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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS, INC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the general public and to all of the Board of Directors of Associated Students of CSU Channel Islands, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, that:

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:40 a.m., pursuant to Education Code Section 89921 et seq., at California State University Channel Islands, Student Union Conference Room, located at One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 7:46am
 - a. Members Present: Kristina Cervi, Sara Sanders, Damien Peña, Chelsea Viñas, Nsomah Apambire, Vanessa Bahena, Zachary Valladon, Monique Reyna, Alex Yepez, Cindy Wyels, and Missy Jarnagin.
 - b. Members of the Public: Genesis DeLong, Christine Thompson, Lundon Templeton, Ben Blanchard and Diana Ballesteros.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Ms. Sanders motions to approve the November 13, 2014 minutes, second by Mr. Yepez.
- 3) Public Forum: No public discussion.
- 4) Financial Report: Ms. Jarnagin went over the emailed financial statements for ASI, Student Union, departments and student organizations. She explained that nothing was out of the ordinary from these statements, however there was a discovered error. Her office caught an error in the ASI fee revenue for December. This error has been corrected. Moreover, Ms. Jarnagin explained that the "YTD Actuals v. Budget through November 2014" graph demonstrates what has been spent. The two lines on this graph should be on top of each other.
- 5) New Business:
 - a. **ASI Final Audit Report:** Ms. Jarnagin explained to the Board how ASI did in their final audit report. She explained that overall ASI did really well, they usually have their ducks in a row and ensure to have everything in line. With that being said, ASI can work on the following: Operating agreements and MOU's. There's a current agreement between ASI and the Board of Trustees. This agreement is renewed every 5 years. This operating agreement was not turned in on time due to some conflicts with some of the text, and the revision of this operating agreement by a lawyer and internal specialists. Ms. Thompson recognized this miscalculation of time and will ensure that this will not happen again. Furthermore, there are some edits that need to be completed to the MOU between ASI and University Glen Corp. Ms. Thompson explained to the Board that we're on a timeline and will send the edits in the next few weeks with the intention to receive feedback. She will be providing this document with track changes and context for easier understanding. Ms. Jarnagin concluded this discussion by expressing the importance of these audits and deadlines. She explained that these audits make sure we are in line with what has been put into place. In addition, we try our best to complete any required paperwork by the deadline to ensure that our CI president is not called out during CSU meetings.
 - b. **ASI/SG Elections Update:** The application has been completed and will be up by next week on the ASI website. The election code will also be on the website once necessary edits are completed.
 - c. **ASI Election Code:** The Board discussed the changes made to the Election Code.
 - i. **Discussion:** Ms. Cervi believes that the campaign team shouldn't be nixed completely. She also asked about fulfilling elected positions segment on page 3 of the document. She asked if forfeiting positions is new to the document. Ms. Thompson clarified that this came about for issues the Board faced last semester. The Board was left in an ambiguous position when two of the Board members were not able to complete their term due to other commitments. She believes that these situations are something the

Board and ASI can avoid. It wouldn't be appropriate to be in this situation again. Moreover, this also deals with student leaders making decisions before committing to ASI leadership positions.

