Voter Information Guide

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Elections Chair

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Elections Committee
I would like to thank you for taking the time to learn about our voting process and about the candidates running in this election cycle.

Please do not take your vote lightly. The candidates you vote for during this election cycle are going to be your voice and representatives for the next year. The following booklet provides you information about the candidates and their platforms. It also provides voting information and important dates and locations.

Your vote counts!

If there are any questions and/or concerns, please direct them to the ASI Elections Chair at asielections@cpp.edu.

Best,

Victoria Flores, ASI Elections Chair
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Hello, my name is Aliza Ortega. I am a third-year Communications major, minoring in regenerative studies. I have the privilege of being a first generation, Latina, transfer student. I have had the pleasure of being involved in ASI Student Government for the past two years as both the Elections Chair, and Officer of Internal Affairs. As the Officer of Internal Affairs my main role has been to connect student leaders to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the student body. I was able to represent the student body in multiple committees such as the Sustainability committee, IRA committee, the MarComm Advisory Group, and Cal Poly Pomona Foundation. With the knowledge I gained in these positions I hope to represent all the students at Cal Poly Pomona and serve as your Student Government ASI President. As President I would work alongside Daniel Foncello to work towards our primary goals of a more sustainable campus, providing basic needs and resources, and encouraging civic engagement through student representation. We will work to reintroduce the campus to all the students, so we all feel included. I will advocate representing the underrepresented groups such as first-generation students, transfer students, DREAM students, student parents, and students of color as well as all the students here at CPP. I look forward to serving as your ASI President.
Hi, my name is Daniel Foncello, I’m going to be a 4th year Economics major with a minor in political science. I’ve had the privilege of serving as your College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences Senator this past academic year, now my goal is to serve alongside Aliza Ortega to represent our campus as the ASI Vice President. This year I got to serve as Vice Chair of both the Governmental Affairs, and Sustainability Committees. I’ve headed a project in which the goal is to add solar panels to ASI run buildings, starting with the BSC. I’ve also been working to look for solutions which will lead to cheaper textbooks for all students here at CPP. In collaboration with the Title IX department, we’ve been working to strengthen relations between their department and the student body, as well as working with the CLASS Council to create a high school outreach program to help students understand resources available to them when applying to college. As Vice President our first goal is to continue the projects, we’ve begun in creating a more sustainable campus. We want to serve the community, and that includes our underrepresented groups like transfer students, first generation students, women, dreamers, and everyone else here at Cal Poly Pomona. Aliza and I want to be the representation that our student body deserves. I look forward to serving as your ASI Vice President.
Hello! My name is Raaghav Wadhawan and I am a 4th year Computer Engineering Student here at CPP. I am running for the President’s Position with my running mate, Samy Ousman. Since starting at Cal Poly in 2018, it has been a goal of mine to become the ASI President. In order to better prepare, I strived to obtain leadership positions in organizations within the school to better understand the student body as well as gain practical experience. Most recently, I hold the position of Inter-Fraternity Council president. This is the governing body of a portion of the Fraternities on campus. Throughout this process I have been able to get insight/experience into how to lead and organize groups of people and a judicial system. I also hold the role of Web Developer for ASI. This has allowed me to get extensive insight on how ASI is run, its programs, and how people communicate within ASI. My goals as ASI President are to increase awareness and work towards becoming a more sustainable campus and increasing benefits for students in need(financially or psychologically). As ASI President I want to get a strong insight into how government is ran and works in order to better prepare me for my lifelong goal of being President of the United States
I am seeking position as ASI Vice President because I am eager to grow as a leader and improve current leadership experience. I understand that ASI handles the entire student body, and I believe I am well suited enough to handle and run specific responsibilities. My goals as Vice President is to understand the functions of ASI, and from there try to bring in ideas that better ASI and correlate with ASI ideals. My qualifications include leadership in projects on campus (Nasa Student Launch), leadership in class projects, captain of football team, etc. I am also on e-board for Ridge Runners and hold the vice present position. I am looking forward to growing myself and improving ASI if I am given the opportunity to join!
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Hello, my name is Esperanza Lopez. I am a second-year student majoring in Animal Science. I am running for the ASI Agriculture Senator position. The reason why I am running for this position is that I want to make sure that communication between the College of Agriculture and ASI stays consistent. I want to hear the concerns and ideas of other agriculture students and, with the help of the Agriculture Council and ASI, turn those concerns/ideas into actions. I also want to provide opportunities where students will be able to feel more connected to the College of Agriculture community and/or the CPP community. I understand this position is a huge responsibility, but with my strong work ethic, communication skills, time management skills, and with dedication, I will try to make improvements where it’s necessary, and maintain a community based on trust and respect. Finally, I want to mention that I got this position this semester, Spring 2022, and I have taken this time to get acquainted with the responsibilities that come with this position. I have also been learning about who I will be communicating with and figuring out how much time I need to put into this position. If I get elected again, I will make sure to take it to the next step and accomplish the goals that I have promised above.
Hello Broncos! I am Naman Pandadiya running for Business Senator! I am currently the Business Senator majoring in Finance and minoring in Hospitality management as a sophomore. As the current business Senator, I’ve introduced several plans so that CBA is placed first and have created the reopening plan specifically for our clubs in CBA so that students can expect great quality and content as we transition in-person. I am currently serving on several committees such as the Native American cultural affiliation to make sure Native Americans are receiving the much-needed representation on campus and acknowledging the importance. I’m actively chairing the committee to find the new Dean of business to make sure that CBA acquires the best dean to fit our students’ needs. I’ve been a part of ASI since freshman year as the election committee, then I attained the business Senator position during my sophomore year. I’ve had great experience in making sure CBA comes first and now that we are in-person, work needs to be done. I would love to implement an upgraded career search system so that all CBA students have a more personalized tool to gain internship and job experiences. I also will implement streamlined communication from ASI to CBA students. I want to make sure the students’ voices are not only heard but responded to. I will be open to all students whenever they need to make sure I can provide results and answers to students who need assistance. Thank You Broncos!
