

**UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 15, 2021
**** EMERGENCY MEETING ****
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
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MINUTES**

This meeting was facilitated through an online Zoom format, consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order N25-20, suspending certain open meeting law restrictions.

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the USU Board of Directors was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chair Melanie Alvarez.

II. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guests
Jacob Akopnik*	Dr. Carroll Brown	Kyle Hufnagel*	
Melanie Alvarez*	Rose Merida	Sharon Kinard*	
Stephanie Barboza*	Gabriella Nguyen	Kaila Lavin*	
Arrah Ebot Enaw*	Dr. Shelley Ruelas-Bischoff	Jimmy Francis*	
Ayana Galves*	Dr. Tadeh Zirakian	Elias Gallegos*	
Jasmine Guerrero*		Jeremy Hamlett*	
Debra Hammond*		Joe Illuminate*	
Robert Jacome*		Ayan Jama*	
H Landeros*		Samantha Liu*	
Albert Martinez*		Gabriel Rosales*	
Yesenia “Rio” Mateo*		Cindy Lucio*	
Dr. Edith Winterhalter*		Jonathan Navarro*	
		Dave Ross*	
		Tim Rasmussen*	
		Shelley Sakoda*	
		Scott Teves*	
		Jennifer Kim*	
		Steven Wein*	

* Zoom video participant

III. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P (A. Ebot Enaw/H. Landeros) Motion to approve emergency meeting agenda for February 15, 2021.

Motion passed 11-0-0.

IV. Action Items

A. Additional Allocation Bookstore Grants

M/S/P (A. Galves/D. Hammond) Motion to authorize the use of unallocated reserves and operating surplus per the Donations & Gift Policy to allocate up to an additional \$210,000 for USU Bookstore grants.

Chair Alvarez explained that the USU bookstore grants program received more applicants than anticipated or budgeted. Director Hammond said that in reviewing the applications, students indicated a number of compelling reasons related to their need. Examples included:

- a. Loss of job because of the pandemic
- b. Reduction in job hours due to the pandemic
- c. High cost of textbooks
- d. Financial aid/grants/etc. do not cover expenses
- e. Use of unemployment or wages to assist in supporting family (because of parents/partners/sibling job loss)

If the USU BOD would allocate up to another \$210,000 that would serve an additional 840 students. Originally, the BOD funded 250 applicants, but as of this morning, 1,033 students had applied for the grant. These grants serve as funding for any purchase at the CSUN bookstore (excluding third party gift cards).

Director Mateo left at 2:50 p.m.

Motion passed 10-0-0.

V. Adjournment

Chair Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra L. Hammond,
Executive Director