CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting (Session II-Meeting 1) of the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors, was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by A.S. President Christopher Woolett, in the Northridge Center, of the University Student Union.

Voting members present: The following members were present at the start of the regular meeting: T. Alexanian, C. DeDominic, C. Dimirjian, N. Etcher, C. Friedemann, S. Garcia, B. Jamalalail, R. Judge, J. Partida, J. Perdomo, A. Santos, and H. Vacaflor.

Advisors: D. Crandall, T. Piernik, and V. Ward

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MSC (Alexanian/Vacaflor) (unanimous) to approve the agenda for January 27, 2014 as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
MSC (Dimirjian/Santos) (unanimous) to approve the minutes for December 9, 2013, as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

OPEN FORUM
- H. Andrews, AS Elections Chair – the committee is preparing for the 2014 AS Elections; elections filing starts on February 17th.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – C. Woolett

(Point of personal privilege from Martinez-Ramirez and Reyes, acknowledged at 9:08 a.m.)

- During the winter break, the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the changes in commencement that will be implemented this spring semester. As a result of our recommendations to Dr. Harrison, commencement is slightly altered (refer to the previous article in the Sundial)

He is very proud of the work of the members of the senate for putting extra hours during winter break to be able to focus on the concerns of the students and hear their voices on the commencement changes.

Dr. Watkins informed me that Dr. Harrison will invite her extended cabinet members to talk about these changes, submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee (AS).
• AS committee transition – committee Chairs have been appointed; members for each committee will be announced soon. Below are the Committee Chairs for Spring 2014:
  C. Dimirjian – Academic Affairs
  S. Garcia – External Affairs
  J. Reyes – Internal Affairs
  J. Perdomo – Policies
  J. Martinez-Ramirez – University Affairs

• Our former Attorney General has resigned due to his extremely busy schedule. A few senators also have vacated their positions. We are currently looking for applicants to fill these positions. Applications are online.

• CSSA (California State Student Association) – attended the CSSA conference last weekend. There was a long discussion about the voluntary student fee proposal for CSSA. This issue came us for discussion in November 2013. Campus members are currently paying $0.65 per student, and CSUN with the most students enrolled, pays a large sum of membership dues. CSSA also receives funding from the Chancellor’s office. The proposed fee is $2/student. The proposal will go to the Board of Trustees or Legislature for approval, then the Governor signs it. If the $2 per student is approved, CSSA would return the membership dues back to each campus member. When this proposal is approved, the fee would come from the Legislature and the students.

• VP Alexanian, Senator Garcia, and myself, would like to hold a town hall meeting to discuss the CSSA voluntary student fee, and put a survey on the AS Elections ballots.

• He will be attending the Board of Trustees’ meeting on Wednesday, January 29th.

• He asked the cabinet members and senators to submit their office hours to Brenda.

**VICE PRESIDENT – T. Alexanian**

• Thanked the Chair of Finance and the Finance Committee members for their time and efforts in the annual budget hearings held during winter break.

• During the winter break, we met to discuss and write a proposal to Dr. Harrison about the issues that need to be addressed on commencement changes.

• Met with “Dreams to be Heard” to discuss the possibility of having a resource center on campus.

• Legislative Affairs – working with AS Chair of Legislative Affairs, Liam McConville to schedule visits to the San Fernando Valley representatives. Met with Raul Bocanegra last Friday; most of his staff are graduates of CSUN.

• Thursday, February 6th – working with Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs, Francesca Vega, on the inauguration ceremony for the San Fernando Valley Joint Higher Education Legislature, which will be held at VPAC from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

• Student Fee Advisory Committee – Campus Quality Fee applications have been closed. CSUN is the first in CSU system to implement the Campus Quality Fee.

• Academic Technology Committee – WiFi has some changes. Campus Quality Fee will fund additional WiFi on campus.

• CSSA passed a resolution on white paper on online education

• CHESS (California Higher Education Student Summit) will be held on March 8-10th. Please let me know if you are interested to register.

