ASI Student Advocacy Committee 24/25

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ASI Board of Directors Agenda 25 - 07
May 2md, 2025 at 2:30pm
Location: USU 2310
Agenda Posted: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01 Information	**Call to Order** At the Will of the Chair, the meeting was called to order at 2:42pm	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
02 Information	**Roll Call** Present: Elaine, Anahi Merino Vasquez, Ashley G, Reece, Haley, Ashleigh S, Cameron, Xavier, Jason, Shannon G	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
03 Information	**Recognition of Guests** See attached sign-in sheet	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
04 Action	**Approval of Agenda** The following edits were made at the Will of the Chair: Xavier Porter sitting in for Anthony Shannon Gallacher sitting in for Ashley Fennell Removal of the word “night” under item 08 Consent Vote None Opposed Agenda Approved	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
05 Action	**Approval of Minutes** No edits Approval at the Will of the Chair Consent Vote None Opposed Minutes Approved	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
06 Information	**Open Forum*** None	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
07 Presentation	**CSUSM’s First-Year Seminar: Now & Into the Future** **Description:** The evolution of our First-Year Seminar including student feedback they have received, and their course revision work **Fiscal Impact:** None GE seminar to be retained in the elective units Jason – how to account for students who didn’t or will realize later how impactful the course is/was? Marine – Ways to check into surveys to see if students make that note, but overall difficult to capture in the data Jason – Why are smaller groups taking the seminar? Marnie – It will be up to the academic department; students will not be pre-enrolled, but they can opt-in; Students will only be pre-enrolled if their major decides to partner with the program; Students who are enrolled in the course versus not have a 10-12% higher retention rate; This program will be in a transition period for the next three years roughly. Elaine – Wanted to confirm, with the new program, students can teach a course with the First-Year Seminar? Marnie – Interns can teach a class, yes Jason – Suggest sending a note to college Dean in support of the First-Year Seminar	Marnia Eldridge, Director of First-Year & University Programs

08 Information	**Night Safety Walk Feedback** **Description:** Overview of safety hazards found on the March 20th safety walk **Fiscal Impact:** None See attached for document reviewed Haley – Science Hall 1 (slippery & floods) Ashleigh – Were the Blue Lights brought up? Illeana – Yes & concerns were brought up in other instances; not a major fix currently, but the CSO's regularly check them and will post signage noting its status Reece – Any mention of creating a pedestrian path (road beside CFH to field) Illeana – Brought up, but not currently in the immediate plans to fix; No sidewalk there to encourage people to walk *through* campus Xavier – Is there a short plan to fill in that gap (coming up to campus)? Jason – Leave it open for now with plans to fill in later Ashleigh S – Elevators mentioned? Jason – Arts getting a second elevator this summer	Illeana Carmona Chavez Chair & Chief of Staff
09 Information	**Donuts with the Dean Feedback** **Description:** Overview on student feedback from the Spring event **Fiscal Impact:** None See attached for document reviewed Cameron – Where does the data go? Could it go to IP&A for a more in-depth analysis? Haley – Commuter resources & access; What was the general consensus from students (choice versus access)? Elaine – Students asking for support, but unsure of what support looks like; Awareness of resources; A more in-depth conversation Ashleigh – Financial insecurity and stress; What could CSUSM do to support? Elaine – Promotion of initiatives already happening on campus (textbook campaign Inclusive Access, SEF, SHCS, ALF, CP & Cal Fresh, etc.) Xavier – Utilizing library resources, promotion of scholarships to the student body, etc. Haley – Lack of community on campus? Elaine – Concerns are not directly addressed at the event Jason – Encouragement of exec team & committee to hold focus groups with specific populations to get further information on topics and how CSUSM/ASI can help Cameron – Maybe include or change name to entity on campus?	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
10 Discussion	**Roundtable Discussion** **Description:** Student representatives discuss student issues & concerns **Fiscal Impact:** None Elaine – Ways to improve SAC for next year? Ashleigh – Items brought up in open forum at committee meetings should be on the agenda at the following meeting Cameron – Some way of showing follow-through to committee could be helpful, even after VPSUA holds meetings, etc.	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