My name is Andres Mejia and I am currently a third year Political Science Major aspiring to run for ASI CLASS Senator. I have a lot of aspirations in life, I want to do just about anything that comes to mind. Whether that be Housing for all initiatives, affordable healthcare, immigration lawyer, social worker, teacher, mayor, work at Jamba Juice (I love Jamba Juice). My passion to do everything is engendered by the experiences and opportunities I seek. Throughout my time at Cal Poly, I have been able to embark on leadership positions such as a Summer Bridge Champion for EOP, board position on the CLASS Council, and a board position for MASA. Being part of these organizations can only mean so much, if I don’t learn how to continuously apply them moving forward. I have allowed for feedback and constructive criticism to help build me upward as a leader instead of deteriorating me. I always hear out what our general body wants to implement in our organization. I have learned to cooperate with a group of initiative-takers just like me. I am running to be CLASS Senator, because I want to be part of student government not only to be a voice for my fellow peers, but to be an advocate in student involvement. I will do the utmost to help others around me to get involved, because I am passionate about working together. I believe my experiences of leadership roles and such passion makes me an exceptional candidate.
CLASS Broncos! My name is Raneen Vace, a second-year political science student, and I’m running for CLASS Senator. Since high school, I have been active in empowering others through outreach and civic engagement. I have worked alongside former Mayor of Riverside Rusty Bailey and Riverside Unified School District to pass a Pre-Voter Registration Initiative to provide educational and accessible opportunities for high schoolers to pre-register to vote, establishing the importance of our fundamental human right. I’ve helped coordinate protests such as the Women’s March and the MLK Jr. Walk in the Inland Empire, working as a member of their committees to help people express injustices that are currently happening in the world and to call action on our policymakers. I have served as a youth intern for Assemblymember Jose Medina, helping research bills that affect our lives and connecting with the youth to better serve their needs in the community. I want to bring my experience and leadership to Cal Poly Pomona and serve you as CLASS Senator. If elected, I would make it my goal to get more students involved in what goes on at our university by creating events and opportunities to better the student life here. I’ve delivered in the past, and I’ll deliver now. Let’s move forward and make change, together!
Hello Broncos! My name is Jacob Luna (he/him/his). I am a third-year undergraduate student majoring in Sociology. For my fourth and final year, I am running for Senator of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS). As senator for the CLASS, my goal is to enhance the quality of life on and off campus not just for the constituents of my college but for all the students here at CPP. Born and raised in Pomona, I’m proud to be a product of this city and look forward to further giving back by supporting our Broncos. Currently, I’m a member of CircleK (CPPCKI) providing service to our local community. I also work with AVID students in Pomona Unified promoting enrollment into the CSU system and higher education for low-income and minoritized students. With this experience of aiding high school students, I’m looking to promote retention for college students through increased resources and access to student support services such as CAPS and the Poly Pantry. I will work to meet the various needs of our diverse student body here at CPP. If elected as your CLASS Senator, it is my goal to advocate for student needs so that we may fully pursue our academic studies.
My name is Guillermo Nila, I am a 5th year EMSET student at CPP and I am running for ASI Engineering Senator. I am seeking this position because I would like to help be the voice for engineering students at Cal Poly Pomona. As a 1st-generation student in engineering, I have had many ups and downs. All my time at CPP has helped me develop an understanding of what the needs of our students are. Therefore, I want to sit in important decision-making meetings to help convey those needs and wants. Outside of the classroom, I have also connected with various engineering clubs and orgs that have helped me grow not only as a student but also as a person and a professional. Therefore, I will work with the appropriate groups on campus such as ASI, Engineering Student Council, OSLCC and others to help ensure engineering clubs and orgs are provided with the resources they need to support engineering students. I have previously served on ASI’s Cabinet and now it would be a great opportunity to serve CPP’s engineering students while on ASI’s Board of Directors as Engineering Senator.
Hello everyone! My name is Ilke (“LK”), I am a second year Urban and Regional Planning major, and I am running for my second term as the College of Environmental Design Senator. This past year, we have revitalized ENV’s connection to ASI and the rest of our campus. Our clubs got registered and got a budget for social activities. We as students, recently returned to in-person, with many including myself, experiencing CPP for the first time. Not to mention, we are in the process of appointing our next Dean of Environmental Design!! Student life and social experience are precious! Our connection to each other as students of ENV College continues to grow, and we are establishing networks that will become life-long relationships! We need our ideas, projects and voices represented. Our successes should be shared, and our concerns should be addressed. Our presence brings color to CPP, and I believe with my current experience of the way ASI functions, from budgets, written policy, decision-making, and input to committees, I am at my strongest to make our college admired. I want you to support me in another year as your representative for ASI to achieve our goals: A great social life on campus Supporting all student activities related to ENV Better and stronger relationships with alumni and faculty/staff. Yours truly, Ilke Suzer
From the first moment I looked through a microscope my passion for the sciences was ignited. Whether it is looking at microorganisms or analyzing human behavior the flame has been lit and is everlasting in my pursuit of a scientific career. Hello, my name is Alham Garcia, I am humbly seeking the position of Science Senator. I major in biology with an emphasis in microbiology. My qualifications include extensive knowledge in the professional workforce, academic honors, ability to develop and improve procedures, and ability to speak three languages. Goals include attaining a federal position as an analyst within a laboratory, acquiring the prestige of being a part of student government, and connecting with colleagues in and out of school. Thank you for your consideration, Alham Garcia
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My name is Natalie Padilla and I am a third year History major running for Greek Council Senator at Large. Throughout my three years at Cal Poly Pomona, I have served as many positions as possible on Greek Council. In doing this, I have got to develop leadership skills and build relationships that will last a lifetime. Being a part of Greek Life has taught me so much and given me more experiences than I thought possible. I hope that being Greek Council Senator will help me not only connect with other parts of campus but also show others that Greek Life is not the stereotypes or labels that people assign to it.
Multi-Cultural Council