• I will be attending the Board of Trustees’ meeting tomorrow and Wednesday (January 28-29th) in Long Beach.
CHIEF OF STAFF – Luis Canton

• Meet the Clubs – Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28-29th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm
• January 30th – deadline to nominate AS Member of the Month for December and January
• Interviews for open seats in Senate and Finance are Tuesday and Wednesday (Jan. 28-29)
• Flowater stations will be installed this semester. Vending machines were invented by CSUN alumnus

FINANCE – S. Vaswani

Reported the following account balances:

- $145,784 – Academically Related Reserves Account
- $307,741 – Unassigned Contingency account
- $0 – Clubs and Organizations Assigned Contingency account
- $145,401 – Capital Improvement and Replacement account
- $23,500 – TUC Special Projects

ATTORNEY GENERAL – Vacant

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic Affairs – C. Dimirjian
2. External Affairs – S. Garcia
3. Internal Affairs – J. Reyes
4. Policies Committee – J. Perdomo
5. University Affairs – J. Martinez-Ramirez

GENERAL MANAGER – D. Crandall

• Reminded the senate that AS Elections is on its preparation stages starting today. He urged the senate to recruit student leaders to run for election. The more students who run in the elections, the more students will vote and participate in the elections.
• AS Standing Committees – some committees need more members, and a senator can be a member to more than one committee.
• We need more members for Finance Committee.
• Former governor of Hawaii, Linda Lingle, will come to our campus to discuss her experiences in the government office, the challenges of contemporary governance, and the importance of public service. The event will take place on Tuesday, February 4th, in the USU Grand Salon, at 7:00 p.m. To attend this event, contact Chris, Talar or Leanne, who would send RSVP on your behalf.
• Sport Clubs Council – next week, the council will meet to discuss increase the fee to join Sport Clubs; guidelines, particularly, regarding fee will be amended.
• He was out of town last week to attend his brother’s memorial services.
• He was glad to receive a call from Chris and Talar while he was gone, and gave him the good news that AS’ proposal to the changes to commencement was accepted by Dr. Harrison. Her acceptance of your proposal is one of the most inspiring student advocacy that he (David) witnessed since he started his employment with AS. It’s very empowering. He encouraged the senate to mention this important advocacy when you’re recruiting for students to run for office.
UNIVERSITY ADVISOR – T. Piernik

• He is proud of the accomplishment of the AS student leaders who listened to the students’ voices and opinions and worked hard to accomplish their goal to make some changes and adjustments to the previous changes made by the administration to the Spring 2014 commencement schedule. Commencement is very important, not just to the students, but to faculty and staff. He mentioned about the space in the Oviatt Lawn that can be the main concern.
• Commended AS student government for its great effort in putting themselves on a high pedestal and to hold it high(er) for future to come.
• 20th Anniversary of Northridge Earthquake – we see the positive things that have happened to our campus after the earthquake, and former CSUN President Blenda Wilson is credited with bringing the university back from the devastating 1994 Northridge earthquake. On Friday, January 31st, a courtyard near the Donald E. Banchi Planetarium will be dedicated to Dr. Blenda Wilson’s name. The event will be held at 4:00 p.m.
• Congratulated AS for the zip car program that is now being implemented.
• Meet the Clubs will be held tomorrow and Wednesday (January 28-29th)
• Campus athletics program is growing.

FACULTY ADVISOR – V. Ward
No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS
A. Action items – none
B. Informational items – none
C. Discussion items – none
D. Legislative Referrals:
   1) To: Internal Affairs
      RE: Creation of A.S. Scholarship in honor of Tom Piernik’s work
   2) To: Academic Affairs
      RE: Addition of a Deaf Studies Minor

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.
The following voting members were present at the conclusion of the regular meeting:
T. Alexanian, C. DeDominic, C. Dimirjian, N. Etcher, C. Friedemann, S. Garcia,
B. Jamalalail, R. Judge, J. Martinez-Ramirez, J. Partida, J. Perdomo, J. Reyes, A. Santos,
and H. Vacaflor.

The following voting members were not present: G. Lemus, S. Seals, and S. Taborda

Approved by:
Christopher Woolett
President, 2013-2014