



Day/Date: Tuesday, May 16th, 2024

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Committee, General Public

Type of Meeting: Regular- Public

**Call to order by: Chair, Treasurer– Armando Rivas @ 3:30 pm**

**Quorum Check**

Name	Position	<b>Present (P)</b> <b>Absent (A)</b> <b>Tardy (T)</b> <b>Excused Absent (EA)</b> <b>Excused Tardy (ET)</b>
1. Ilke Suzer	President	EA
2. Nicholas Lau	Senator Pro Temp, <b>Chair</b>	A
3. Jazmyn Mendoza-Rios	Agriculture Senator	P
4. Wendy Obispo	Business Senator	P
5. Marisa Martinez	College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences Senator	P
6. Lorelei Claxton	College of Education and Integrative Studies Senator	P
7. Cade Wheeler	Engineering Senator	A
8. Anissa Patel	GREEK Senator at Large	P
9. Marsha Pranta	Environmental Design	T 3:53
10. Eric Vercher	Inter Hall Council Senator at Large	P
11. Mehek Jain	Multicultural Club Council Senator at Large	EA
12. Aliuddin O'Khaja	Science Senator	P
13. Megan Shadrick	Student Interest Council Senator at Large	P

14. Amary Corona	Attorney General (non-voting)	
15. Armando Rivas	Treasurer (non-voting)	P
16. Dr. Liz Roosa Millar	ASI Executive Director	P
17. Dr. Jonathan Grady	University Advisor	A
18. James Rocker	ASI Associate Director for Student Government	P
19. Dr. Rita Kumar	Academic Senate Representative	P
20. Hallie Lewis	Staff Council Representative	P
21. Andrea DeCoudres	Alumni Representative	A
22. Pamela Donnelly	Athletics Representative	P

Approve Last Week's Minutes (**Action**)

<b>Offered By:</b>	Science	<b>Seconded by:</b>	SIC			
Approve Last Week's Minutes						
<b>All in Favor</b>	8	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b> <b>PASSED</b>

Templeton: We have just received a letter of resignation from the Vice President, so there is no need for a meeting now.

CEIS: Will his scholarship be withheld because of his resignation now?

ASI Executive Director: That is not part of the discussion item. The item on the agenda is discussing his resignation only.

Science: Can we amend the agenda to talk about that specifically?

Chair: Yes

Science: Motion to amend the agenda to talk about VP's scholarship.

Templeton: That is not an item to discuss at a Board meeting. It is not important, and we have more important business to discuss.

Chair: Can we make it discussion and not action item?

IHC: Motion to adjourn at 3:40pm

University Advisor: When is his resignation effective?

ASI Associate Director: Effective Immediately.

Chair: There is currently a motion on the floor. Someone should either second it or it will fail.

Business: Can we not discuss the contents of the letter?

Templeton: Correct, that is a moot point for open business

Science: ASI, what can now be done about this?

Business: I motion to amend the agenda to discuss how we can prevent this in the future.

Chair: Can't because of the current active motion.

SIC: What about if there's no second?

Templeton: Motion fails without a second.

Chair: Full-time staff, can we get any clarification?

University Advisor: Even if he resigns, why can't the board keep talking about it?

Templeton: There is no discussion to have anymore because effective immediately he is no longer in the VP role.

Chair: If we rephrase discussion item, we can technically discuss.

Science: From ASI can we ask where funds will go now that he has resigned, and can we see the letter he sent?

Chair: Can we amend the agenda to discuss the vacancy of the vice president position?

Business: Motion to amend agenda to remove current discussion item and add discussion item discussing vacancy of president.

Templeton: Removal of Vice President is a moot point in a public board meeting because he is no longer serving.

SIC: Clarification question, can we change the wording because myself and others feel we need to discuss what has happened in the letter sent to the board. We want board members and students to be aware of what has happened. As Business Senator said, can we at least have some sort of discussion talking about why it got to this point?

Business: Transparency is important, many students are confused. CBA students are confused and frustrated at the lack of transparency to also prevent this in the long run.

