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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 public and to 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 will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:40 a.m., pursuant to Education Code Section 89921 et seq., at California State University Channel Islands, via Zoom meeting at the following link <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/88139637759>, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1) Call to Order: 7:46am
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a. Directors Present: Venus Tamayo, Aiden O’Leary, Tatiana Obispo, Andrew Fox, Kim Vose, Renee Fuentes, Allen Monge, Stacey Ayer
 - b. Member of the Public: Helen Alatorre, Annie Block-Weiss, Ashleigh Gordon, Brett Stein, Breanna Reyes, Jacob Ryno, Russell Winans, Clarissa Gaeta, Breathney Jacinto Campos, Bethany Banuelos, Julia Heck
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
 - I. **M/S/P (A. Fox/R. Fuentes) Motion passed 8-0-0**
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of minutes from March 27, 2025
 - II. **M/S/P (A. Fox/A. O’Leary) Motion passed 8-0-0**
- 5) Public Forum: *None*
- 6) Reports:
 - a. Student Government (A. Fox)
 - i. Student Government successfully concluded the recent election cycle. A new ASI Student Government President and Vice President were elected, along with the appointment of a new senator. The election process ran smoothly, and student engagement was noted.
 - ii. Members from Student Government recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where they had the opportunity to meet with members of Congress. These meetings focused on advocating student-related issues and discussing the role of elected student representatives within higher education.
 - iii. An update was provided on the ongoing efforts related to improving campus meal plans. A new initiative which is being developed in collaboration with Dr. FT, the ASI team, and other campus directors. Aiming to introduce more flexible and accessible meal plan options to better serve the student population.

- b. Student Programming Board (*K. Barillas*)
 - i. *Together We Craft – Diamond Art* offered students a relaxing creative outlet, with diamond art kits, popcorn from the SUB, and cotton candy. Attendees also received a food ticket for DolphinPalooza. Over 50 attendees participated in the event.
 - ii. On April 2, SPB hosted *Clash of Dolphins: 90s Throwback Hunt*, a campus-wide scavenger hunt with nostalgic-themed giveaways for participants.
 - iii. *Foodie Tuesday* on April 8 featured five local food vendors and gave SPB a chance to film interviews and highlight content.
 - iv. *DolphinPalooza* is coming up on April 23 from 6–9:30 PM. The first 400 students will receive food tickets. Attractions include *The Wizzer* ride, bracelet making, a DJ, games, a bar, and prizes.
- c. Student Union (*T. Obispo*)
 - i. The Student Union played an active role in supporting Dolphin Admitted Day, showcasing ASI programs and engaging with incoming students and their families.
 - ii. Hosted *Rock Your Crocs*, which encouraged student involvement through fun, interactive programming centered around campus spirit.
 - iii. Organized *Dolphin Pantry Grocery Plinko*, an engaging event combining a game element with pantry giveaways to raise awareness of the Dolphin Pantry's resources.
 - iv. Distributed *Sub Finals Fuel* tickets to 50 students, providing support during finals week with snacks or refreshments as part of ASI's wellness initiatives.
- d. The CI View (*A. Monge*)
 - i. Coverage of recent student-led protests was discussed, highlighting The CI View's ongoing commitment to reporting campus news in a timely and accurate manner.
 - ii. Provided updates on student election coverage, ensuring the student body stayed informed on candidates, platforms, and voting outcomes.
- e. Community Report: (*K. Robinson*)
 - i. The Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) is forming a new District-wide Environmental Sustainability Taskforce, focused on energy, waste, transportation, and procurement. Each campus submitted reports on their sustainability efforts, now available online.
 - ii. The VCCCD Board of Trustees approved an increase in the optional Student Activity Fee to \$10 across all district colleges. This decision followed coordinated advocacy from Associated Student Bodies, who presented to stakeholder groups in support of the change.
 - iii. Two proposed associate degree programs—Modern Policing and Sports Management—were not approved by the Board due to concerns over specific courses, including controversy surrounding the definition of "women" in the Women in Sports class.