	Elaine – Could definitely be built into the roundtable discussion as a leading question Reece – More representatives from across campus Elaine – Difficult to fill seats due to scheduling Cameron – Could a student leadership or student organization (SLIC) representative be a replacement for or addition to the student life center Elaine – Maybe one student rep from each student organization category? Haley – Possible to offer unit internships as credit for representatives to encourage more folks to show up to their positions? Ashleigh – Representatives as first/second/third/fourth years instead of other representative seats? Or could we offer priority registration to students involved? Student organization categories would be good representative positions as well. Anahi MV – Application process for representatives? More training for representatives. Could help show commitment, interest, etc. Jason – How much is invested in the student at large training? Coult that initial discussion or training be enhanced or founded? Elaine – Expectations are gone over during the first SAC meeting, but it could be beneficial to implement reports in addition to or in replacement of roundtable Xavier – In his area, only a few notes are given to share, but nothing specific and the points are not always shared or heard when shared Jason – Could you create a form or prompt that asks if info was given back to your council and did it elicit a response? Anything from your area that SAC needs to know?	
11 Information	**Announcements** Ashleigh – FSL 30 Year Celebration happened and was sold-out! REC – 8/12 clubs at National Championships!	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
12 Action	**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at the Will of the Chair at 3:51pm	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

* Public comment will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per guest. Chair will determine allocated amount per meeting.

I, Cameron Munn, 25/26 ASI Vice President of Student & University Affairs hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the SAC Committee of Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting held on August 29th, 2025 (see all minutes from 25/26)

Cameron Munn (Sep 17, 2025 09:37:40 PDT)

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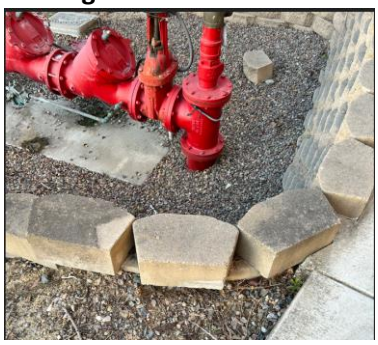
3-20-2025
Annual Campus Safety Walk notes

In attendance:

Illeana Carmona Chavez	ASI Chair & Chief of Staff
Jason Schriber	Dean of Students
Jesse Flores	Chief of Police
Belinda Garcia	Director of Parking & Commuter Services
Mark Norita	AVP Facilities Development & Management
Floyd Dudley	Director of Facility Services

Observations discussed during the safety walk

1. **Fix loose blocks in retaining wall outside of PS1**

2. **Trim trees near PS1 streetlights**



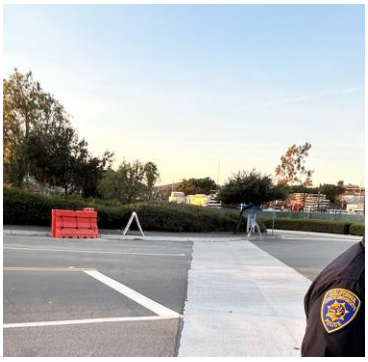


3. **Stop sign at Campus View Drive at UVA Circle**
    a. Increase visibility of stop sign



i. Could the sign:
    1. Be made larger?
    2. Moved closer to the sidewalk?
    3. Moved into the street with flashing lights?

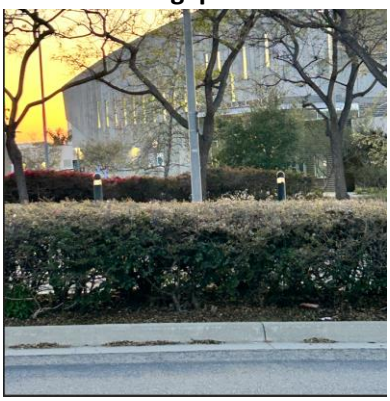
4. **Could the unintended path of travel (swale) be made into a crosswalk? Existing crosswalk not being used.**



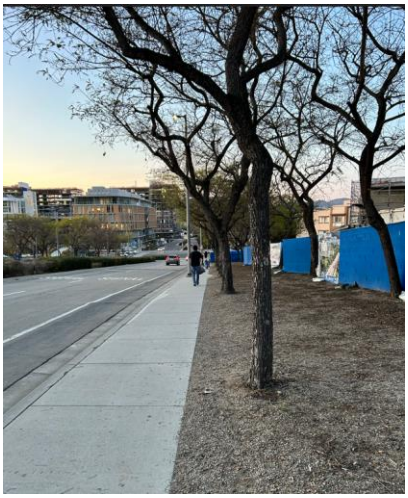
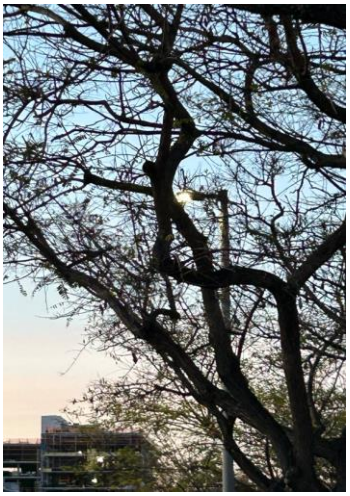

a. Would have to go on 5-year plan to make it into a path of travel ADA compliant

5. **ADA pathway on Sports Center side of Campus Way Drive**
    a. Students walking in bike lane and have created an unintended path of travel on other side of ADA path
        i. Can another pathway be added?