University Advisor: Dr. Templeton, what is the specific language they need to use?

Templeton: We have a legal obligation for accusations. If they resign prior, it is no longer an active motion and so that prevents us from reading the letter to the public. There are questions for prevention, funding, etc., and so we would have to remove Item A and use a different item.

SIC: To prevent a situation like we had with the previous Vice President in the future, we need to read the letter publicly but is that something we figure out during or outside of the meeting?

Science: I have no access to the resignation letter.

Templeton: I don't know what happens in this situation, we would have to reach out to legal counsel at this moment.

ASI Executive Director: Have you all agreed to remove action item of removal to a different discussion item?

University Advisor: I am confused right now about what the students are allowed to say and not to say.

Templeton: Legal counsel is here right now, and they can advise what we are allowed to discuss right now.

Mark Bookman: Before the meeting began, VP resigned, you all want to discuss the VP who is no longer here. The Board has no one to remove now. I am trying to be careful with what I am saying.

SIC: Thank you, Mr. Bookman, we are trying to figure out what we can say. This meeting we want to talk about the allegations in the letter sent to the board. We are committed to transparency and students deserve to know.

Bookman: Talk about your concerns. He diminished the ability of the board to effectively. An allegation is that he ineffectively shares communication. How do you write a bylaw about that?

University Advisor: Board wanted to talk about scholarship from student fees that would be given to the vice president until right now.

Bookman: Staff can explain how the scholarship works now if you'd like. That is an appropriate topic.

Science: I motion to discuss scholarship transparency.

Business: We cannot discuss any allegations?

Bookman: Is anyone clear on what is happening? Someone would need to vote on the current motion

SIC: So what this so the students want to discuss the allegations that we. That the senators have made and they wanted to discuss the process of scholarships and how scholarships are handled when a an ESI senator or cabinet member is removed and what happens to those funds.

Bookman: The scholarship and allegations are two separate things.

Chair: Students want to discuss allegations and scholarships are handled when members are removed. Those are two separate items. We would have to remove current action items then add discussion item regarding ASI scholarships are handled during removal and item b that discusses allegations regarding VP

**Remove Action Item A and Add Discussion Item A and B (Action)**

<b>Offered By:</b>	Science	<b>Seconded by:</b>	SIC			
Remove Item A discussing Vice President Removal						
<b>All in Favor</b>	7	<b>Opposed</b>	1	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b> <b>PASSED</b>

**Discussion Items**

Discussion Item A: Former Vice President's Scholarship

ASI Executive Director: Because they resign or are removed at the end of the semester, they may not receive the last scholarship.

Chair: Only the ones not received will not be received at all?

ASI Executive Director: They will not receive the scholarship for the time that they were removed or unable to serve.

SIC: Previous VP is not receiving last scholarship disbursement?

ASI Executive Director: We will have to make a decision; a resignation is similar to removal.

Chair: How are we on disbursements?

ASI Associate Director: It would be next week

Science: Because we have not submitted the check and he has resigned before, will he not receive his scholarship?

ASI Executive Director: Likely, but he resigned and was not removed so we will see.

SIC: If somebody resigns or is removed, will they not receive funds?

Chair: Unsure if check was dropped off or not so we are not sure.

ASI Executive Director: No, Advisor held up check, it has not been dropped off.

SIC: So removal is the same as resignation?

ASI Executive Director: He was unable to commit to his role, so his specific case is similar to a removal. We do not have a compensation model so a scholarship is not cut and dry with options. But because of timing, it looks like he will not get his scholarship

Science: Will the board be notified of any decisions that are made?

ASI Executive Director: You are not commonly shown everyone's disbursements so I don't think you will know.

University Advisor: Why can't students know about fee disbursement since the scholarship comes from student fees.

Bookman: It went from taxable income to non-taxable income and so it is private stipends between you and the financial aid office.

Discussion Item B: Reading the Letter Addressing Allegations of Former Vice President

Treasurer: Can we go over the letter that we constructed with the allegations.