My name is Ryan Beacham and I am a Music Industries Studies Major in my Second year at CPP. I am running for Senator-At-Large for the Multi-Cultural Council because I know that continuing to build a team of culturally diverse individuals will help keep students feel welcome at Cal Poly Pomona. I have been exposed to many different environments and I plan on using my experiences to further solidify Cal Poly’s great culture.
Greetings Broncos, My name is Jacob Reyes. I am a third-year Political Science student and am running to be your Senator for the Student Interest Council (SIC). Some of the interests I have within my major are public policy and public administration. The position of SIC Senator involves facets of public policy such as decision making, organizational planning, and social engagement. One of my favorite aspects of SIC is being able to engage with the constituency who I shall be representing. The exchange and communication of fresh, new ideas have been the primary reasons I am involved with student government. I enjoy brainstorming and having open dialogues on how we can continue to bring students together. My current experience as the Treasurer of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Science’s (CLASS) E-board council allows me to regularly engage with the CLASS Club student body. In addition to hosting activities such as the recent virtual Family Feud game night, I am also involved in weekly meetings with council members for event planning and monthly meetings with clubs. Lastly, I carefully monitor the CLASS Council budget to ensure that checks, balances, and other processes are being followed. If I am elected as Senator of SIC, my goal is to build a welcoming community by maintaining a safe environment where students feel comfortable sharing their ideas and concerns.
Executive Summary of Proposed Changes to ASI Bylaws
Proposed Changes to ASI Board of Directors:
Effective Date of Changes: 7/1/2022

What are ASI Bylaws?