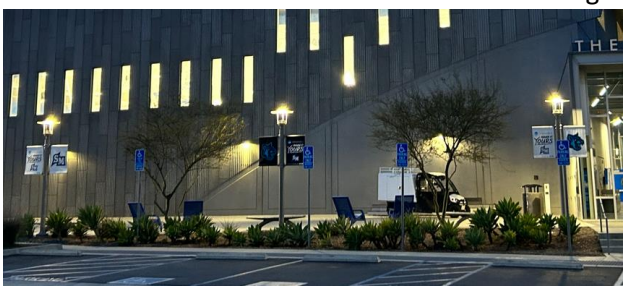
6. **Fill in gap in center median on Campus Way with full size bougainvillea**



7. **Lighting on Campus Way toward Housing**

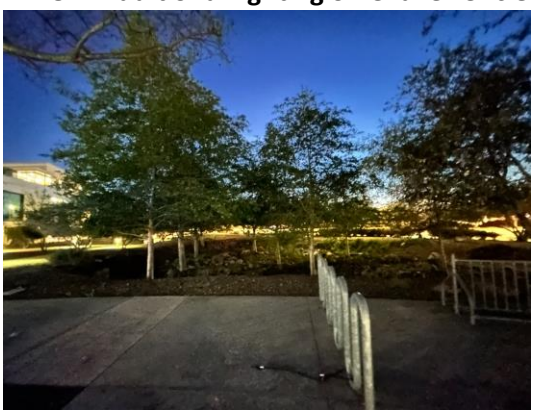



   a. Increase lighting on the pathway leading to The Quad and North Commons
      i. Could streetlights be turned up?
      ii. Add Polsen and bollard lights to match other side of the street



         1. Will add to the campus 5-year plan
      iii. Completion of Housing project will potentially add additional light to the walkway.

8. **Additional lighting on Chavez Circle (USU side)**



9. **Trip Hazard at intersection of Campus Way & Campus View (Sports Center side)**





a. People are tripping regularly. High pedestrian traffic especially during commencement.
    i. Can the dirt area be filled in to meet the top of the curb?
    ii. Can the concrete on the other side of the curb be filled to meet the top of the curb?

10. Science 2 back stairwells

a. During rainy weather the treads on the back stairwells become very slippery.

What should ASI focus on for 25-26?	2. What is one thing that is preventing you from being successful at CSUSM?	3. What support do you need from CSUSM?	4. What is the name of a fellow Cougar who has made a difference in your success? What did they do?
They should focus on making more creative events for student (Festivals and such) with fun activities	Balancing all of the necessary classes at once	Aids or staff	Adriana (Friend/Motivator)
Advertising events so students don't miss them	**Being close to the vet center**	**Be more active and help people in need**	**Angella Estrella**
Advocating for students that really need it and there need to be more creative spaces on campus	Being far from housing and not having enough housing	Better advertisment for class scheduling	Ayasha Ishan. She made my roommate experience better and helped me find motivation.
ASI should focus more on student loan debt and uncertainty of Fafsa and grants due to the new administration	**boring course material and outdated lectures**	**Cheaper parking**	**Bennet Cherry has made a difference in my life by being a valuable mentor and resource for me, not only as a student but also as a young person navegating through a rough period of life**
ASI should focus more on the community within the student life. Being a commuter can make it hard to form a sense of community. Events like Festival 78 are perfect opportunities to make connections, and they need to be advertised better. Advetise near the commuter areas some.	Boring environment	Cheaper parking	Brayden helped me in class
ASI should focus on commuter student events by sending surveys on when they can meet other students	**commutting and sometimes not being focused**	**Classes should be easier**	**Bruk Johnson is a very funny and positive person who always tries to make people happy.**
ASI should focus on implementing ways for transfer students to get better acclimated to their new environment	Connecting with peers and professionals	Counceling services (academic and mental)	classmates
ASI should focuson providing more opportunities for students to get involved in major school decisions that affect their success	**Events students are interested in fall on days they are not here**	**easier ways to communicate and hear things related to your major**	**Denis Schalz gave me an opportunity to learn under him and show me mattering in teaching and expanding my outlook in education**