Bookman: You can share the letter, but discussion and debate is different. Sharing is appropriate in terms of issues from the board at this time.

Chair: We will read the letter, but we will not begin a discussion.

SIC: Do you need me to do it?

Chair: Yes, can you read it as well?

SIC: SIC, Business, CEIS, AGR, CLASS, Treasurer, etc. were involved.

Rarely participated while present and barely did it over Zoom particularly during summer training. Hindered ability to do duties effectively.

Was not a liaison between Cabinet and Board. Failed to hold 1:1 meeting. Inappropriate meetings public and private behaviors during BOD. Mya Ammari has written concerns making hostile environments for the public and students. His behavior was unprofessional. Peeled and ate oranges, burped and ate loudly. Starbucks was brought and seemed petty and was done to be hostile to students.

Withholding student opinions and concerns. All student feedback regardless of personal position must be shared with the Board. BOD agenda would not be amended, senators would be silenced.

During the last 1.5 month, he has had his absence unexcused from all ASI meetings. False reasons were provided, and the university cannot comment. Naman has been on campus not including in person sightings as well. He said he was out of town, and he was physically capable of doing his duties but didn't. If he claims safety concerns, then his in-person presence on campus raises questions.

Improper use of ASI funds. In early March, Naman reached out to Office of Government and External Affairs about attending CSU Hill Day in Washington, DC. He was informed office only 2 leaders from student government were budgeted to attend: the ASI president and Secretary of External Affairs. Upon receiving this information, Naman requested ASI support for his travel from the Associate Director James Rucker. May 21st James and Karen Barragan student government lead met with government and external affairs to gather information about the trip. It was communicated that there was no room in CPPs delegation for name in and that the only events he would be able to attend were a tour and alumni capital, community reception. It was determined that attendance at the single event did not meet Asi's financial support standards. This decision was communicated to Naming on March, the 22nd. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, ASI corporate finance reached out to James to seek information about charges on Naman's ASI procurement card from March, the 20th and 21st that were connected to Washington travel but for which no travel authorization had been granted. Additional charges were made on his procurement card for further unauthorized travel on March 27th in Sacramento.

The last reason 6 falsification of legal documents sent to ASI staff on May, the 9th ASI staff received a communication from Naman Pandadiya. This letter was purported to be from an international law firm and form of a member of this firm's legal team. This letter, alleged that members of ASI board were affiliated with persons who had threatened him, putting name and at risk. This letter goes on to state that Naming's absence from campus and this board of directors and committee meeting are because of these threats. Additionally, the letter alleges the law firm has been retained to take legal action outside of campus jurisdiction. To rectify the situation. On May 10th ASI legal counsel 1st researched the law firm and the name attorney. The named attorney was not registered with the California Bar Association. ASI legal counsel then called the law firm. Subsequent to the call ASI legal counsel received an email stating the firm had no knowledge of either the attorney whose name appears on the bottom of the letter or the matters addressed in the letter.

Overall, the board believes the vice president has entirely failed his in his responsibilities. It is the opinion of the board that name and Pandadiya has not served the student body and his constituents effectively.

Templeton: In the minutes, please include the letter.

Bookman: Miller was emailed, James was teamed, and Ginny was teamed directly from Naman. No stamp of confidentiality. Public information of resignation.



Chair: As long as bod members can get the email without the confidentiality portion. In regards to the letter we just went over with the list of allegations sent to the president. It had mentioned something about a fake attorney letter sent to ASI. Is that confidential or can board members view it?

Bookman: A staff member shared it with me asking what to do. The letter had an allegation and potential litigation. If you share the letter I would permit it in an executive setting. What Megan just read contains the essence of the letter. You won't learn anything new

SIC: I think we should be able to see the resignation letter but I'm fine if we don't receive the letter from the attorney.

Chair: The resignation letter can be sent to the board member of the confidential part is kept confidential.

ASI Executive Director: The letter is kept confidential.

Chair: The board members can't view it then?

Bookman: It will be shared with you as board members, but not the general public.

