility.

Samaniego asked Sanchez to see if the EICC has students who wanted to go but ultimately did not, and ask them what deterred them to try and be more targeted with recruitment ideas.

Samaniego asked if members could also go to college events and try to ask these questions as well.

Velasquez said while he does not believe outreach or programming is the main problem that should be addressed, he does feel that more awareness would always be beneficial because there could be people who would be interested but are unaware.

Velasquez said he did not want to discredit the work of previous programming events and said he would be open to meeting with the other members to discuss ideas.

Shah said he spoke with a previously involved student and that they could not continue in the ASI program because they had to choose between coming to meetings or going to work and paying their bills.

Shah said they can change the wording of how the roles are presented and inform interested parties of the stipend members receive and the benefits their work produces for the CSUF Community.

Nettles shared that when speaking financially that they should not get tied to the stipend they are receiving since it is not a paid position.

San Gabriel said the big concern was that they would rather intern, or they need a job, or they are interning at the Children's Center and cannot join the BOD due to conflict of interest.

Chammas said she would like to schedule a sit-down with Shah tomorrow to discuss the ideas he has.

Samaniego said that Velasquez's concerns are valid but that she has been trying to reach out and perform her role to the best of her abilities, but there are people on the Board who are not contributing at the same level.

Shah asked if Sanchez can see what times would be most accessible to those students who work and attend the College of Education.

Shah asked why can't the students working at the Children's Center serve on the Board vs an ICC member like Chammas being on the Board and speaking for her ICC.

Nettles responded and explained the reason for Student Workers at the Children Center not being able to serve.

Samaniego asked for further details and clarification on why Children's Center employed students cannot serve.

Nettles responded that she will get that information to the members at her earliest convenience.

Nettles said that they should try and get systems in place for continuing the ASI student involvement after they leave their positions.

9. Announcements/Member's Privilege

San Gabriel shared.

- HSS Week is starting on the 21st.
- The Best Buddies fundraiser at 7 Leaves at 7:30 pm tomorrow.

10. **Adjournment**

Alison Sanchez, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.



Alison Sanchez, Governance Committee Chair



Crystaal Washington, Recording Secretary

Roll Call 2021-2022

03/10/2022 Governance Committee Roll Call

Attendance	COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
			Present	Absent
ARTS	AQUINO	RAMON	1	
NSM	SHAH	NAMAN	1	
HSS	SAN GABRIEL	HANNAH	1	
HSS	VELAZQUEZ	DAVID	1	
CHAIR/VICE CHAIR	SANCHEZ	ALISON	1	
			1	Absent
			5	0

Attendance	LIAISONS			
			Present	Absent
CHAIR (CBE)	CHAMMAS	MARY	1	
PRESIDENT	SAMANIEGO	DIXIE	1	
DIR SG	NETTLES	ASHA	1	
			Present	Absent
			3	0

*Recording Secretary: Susan Collins