- ii. Ms. Cervi asked about the possibility of having separate Student Government tickets. She noted that other universities do this and this has been done in the past. Ms. Reyna was also wondering about this possibility. She explained to the Board that the reason for having joint tickets is to have the candidates be acquainted before they enter their position. This would eliminate the time and effort that it would take for separate candidates to familiarize themselves over the summer. Ms. Sanders added that other universities have had issues with separate tickets. Ms. Cervi understand both sides of the argument, however she feels that some students can get discouraged from running for a position if they don't have a running mate. She suggests that this can be brought up as a trial.
- iii. Ms. Cervi asked about the increase of maximum college units by the Student Government President. Ms. Thompson answered that the increase was completed to be aligned with the policy the university has. Ms. Cervi is uncomfortable with the increase in units. The students are paying for a Student Government President they deserve. Discussion moved to a different topic. Further unit discussion below.
- iv. Ms. Sanders had a question under number 6 about campaigning. She would like clarification about the classroom part. She feels that the clause in the code is unclear. In addition, she feels that a classroom should not be a place for campaigning. Ms. Cervi believes that it's too difficult to monitor whether candidates are campaigning during class time. She doesn't think it should be ruled out. This may be a place where candidates can hit certain audiences they may not be able to engage elsewhere. Mr. Valladon feels that it should be clear what can be said in the classroom. He feels that some professors would be happy to make time for this. Dr. Wyels expressed how precious class time is for her and how she would personally deny any campaigning during her classes. However, she recognizes that lecturers that do not have job security depend on student evaluations. This would possibly shift priorities among faculty. At this point, she doesn't know how she would vote on this part of the code. Mr. Yepez inquired if this just pertains to the candidates or the whole campaign party. The Board clarified that it pertains to the whole campaign party. He suggests that the decision to promote in classrooms be discussed during mandatory candidates meetings. Ms. Sanders suggests that they use the time before or after class. Ms. Thompson made the amendment on the code to reflect that "no active campaigning will be allowed in classrooms that may disrupt the academic process while class is in session."
- v. Ms. Sanders asked for further information on the chalking policy. The Board clarified that this is not a campus policy, the university asked us to refrain from doing it. Dr. Peña believes that we should be consistent with the SEAL Center. ASI will investigate.
- vi. Clarification on campaigning finance was asked. Ms. Thompson clarified that this includes student organizations that are ASI funded. They cannot endorse a candidate as a student organization. Ms. Thompson will bring a list of student organizations that are ASI funded to the candidate meetings. Mr. Valladon asked why this is in place. Ms. Cervi answered that this keeps it neutral since ASI money is being used to fund these organization. The support would indirectly be coming from ASI.
- vii. Further discussion on the maximum units. Ms. Cervi believes that it's rare to have 17 already, however Ms. Reyna and Ms. Bahena don't believe it's much of a difference from 17 to 18 units. Ms. Sanders adds that she sees it from the amount of classes instead of units. This is where the difference appears to her. Mr. Yepez asked if this is something that can be approved. Ms. Thompson clarified that there's an appeal process, however this is an eligibility issue. Ms. Jarnagin believes it's important to stay with university policy and leave at 18. There can be rules made around that. Dr. Wyels expressed that this is a positive guidance provided to the Student Government President. This position has responsibilities that are time and place bound. They serve on committees and the Academic Senate, which means that they have to be at certain places at certain times. Furthermore, the national standard is 1 hour in class means three hours' worth of work outside the classroom. This means that 54 hours of work time is required of a student with 18 units for an average grade. She notices that there's no STEM majors on the Board and this may explain why. She believes that the requirement should be cut back to 15 units, but even then that's still 45 hours. Ms. Cervi is mind-bogged by the increase in units. She believes that this is a disservice to the students. She agrees that the units be reduced to 15 or even 12. She believes that this

load is too much based on her ASI experience over the years. Dr. Peña respectfully disagrees. He believes that there should be avenues of appeals and consistency throughout ASI to maintain this maximum. He has student assistant in Student Life that get paid with ASI money that get paid more than the Student Government President. There's other positions that are paid by student fees that are not bound by units. Ms. Apambire took an informal vote with 6 in favor and 5 against. They will keep it at 18 maximum units for now. Ms. Cervi would like the council to discuss 15 units with an appeal process as an option. Ms. Thompson will bring information of past Student Government Presidents in regards to GPA and units.

- viii. Ms. Thompson clarified that there's only one way to check for GPA and units eligibility. She will make sure it's specific in the Election Code.
- ix. Ms. Viñas clarified that the Board is voting on the Election Code with the 18 units and the changes decided. The Election Council can change it and bring it back to the Board for further discussion. Ms. Sanders motions to approve the Election Code, second by Mr. Valladon. 7 in favor and 3 opposed. Motion passes.
- d. **ASI Election Application (ACTION)** - The application has been designed to show what requirements are needed once a position is chosen on the application. Ms. Jarnagin does not think that the \$25 fee is legal. She wants to make sure that we're not violating any law with this fee on the application. Ms. Thompson will look into further, however the wording can be changed to "cleaning charge." Ms. Apambire confirmed that the dates on the application have been confirmed. Motion by Ms. Viñas to approve the ASI Election Application, second by Ms. Cervi. All in favor. Motion passes.

6) Adjournment: 8:59 am

Next ASI Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:40 a.m. in the Student Union Conference Room.

Reviewed by Zachary Valladon and respectfully submitted by Diana Ballesteros.