Meeting Adjournment (action)

<b>Offered By:</b>	SIC	<b>Seconded by:</b>	CLASS			
<b>All in Favor</b>	8	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion: PASSED</b>

**Adjournment by: Chair, Treasurer– Armando Rivas @ 4:52 pm**

**GUEST OF THE GALLERY**

1. Amy Tjeltveit
2. Isabelle Guevara
3. Nathan Alquicira
4. Vic Martin Jr
5. Ginny Templeton
6. Brenda Romero
7. Krista Smith
8. Roger Fang

9. Sharon Rocacorba
10. Mark Bookman
11. Danisha Lawrence
12. Shellyn Liska
13. Janet Castro
14. Emilee Acosta
15. Anita Roberts
16. Roman G Lopez
17. Sandy Solano



May 14, 2024

Justification for Removal of ASI's Vice President 2023-2024

Presented by the 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Specific Board Member Participants to this document include...

- Student Interest Council Senator
- Business Senator
- CEIS Senator
- Agriculture Senator
- CLASS Senator
- Greek Council Senator
- Engineering Senator
- Multi-Cultural Senator
- Science Senator
- ASI Treasurer
- Other students of Cal Poly Pomona (mostly anonymous)
- ASI Executive Director and Staff

Below are the six (6) primary reasons and justifications for the proposed removal of Vice President Naman Pandadiya, based on our Bylaws, job description, and opinions of the Board of Directors (BOD). We believe relieving him of his duties as ASI Vice President is necessary.

1. **Excessive Unexcused Absences from Mandatory Meetings and Failure to Perform Duties as Per ASI Bylaws**

*\*\*These may not include all absences, considering not all minutes are posted to the website*

- a. The recorded unexcused absences for the Vice President are as follows, according to the available minutes posted on the ASI website:
    - i. Board of Directors: 4
    - ii. Rules and Policies Committee: 3
    - iii. Sustainability Committee: Vice President never attended in-person, occasionally attended online, and did not participate actively.
    - iv. Finance Committee: Frequently absent towards the end of the term and rarely participated when present.
    - v. Notably, the Vice President was absent for the entirety of the 2023 Summer Trainings. While his absence may have been excused, he rarely participated via Zoom, leaving the President to manage all business alone. Additionally, he failed to communicate with any Board member during or after the training.
    - vi. Committee Chairs, including the ASI Senator Pro-Tempore and ASI Treasurer, have expressed significant frustration due to the Vice President's absences, which have hindered their ability to perform their duties effectively.
  - b. Failure to Facilitate Communication Between ASI Board of Directors and ASI Cabinet.
    - i. The Vice President did not fulfill his role as the liaison between the BOD and the Cabinet, as required by ASI Bylaws. Consequently, neither body has been adequately informed of the other's actions and decisions throughout the year.
  - c. Lack of Commitment to ASI Senators
    - i. The Vice President did not conduct the mandatory mid-year review of the ASI Board of Directors, as stipulated by ASI Bylaws.
    - ii. He frequently rescheduled and ultimately canceled multiple one-on-one meetings with senators, failing to provide the necessary leadership and support throughout his term.
2. **Unprofessional and Inappropriate Behavior in Interactions with CPP Students as Vice President**
- a. During Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, various Committee meetings, Open Forums, and individual private meetings, both students and Board members have

reported instances of unprofessional and inappropriate behavior by the Vice President. Specifically, he has been observed making comments such as:

- i. "No one wants to be here, let's end it."
- ii. "I don't want to be here."
- iii. "Let's get this over with."
- iv. "I know we all have better things to be doing."

These remarks, along with his generally rushed, impatient, and disengaged demeanor during meetings, have been noted by the Board. His quickness to move on and end meetings prematurely has placed undue pressure on attendees, particularly the public, thereby creating an unwelcoming environment.