- iv. Moorpark College is exploring a potential housing partnership with Cal Lutheran University (CLU), similar to CSUCI's MOU with Oxnard College, to address student housing insecurity.
- v. Moorpark College is a finalist for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, a \$1 million award recognizing top-performing community colleges with strong equity outcomes. The award ceremony takes place today, April 17.

7) Outstanding Business:

- a. INFORMATION ITEM: Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Budget Allocation & Spending Committee (P. Ramirez)
 - 1. The BASC has met twice since the last ASI Board of Directors meeting. Discussions have focused on developing and finalizing budget recommendations for the upcoming 2025–2026 fiscal year.
 - ii. ASI Election Council (A. Monge)
 - 1. A new Student Government President and Vice President were elected. 469 total votes, Conde and Banda won by around 160 votes.
 - 2. Preparations are underway for the official swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected student leaders.
- b. INFORMATION ITEM: Student Fee Advisory Committee Category II Fees (A. Fox, A. Monge)
 - i. An overview was provided on the current CSU fee schedule and proposed fee changes.
 - ii. The committee reviewed Category II fees, which involve student charges for specific programs or services, and discussed proposed increases.
 - iii. Next steps include coordination by Dr. FT with the Office of the Chancellor to move forward with the proposed changes.

8) New Business:

- a. ACTION ITEM: 25-26 ASI Budget Recommendation (P. Ramirez, H. Alatorre)
 - i. Reviewed enrollment projections for 25-26 and 2 years after that. Enrollment is projected to continue to decline, yielding a reduction in revenue for both the Associated Students Fee (ASI Fee) and Student Body Center Fee (SUB Fee).
 - ii. Revenue reductions mean increased demands on reserves for both fees. BASC objective for 25-26 was to implement recommendations that could positively impact reserve balances over the next 3 years.
 - iii. H. Alatorre presented BASC proposed 25-26 budget recommendations/reductions to implement for both fees.
 - 1. ASI Fee: ASI Administration & Programs
 - a. Reduce allocations 10%.
 - b. True up costs to find reductions.
 - c. Apply mandatory cost increases as appropriate (i.e., GSI).

- d. Apply 2% inflation to select accounting strings.
 - e. Keep remaining accounting strings static/as is.
- 2. ASI Fee: Student Organizations
 - a. Reduce allocations from \$1,000 per club, to \$800 moving forward.
 - b. Of 56 clubs afforded an allocation this year, only 26 have expensed from it thus far. Out of \$50,000 available to clubs this year, only \$7,300 had been spent as of March 27, 2025.
- 3. ASI Fee: Campus Partners
 - a. Reduce allocations by 25% for the year 25-26.
 - b. Reduce allocations by an additional 20% for the year 26-27.
 - c. Campus partners have other potential resources still available to them on the general fund side, even if limited.
- 4. SUB Fee: Student Union
 - a. True up costs to find reductions.
 - b. Apply mandatory cost increases as appropriate (i.e., GSI).
 - c. Apply 2% inflation to select accounting strings.
 - d. Keep remaining accounting strings static/as is or consider reducing.
- iv. H. Alatorre reviewed broad budget projections for both fees if budgets were kept the same vs. implementing the proposed budget recommendations/reductions above.
 - 1. The presentation illuminated that without reductions, the ASI Fee Reserves are projected to fall below the required 6-month reserve balance by 27-28. The SUB Fee would maintain reserves between the minimum and maximum required balances by 27-28, but the BASC would support seeking to achieve a balance in reserves above the maximum required for the SUB Fee.
- v. The board reviewed the budget recommendations finalized by BASC for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The presentation also included a per department/program allocation of the ASI01 and ASI03 funds.
 - III. Motion was requested to approve the budget for 25-26 as presented with the caveat that any changes due to mandatory cost changes or trueing up of costs to find savings be reported at the start of the fall semester.
 - IV. M/S/P (A. Fox/S. Ayer) Motion passed 8-0-0

9) Closing Comments: *None*

10) Adjournment: 8:52am

Next ASI Board Meeting is set for Thursday, May 1, 2025, via Zoom meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Breanna Reyes, ASI Budget and Administrative Analyst.