At least some form of alchohol/drug abestinence for the dorm.	Financial hardships and increased cost of textbooks	Encourging more involved community and school spirit	Dr. Schubert helped them get accustomed to campus & major
Campus involvement for students	**Financial insecurities**	**Financial aid**	**Dr. Stephen Khan is a very hands on professor who cares about his students sucess and motivates them to be sucessful**
career and intership-related opportunities for students	Financial resources I would want to learn more about scholarship or funding	Financial aid and food pantry services. More activities with the food pantry would be nice	Elaine Pollard, she made me more efficient at my job
Career opportunities	**Food pricing**	**Financial support**	**Elvis helped me on the first day of class, making sure I wasn't los**
Commiting to more outreach	Having access to financial aid sources like scholarships	Financial support for gas and things like that	Friends
Connecting me with parents + Support for commutting students	**High costs of everything, evenn with grants and scholarships**	**Financial support/scholarship oppurtunities**	**GEL professor who introduced them to various groups and services**
Decrease the tuition cost and more food options	Inability to reach out to the services available due to being intimidated	Financial support/scholarship oppurtunities	HIST 131 has forced me to talk about that I intentionally bypassed and opened my mind
De-stressing events	**Lack of club variety and exposure**	**free food**	**Irene Ramos has changed their perspective**
doing fun activities	Lack of communication with conselors	Getting support from Professors during difficult times, such as a loved one passing.	Iysandra, shes an amazing friend and makes my school life better
Fall and Spring Festivals	**Lack of in person work**	**Giving away more free food**	**Jennie, my success coach, has made a difference in my life by pushing me to be better by checking in on me and suggesting things to help**
Financial aid for commuters like discounts on some things	Lack of knowledge regarding resources on campus	Good professors who allow me to succeed	Julie Harris, Professor Shultz, and Leah Anne are amazing, thoughtful professors that always led with kindness
Focus on informing students on small things	**Lack of motivation**	**Having support resources sent to us could motivate students to get help**	**Kayla Knoob has made a difference in my life**

Focus on Mental health for 2F26 and assisting with their academic performance and overall wellbeing	Lack of regulation regarding poor professors still having their jobs	Help with a teacher who is npt being very fair and is very demanding	Lazi Batch. First Friend and great support
Focus on Student Unity	**lack of resource support**	**Hospitality**	**Leigh from ACE + Marylou from EOP with providing support since they don't have anyone else**
Focus on the cougar pantry as many students need it, and add more essentials	Lack of sleep and not always feeling good	Hosting/Promoting Networking	Lynn Phum has made a big difference in my life by pushing me to surpass my limits
Giving student concerns a public platform to voice the current problems held around campus and the CSV	**Library Resources increasing**	**housing options and free food for commutters**	**Mark Saffold**
Having more campus events and making them more well known	Monotone lectures + Too many slides	I think I need support in picking my classes and setting up schedules	Matt Rufo made a difference by providing me with support in our Kamalayan Allience Club
Helping federally funded sources to get state funding to avoid depending on corrupt individuals in government	**More class availability for upper division courses. The limited number of spots have caused students to fall behind on graduating**	**Improving student culture by including more events on campus**	**Megan Segalio made a difference in my life by being kind**
Helping people get better at their jobs	More promoted social events like sports	Knowing where to get the right resources and begin encourged to pursue them	Mia. She became a friend when I didn't know anyone
Improving services/support offered by CCN	**More variety/times of business classes offered + (2 unit) business classes**	**Less textbook reading**	**My friend Jones is a good influence for studying and going to every class**
Inclusiveness	Most of my classes end at 12:30 and don't allow me to attend U-hour activities	Moral + Mental Support	N/A
Interactive Campus	**My schedule/work-life balance**	**More academic support outreach**	**N/A**
International students should be helped	Myself	More access to commuter students at noncommon hours of the day	N/A
knowing and helping studnets	**Myself**	**More accessible therapy sessions and more therapists**	**N/A**