CPP student, Mya Ammari's statement

"I am writing to address concerns regarding Vice President Naman Pandadiya's conduct towards our organization (Students for Justice in Palestine at Cal Poly Pomona) and me personally. In preparation for the first ceasefire resolution meeting of the Board of Directors, I scheduled a meeting with VP Naman to discuss his views and seek his understanding of my perspective as a student advocating for the ceasefire resolution. Unfortunately, his behavior during our meeting was extremely unprofessional. As I tried to discuss the serious issue of Palestinian genocide and matters of personal importance, VP Naman wore his hat backwards, peeled and ate an orange, and exhibited disruptive behaviors such as coughing loudly and burping, which I found quite disrespectful and off-putting. Moreover, at the Ceasefire Resolution meeting with the Board of Directors, I noticed VP Naman brought a Starbucks cup, which seemed out of character as I have not seen him bring one to any other meeting. This action appeared petty and intentional, contributing to an unwelcoming atmosphere. Given these incidents, I urge the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) to take appropriate action to address this unprofessionalism, as it undermines the respect and decorum expected in our university's governance. Thank you for addressing this serious concern."

3. **Withholding Students' Opinions and Voices from the Board on Various Discussion/Action Items.**

- a. The Board has received numerous reports from campus organizations and students regarding the Vice President's failure to communicate their opinions and concerns during BOD meetings. As the second highest-ranking executive student leader, it is imperative that all student feedback is conveyed to the Board, regardless of personal opinion.
- b. Additionally, in his role as the liaison between the ASI BOD and the ASI Cabinet, the Vice President has consistently failed to share information about the business and activities of each group with the other. This lack of communication undermines the collaborative efforts and transparency required for effective governance.
- c. On multiple occasions, the Vice President refused to amend the BOD agenda when senators were interested in adding discussion items. He withheld many of us from using our voices as leaders of our campus, which goes against our entire purpose.

4. **Unexcused Absence During the Last Month and a Half of the 2023-2024 term.**

- a. The Board has received no communication or explanation for the Vice President's absence from all ASI meetings and activities during the last month and a half of the term.
- b. Additionally, the Vice President has provided false reasons for his absence to the Senator Pro Tempore and other Board members. ASI Student Government Staff have reported having no valid excuse on his behalf, and the University has stated they cannot comment on the matter, which does not justify the lack of notification to the Board.
- c. The Board considers his prolonged absence both inexcusable and unacceptable.
- d. Furthermore, numerous students, staff, and Board members have observed Naman on campus over the past month. This situation raises significant questions and concerns regarding the commitment and integrity of the Vice President. Please review the social media posts below, paying particular attention to their captions and the timestamps indicating Naman's presence on campus. Note that this evidence does not include the additional in-person sightings reported by the Board, UBSS (United Business Student Senate), other students, and staff.



5.

On Saturday, April 27th, I participated in Cal Poly Pomona's Management Information Systems Student Association's 28th Annual Information Technology Competition. Having competed in this case competition for the past three years, I am thrilled to share that, in my final year of college, my team secured first place in the IT Strategy Category!

As I prepare to graduate and embark on a career in consulting, I sought to maximize my college experience by continuing to tackle diverse and complex challenges. This competition provided a perfect platform for applying the knowledge and skills I've honed over the past four years.

I'm immensely grateful to my talented and dedicated teammates from PolyBronco Solutions - **Bea Rosete**, **Naman P. Nawapat Bussarakornsirivit**, and **Dean Pfeiffer**. Their hard work and dedication played a pivotal role in our success. We spent many late nights brainstorming creative solutions, diving deep into research, and carefully refining our presentation. Each team member contributed their unique expertise and insights, creating a collaborative and uplifting atmosphere.

I would also like to give a huge thank you to this year's MISSA ITC Team — **Jhamilet Fuentes**, **Ally Nguyen**, and **Vincent Pastrana** — as well as the ITC Judges, and everyone else involved in organizing this event. Together with my team, we crafted innovative solutions to assist [www.INOU.com](http://www.INOU.com) in transitioning towards a more ethical and sustainable business model, setting the stage for long-term success. I look forward to bringing the insights and experiences from this competition into my professional journey in the consulting industry.