The ASI Bylaws is the legally binding agreement between the student body and the Associated Students, Inc. at Cal Poly Pomona (ASI CPP). This agreement is the main governing document for ASI CPP as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and must comply with university, state, and federal regulations.

Goals of the proposed changes

The goals of the proposed changes of the bylaws are to
1.) make the bylaws easier to navigate, read, and understand,
2.) clarify the authority for the ASI Board of Directors and its appointees, and
3.) ensure clear guidelines for elected and appointed student leaders.

What's included in these proposed changes?

Two versions of the bylaws are provided. The EDITED VERSION shows all the proposed changes directly edited on the original bylaws document. The CLEAN VERSION displays the same proposed bylaws without any editing marks and may be easier to read. There are both substantial and non-substantial proposed changes.

• Non-substantial changes include, but are not limited to, removing repetitive words, re-ordering, re-grouping, and re-naming of the articles and sections, and correcting grammar, punctuation, and syntax. These changes are not noted in the executive summary but are noted in the EDITED VERSION of the bylaws.

• Substantial Changes include any revisions, additions, or removals which change the meaning or direction of any article. As such, those summary changes are listed below. These individual changes can also be reviewed in the EDITED VERSION (in blue) of the bylaws.
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<td>Revised terminology from “disability” to “ability”.</td>
<td>This language aligns better with the intent of the statement.</td>
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<td>Definitions</td>
<td>Added definitions for Amendment, ASI Academic Senator, ASI Action Plan, ASI Advisor, ASI Member, Executive Session, General Elections, Rules, Student-At-Large, and University Advisor</td>
<td>Defining these terms clarifies how they are used in the bylaws</td>
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<td>Article 4 – ASI Executive Board</td>
<td>1. Added language (Section 2.A) to specify other authority of the ASI President to include (2.A.4) determining officer positions and scope of responsibilities 2. Added language (Section 3) to specify the ASI Senator President Pro-Tempore is Vice Chair of the Rules and Policies Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Joint Budget Committee. 3. Added language (Section 3.A) to specify the ASI Senator Pro-Tempore is authorized to act in the place of the ASI President and ASI Vice President in such circumstances where both their leave of absence, incapacity, or resignation, and act as a liaison between the ASI Board of Directors and ASI Cabinet 4. Revised the (Section 4) ranking and subsequently the line of succession (note Article 6.3) of the executive student leadership positions to include the ASI Attorney General from the fifth position to the fourth ranking position and the (Section 5) ASI Treasurer from the fourth to the fifth ranking position. 5. Added language (Section 4.A.5) to authorize the ASI Attorney General to take disciplinary measures with due process to ensure compliance with ASI regulations 6. Removed the requirement (Section 5) of the ASI Treasurer to consult with the University advisor in addition to the ASI chief executive position or designee</td>
<td>1. Specifies an authority already held by the ASI President 2. Specifies a responsibility already designated to the ASI Senator President Pro-Tempore 3. This authorization was not previously specified in the bylaws, but should fall to the ASI Senator Pro-Tempore position 4. Since the ASI Attorney General serves as parliamentarian and would naturally be more familiar with the guiding codes and policies, this position would be more equipped to fill in if the first three positions were simultaneously vacant 5. This authority has been previously granted and assumed, so it has been added here for clarification 6. Although the ASI Treasurer is open to consulting any advisor, only the ASI chief executive position or designee should be required for expediency purposes</td>
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| Article 5 – ASI Cabinet | 1. Added language (Section 1) to better define the composition of the ASI Cabinet in addition to the listed positions  
2. Removed Secretary of Internal Affairs, Secretary of Programs and Services, Secretary of Sustainability positions  
3. Added language (Section 1.H) for officer positions to be determined and appointed by the ASI President based on the current needs of the administration | 1. Provide more clarity  
2. These positions are not always needed, and other officer positions could better support varied needs from year to year  
3. Provides the ASI President a broader latitude to support the action plan for the current administration |