Less tuition	N/A	More ADHD resources for those with it	N/A
Liked K-pop night organized by ASI and would love to have more events like this	**N/A**	**more community gathering events**	**Natalya Tasevski is an amazing student and is so helpful with the knowledge she has**
Mental Health resources	N/A	More connection and genuality	Nicolas Morales
Monthly surveys by students to check campus satisfaction	**N/A**	**More emotional and financial support for students**	**Nicolas Morales who helped them adjust to the university setting**
More campus events	No support from the professors	More fun events like Prom SLC	Noah (Roommate)
More campus events	**not enough time to to study everything**	**More funding and scholarship options, possibly year long ones**	**Professor Allord made an amazing impact on me because of the clarity and honesty she hs on her teaching**
More commuter resources and breakfast days	Not enough tutors	More information about scholarships and how to apply to them	Professor Bickle. Gave advice. Professor Suan inspired their career choice
More donuts	**Not getting into core classes**	**More information on tutoring resources available to them/ They do love the cougar pantry and would love more promotion of that.**	**Professor Coe, Amber Gotez, and Eddy Campos**
More Donuts for students and similar events	Not knowing about resources	More mental health support and resources for athletes	Professor G. He is an academic advisor that is always helping me
More eco and sustainability events	**Not knowing about resources like programs, tutoring, scholarships, and more**	**More Remote opportunities**	**Professor Haro made me feel seen when going through a rough patch in life**
More engaging events with students, especially for commuters. The school lacks a solid community	Not knowing how to manage time	more resources for students	Professor Hayman
More events	**not studying**	**more specialized tutors**	**Professor Hughes has made a difference by making time after class hours to help with assignments and work from other classes. Very understanding and has made the college experience enjoyable.**

More events & Volunteer opportunities	Not using the provided resources	More STEM tutors who have taken the class recently, specifically chem	Professor Paula was extremely helpful
More events & Volunteer opportunities	**Nourishment/Food issues**	**more study spaces**	**Professor Stuhr has been the CSUSM Cougar that made a positive impact on my semester this year with his compassionate nature and remembering all of his students names**
More events & Volunteer opportunities	Nuances	More support for finance courses would be great	Reed S., who made my experience on campus bearable
More events on campus	**Overcrowding the libraries**	**More tutoring services for KINE classes**	**Roommates**
more festivals	overworking and testing anxiety	N/A	Steven Khan, my professor, made a difference to my life
More festivals	**Poor gym quality**	**N/A**	**Steven Khan, my professor, made a difference to my life**
more festivals	Poor student life	N/A	Taylor Gerrity. she told her how to focus on whsat was important
More housing support with roommate issues and availability	**Poor time management**	**N/A**	**The Latinx Center**
More info that details all the stuff that is available at the school	Poor time management	N/A	The Pride Center + Free Printing
More movie nights	**Probably transportation issues**	**Need more concelors and advisors for how many students are attending, and there need to be more classes**	**Tolu helped me when my grandma passed**
More programs that are affordable for students	Problems navigating the myCSUSM website. An update of the design or something may help to simplify it	Need more support choosing classes	UPD has made a difference in my life by giving me the opportunity to learn more about my career.
More social events	**Procrastination**	**No additions necessary**	**USU staff**
More student events like festival 81	Procrastination	Offering in person tutoring centers for subjects like art, history, or other subjects outside of writing and STEM	

N/A	**Procrastination**	**Reduce parking costs**	
Not being so strict and harsh and critical on Greek life	Procrastination	Resources & Aid	
Partnering with the filipino club	**Procrastination**	**Scholarships for lower performing students**	
Peer mentoring	Scared of time commitments and not enough time for extracurriculars	Stop charging for everything on campus	
Probably more engaging festivals to bring more people to join	**Scared or anxious of reaching out**	**Stop charging for parking permits after paying for tuition and housing**	
Promote more activities and events because people often don't know about them	School/Work balance	Support finding more scholarships	
Promoting Sports participation better	**Sometimes the professors**	**Support in achieving my goals by offering spaces on campus to study and do homework**	
Provide chances for commuters to sleep. Maybe adding sleeping pods?	Test anxiety and finding ways to manage it so I don't get stumped	Support those that don't have papers, daca, and support the people who want to protest. They shouldn't be scared to do so.	
Put more attention towards commuters and providing them services, as well as more interaction on campus w/ students	**The amount of Homework**	**Support with accessibility for resources (books, tech, study groups)**	
Remembering to be inclusive and also remain uplifting towards students	The social activities. I need more of them	Teaching us how to manage time	
Resources for upperclassmen housing and parking	**Time Management**	**The advisors need to be around more often**	
Student engagement in clubs (club fair)	Time Management/Too much work material	The therapy days, the little stones given out. Things that keep us out in the sun and happ. The cougar pantry is a great way when students need affordable foods	

Student leadership	**Too little parking and too expensive**	**There should be more support to international students and non-citizens**	
Student Resources	Too much time on social media	Tutoring support	
Ways to bring everyone together	**Transportation**	**Undergrad opportunities**	
	worrying about tuition		

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Speaker Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: 5/2/25

	Name	Campus Affiliation
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