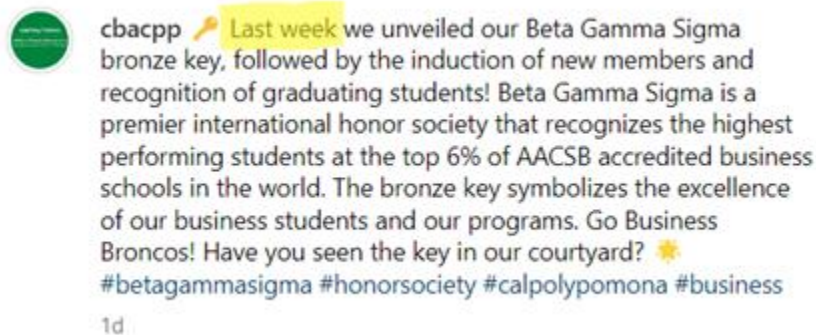
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7. This event took place on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as the caption states. The picture was taken on campus in front of the Business building.



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10. This event took place the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and this was posted to Instagram on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The picture was taken on campus in front of the Business building.

11. This evidence substantiates several points. Firstly, it confirms that Naman has been on campus, contradicting his claims to Board members that he was out of town in response to inquiries about his absence. Secondly, it demonstrates that he has been physically capable of fulfilling his duties as Vice President yet has chosen not to do so. Finally, it raises concerns about his integrity, as outlined in reason #6 below. If Naman cited safety concerns as the reason for his absence to the ASI staff, his in-person presence on campus calls this explanation into question.

12. **Improper Use of ASI Funds**



- a. In early March, Naman reached out to Michelle Ellis Viorato of CPP's Office of Government and External Affairs about attending CSU Hill Day in Washington D.C. Michelle informed him that their office only budgeted for two leaders from Student Government to attend; the ASI President and Secretary of External Affairs. Upon receiving this information, Naman requested ASI's support for his travel from the Associate Director, James Rocker.
- b. On May 21, James and Karen Barragan, Student Government Lead, met with Government and External Affairs to gather information about the trip. It was communicated that there was no room in CPP's delegation for Naman and that the only events he would be able to attend were a tour and Alumni and Capitol Community Reception. It was determined that attendance at this single event did not meet ASI's financial support standards. This decision was communicated to Naman on March 22.
- c. On May 14, Teresa Gonzalez of ASI Corporate Finance reached out to James to seek information about charges on Naman's ASI procurement card from March 20 and 21 that were connected to Washington travel but for which no travel authorization had been granted. Additional charges were made on his procurement card for further unauthorized travel on March 27 in Sacramento.

### **13. Falsification of Legal Document Sent to ASI Staff**

- a. On May 9, ASI staff received a communication from Naman Pandadiya. This letter was purported to be from an international law firm and from a member of this firm's legal team. This letter alleged that members of the ASI Board were affiliated with persons who had threatened him, putting Naman at risk. The letter goes on to state that Naman's absence from campus and this Board of Directors and committee meeting are because of these threats. Additionally, the letter alleges the law firm has been retained to take legal action "outside of campus jurisdiction" to rectify the situation.
- b. On May 10, ASI legal counsel first researched the law firm and the named attorney. The named attorney was not registered with the California Bar Association. ASI legal counsel then called the law firm. Subsequent to the call, ASI legal counsel received

an email stating the firm had no knowledge of either the attorney whose name appears on the bottom of the letter or the matters addressed in the letter.

Overall, the Board believes the Vice President has entirely failed in his responsibilities. It is the opinion of the Board that Naman Pandadiya has not served the student body and his constituents effectively. He has failed to embody the mission of ASI and Cal Poly Pomona, has been unsupportive of Board members, and has been consistently absent, both physically and mentally, throughout the entirety of his term.

Per the ASI Bylaws, Naman can address the Board regarding the concerns above at the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 3:30 pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom: <https://cpp.zoom.us/j/84849132888>.

Sincerely,

The ASI Board of Directors