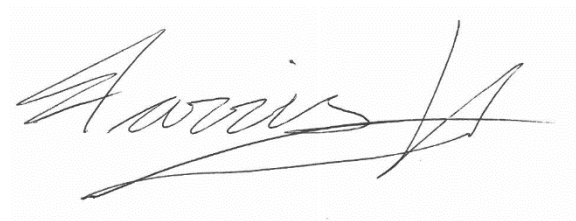# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Policy Agenda

2017-2018

After active engagement with the campus community and careful analysis of the dynamic needs of Cal Poly Pomona students, Student Government has evaluated the ways in which ASI, in collaboration with the students, University, and external organizations can accomplish the goals set forth in this policy agenda. With the overarching theme of this Policy Agenda being successful, long-term impact to students, our intent is to align the goals of ASI and the University to foster growth and direction for the students and the campus community.

Taking the feedback from numerous students regarding the issues they are facing today, we have evaluated the capabilities of ASI in regards to what we are able to accomplish through realistic, tangible efforts.

With our objectives focusing on issues that are both internal and external to ASI and the University, our priorities focus on improving the student experience here at Cal Poly Pomona. We are committed to addressing them and continue to develop tasks that will move us closer to accomplishing the goals set for this year.

Our administration, through a collaborative effort, has come to an agreement that these goals should be the focuses of our administration for the 2017-2018 year. We look forward to partnering with the University to create a transformative year.

Respectfully,

Farris Hamza

President, Associated Students Inc.

GOAL 1: Student Advocacy

In an effort to improve student engagement at Cal Poly Pomona, ASI Student Government will pursue the following strategies to address the needs affecting student advocacy:

1. Improve voter registration practices

   In alignment with ASI's mission to foster student advocacy and representation, the 2017-2018 ASI Student Government believes that increasing civic engagement is a crucial part of developing well-rounded, informed students. We will focus on in person voter registration drives and the integration of a voter registration system onto the campus's online infrastructure.

2. Increase presence at the local, state, and federal levels of government

   Led by the newly formed Governmental Affairs Committee, ASI Student Government will focus on researching legislation pertinent to students and identifying opportunities for civic engagement. Participation in the California State Student Association (CSSA) and other higher education organizations will be vital to help support the values of current and future students in the public higher education system.

3. Develop stronger connections with the University and students through outreach efforts

   To ensure student voices remain at the center of the University's focus, ASI will explore opportunities for collaboration between ASI, University departments, and student organizations. We will work to ensure decisions are made with the appropriate student input and dialogue.

4. Explore efforts to seek additional funding

   With the cost of higher education on the rise, ASI will begin to explore potential sources of external funding to help support its mission. ASI's aims to focus development on both internal development for the organization and developing a partnership with the University. Through increased funding, we will be able to improve educational experiences, address outdated facilities, and increase student success.

GOAL 2: Student Academics

To increase support for the educational endeavors of Cal Poly Pomona students, ASI Student Government will strive to improve in the following areas:

1. Increase knowledge on system and campus-wide initiatives

   With topics such as Semester Conversion, Graduation Initiative 2025, and updated general education (GE) requirements, ASI wants to ensure students are informed in a timely and appropriate manner on how these changes will affect them.

2. Support student academic success and professional development

   With concerns from students on the delay to their graduation, ASI wants to ensure the students their academic careers will be prioritized through guidance and utilization of advisors. In addition, ASI expresses its commitment to the professional development of students during their time on campus to explore career opportunities through collaboration between ASI and the University.

3. Maintain a commitment to increased affordability of resources

   With the recent decision to increase tuition in the California State University, ASI will explore the ability to minimize and reduce costs in the classroom, outside of tuition and fees. We will explore a partnership with the academic and at-large councils to establish or improve material rent programs. We also aim to express our support for more cost-effective forms of learning by connecting with the Academic Senate.

GOAL 3: ASI Functionality

To better serve the campus community, ASI Student Government will conduct internal reviews to assess how to maximize available resources and partnerships, focusing on:

1. Evaluation of ASI-operated facilities

   ASI will use data from the Facilities Conditions Assessment conducted in 2016-2017 to explore the future needs of students in regards to the Bronco Student Center and Bronco Recreation and Intermural Complex. We will also work to conduct an assessment to identify what the current and future needs of these facilities are, aligning ourselves with the University's Facilities Master Plan.

2. Efficacy of ASI policies

   To maximize ASI's ability to serve the student body on campus, we will conduct an internal review of ASI policies and check for any discrepancies that hinder ASI's ability to support student needs.

3. Developing inter-department connections within ASI

   ASI Student Government will work to develop stronger connections with the various departments within ASI to promote collaboration. By increasing interactions within the organization, ASI Student Government will be able to better work with and understand the diverse areas of ASI's work.

GOAL 4: Campus Liveliness

With the goal of improving Cal Poly Pomona's campus engagement, ASI Student Government will target the issue by assessing the following areas for growth:

1. Increase on-campus engagement

   To increase the amount of students who are engaged with the on-campus experience, ASI intends to focus efforts on improving the outreach efforts by the organization and the resources provided by the campus. By providing facilities and activities available passed traditional operating hours, ASI intends to partner with Athletics, Dining, and other University departments to expand the opportunities for student growth and involvement on campus.

2. Support for student clubs and organizations

   As the backbone to student engagement, ASI will continue its support for student clubs and organizations by identifying ways we can facilitate budget access, spread information of programming efforts, and increase their visibility to the campus community. Furthermore, ASI will work closely with the Office of Student Life and Cultural Centers (OSLCC) to address the problems student groups have in reserving space for meetings and events.

3. Improve campus-wide marketing efforts

   To improve the number of outreach options for the University, ASI, and the student organizations on campus, ASI will explore innovative ways of marketing, such as accessible digital signage solutions, to assist with the promotion of events, opportunities, and important information to the student body. In addition, through a partnership with OSLCC, ASI wants to improve the user experience of MyBAR.

GOAL 5: Student Well-being

In order to support the campus's diverse student body, ASI Student Government will pursue the following strategies to help support students as they continue their education at Cal Poly Pomona:

1. Address campus food insecurity

   To address the gap in students' access to basic needs, ASI will focus on the completion of an on campus food pantry option. Additionally, ASI will work with the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation to explore healthier and lower-cost food options to ensure access to a quality dining experience for Cal Poly Pomona students.

2. Seek out partnerships with alternative modes of transportation

   To ensure the campus community is able to have a cost effective and sustainable form of travel to the campus, ASI will work closely with the Transportation Advisory Committee and local transportation agencies to identify areas in which our campus infrastructure can support them. Other sustainable practices such as a bike share program will also be explored.

3. Increase visibility on student health resources

   To ensure students are aware of the health and wellness resources available to them, ASI will connect with the campus Health and Wellness Centers and Counseling & Psychological Services to market to students what is available to them and explore what other services are needed on campus.

GOAL 6: Campus Safety and Security

To promote a safe and inclusive environment, ASI Student Government will engage in the following to identify and address the needs of our campus community:

1. Assessment of campus climate

   With an increasingly diverse population on campus, ASI will assist the University in conducting an assessment to address the needs and concerns of students, faculty, staff and administrators on campus. This is in alignment with the University's commitment to cultivating a diverse, inclusive environment.

2. Analysis of campus infrastructure

   To address students' safety on campus, ASI will collaborate with partners on campus to identify areas for improvement in regards to safety while navigating the physical campus environment. This concern has grown with increased construction on the campus, ASI wants to ensure the campus is still a safe and navigable environment for its community.