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| Article 6 – ASI Board of Directors | 1. Added language (Section 1) to better define the composition of the Board of Directors in addition to the listed positions  
2. Revised (Section C.5) the three (3) Board of Director liaisons from fixed university representatives liaisons to flexible university representative liaisons to be requested by the ASI Vice President (in consultation with Advisors)  
3. Added language (Section 4) to removal authority to require a statement of reasons for removal to the Board of Directors.  
4. Revised (Section 6) name from “Executive Committee” to “Interim Governance Committee”  
5. Added language (Section 6.B) such that the Interim Governance Committee shall not be held to circumvent meeting a quorum if quorum can be met and shall only be used as a final alternative | 1. Provide more clarity  
2. This maintains the Academic representative liaison, but provides flexibility to request other representative liaisons to meet the needs of the current action plan and administration  
3. Although reasons for removal are typically provided in situations like these, it was not previously required. Legal counsel advised specifying the requirement.  
4. To avoid confusion with the references to “Executive Sessions”  
5. To ensure the Interim Governance Committee is not misused to circumvent regular business quorum |
| Article 7 – Councils | Removed the “Senator Removal Authority” section | ASI legal counsel has advised that once elected, the Senators (directors) are responsible under the law to the ASI. Therefore, removal of council senators (directors) is the sole authority of the Board of Directors. |
| Article 9 – Chief Executive Position | Added language (Article 9) to outline the delegation and strategic relationship the ASI Chief Executive Position supported by the California Corporations Code. | This is to clarify how the ASI Chief Executive Position functions within ASI. |
| Article 10 – ASI Standing Committees | Added language (Section 1.D) to appoint the Joint Budget Committee as the standing committee recommending ASI budgets to the Board of Directors. | The Joint Budget Committee is a new standing committee as opposed to the Finance Committee & Facilities and Operations Committee “meeting jointly”. |
| Article 13 - Elections | Added clarifying language (Section 1) noting a majority vote is required for elected student leaders, the run-off election requirement for tie votes, and candidate stipulation for being on the ballot only once. | This language is to clarify the direction for ASI elections to help reduce uncertainty in the future. |
| Article 14 – Procedures for Recall of Elected Student Leaders | Revised Recall of Elected Student Leaders (Section 2) from 30% of the people who voted in the last election were needed to petition a recall of an elected official to 10% of the student body would be needed to petition a recall of an elected official. | Election turnout has differed greatly year-to-year. Using a percentage of the student body, makes the recall requirement a more consistent representation. Furthermore, the Election Chair now oversees the special election to mitigate bias. |
| Article 15 – Bills, Codes, Policies, Resolutions, Initiatives, and Referendums | 1. Added Governing Code (Section 2) and Corporate Policy (Section 3) descriptions as it relates to the ASI. 2. Revised Legislation Initiative (Section 5) to provide specific action “enact new legislation or repeal existing legislation” and to update the petition requirements from 30% of students voting in last election to 10% of the entire student body headcount. | 1. For clarification and reference 2. To provide explicit action for a legislation initiative and to update the petition requirements for a broader representation of the study body. |
| Article 16 – Amendments | Added language (Section 2) for bylaws amendments to be internally recommended from the appropriate standing committee. | Parliamentary procedure allows for the voting board to initiate changes to the bylaws by a majority vote, unless other options are noted. Since other options are noted in the bylaws, it is clearer to add the internal recommendation from the appropriate standing committee. A supermajority of 2/3 is consistent with other structural votes in these bylaws. |
Voting Online

How to Vote Online

Every student will receive a link through their CPP e-mail at the beginning of the online voting. Each student will be able to vote for:

- (1) president and vice-president ticket
- (4) Senator-At-Large candidates, one from each of the 4 at-large councils
- (1) senator candidates pertaining to the student’s college
- Substantive changes to the ASI By-law

Students who vote in the general ASI elections will be entered into an opportunity drawing for a chance to win various prizes & coupons!
Dates and Times

Begins: **Monday, April 11, 2022 7:00 AM**

Ends: **Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:00 AM**

**Announcement of Winners**

Join us Thursday, April 14th 12-1pm at the University Park