

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

CABINET MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #25
April 5, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Citlalli Ortiz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Toni Flores, AB540 and Undocumented Students
Mya Jones, Cultural Affairs (Depart 3:15 p.m.)
Caleb Aparicio, LGBTQ+ Affairs
Pilar Cáceres, Pregnant and Parenting Students
Sarath Cornelio, Women and Gender Equity Affairs
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI Chief Diversity Officer
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI President

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, Disability Affairs

Non-Voting Members Present

Chrissy Myers, ASI Government Affairs Graduate Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Aparicio (MOTION) Cornelio (SECOND) to Cabinet Agenda #25, April 5, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-1
Approve Oppose Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #24, March 22, 2021

Flores (MOTION) Jones (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #24, March 22, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-1
Approve Oppose Abstain

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Students of Color Conference:
 - Date/time: April 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Speaker: Dr. Angela Davis
 - Event details: <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/enjoy/event-calendar/2980>
 - Registration opened today

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ASI PRESIDENT

There were none.

8. ADVOCACY/POLICY REPORTS

A. Information Item: AB 540 & Undocumented Students
Events/Programming

Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #25, April 5, 2021

- Planning a Life after CSULB event
 - April 6, 5-6:30 p.m.
 - 2 Speakers; question and answer portion
 - F.U.E.L moderating event

Advocacy/Policy

- Undocumented Student Scholarship
 - Meeting this Friday
 - Group meeting to be scheduled with Dean
 - Waiting to hear back from DSC

Trainings

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YzN3M1dFLVMPSJfGOMq_TGs64h6WGWZWT96yLWfsr1rU/e/dit?usp=sharing

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- Fun Fact: I have booked my photographer for graduation pics!

B. Information Item: Cultural Affairs

Events/Programming

- Students of Color Conference
- Know Your Rights: Interactions with Police
 - Worked on presentation for event with Associate Justice Hashemi

Advocacy/Policy

- Working on resolution document with SQE and fellow commissioners regarding reducing UPD's budget to use those funds for more adequate services for the student body.

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- "Life is a Journey not a race. It's not meant only to reach the finish line its meant to make every moment count matter and count for a glorious life"

C. Information Item: Disability Affairs

There was no report, as position is vacant.

D. Information Item: LGBTIQ+ Affairs

Events/Programming

- Queer Diversity Week Feedback/Overview
 - Students want more events like the Queer Sex Ed Workshop and "Tangled: Unraveling Religious Shame from Myself and my Family"
 - ✓ Conversations that aren't normally had in the community
- Coming Out of the Shadows (F.U.E.L.)
 - April 23

Advocacy/Policy

- ASI Senate Resolution urging CSULB to recruit & hire more LGBTQIA+ faculty and staff
 - Made a couple of edits after its first reading. Will be having its second reading this week during Senate
- Working on another resolution with Vice President Alderete-Gonzalez to change the name of my position from Commissioner of LGBTIQ+ Affairs to Commissioner of LGBTQIA+ Affairs.
- Working in partnership with SQE and Vice President Alderete Gonzalez, Chair Ortiz, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Cáceres on a resolution to redistribute funds from Campus Police to CAPS.

This is a CSU-wide effort that other chapters of SQE have also been working on.

Other Business/Concerns

- Federal (COVID) Aid money should start getting distributed this week, according to Dr. Lesen.
 - There was a delay due to the addition of extra security measures.
 - ✓ People were getting swindled out of their money last semester
 - Unfortunately, this money will not be distributed to undocumented or international students, but Conoley is looking for funds elsewhere for these communities
- CSULB is partnering with the Crisis Text Line
 - Students will be able to text "BEACH" to 741741 and text with a real person

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs...one step at a time. – Joe Girard

E. Information Item: Pregnant and Parenting Students

Events/Programming

- April 16 and 17: "Women's collective Retreat "I See You".
- Zoom life sessions with service learning students are scheduled
- Met with Alyssa Castrillon in regard to create a donation drive (using a part of a parking site or the IPDCDC) (project)

Other Business/Concern

- Beach parents will continue working with CalFresh in regard to Health eating patterns

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- My kids are the reason I wake up every morning, really freakin' early...every...single...morning.

F. Information Item: Women and Gender Equity Affairs

Events/Programming

- Rape Culture and Media Representation with Heart at the Beach; April 12
- I See You with Women and Gender Equity Center; April 16 and 17

Advocacy/Policy

- Need to follow up on staff title 9 training, should contact the Title IX office this week.

Campus Climate

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- There was a 4.0 earthquake at 4:44 a.m. on April, the 4th month of the year

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Campus Climate Issues

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Government Wide Coalition Meeting

The following Plan of Action was developed to help address many of the common equity, inclusion and racial justice issues that were identified at the initial Student Government Coalition meeting.

Responsible Entity

- Associated Students, Inc. (ASI)
- CSULB (University)
- Shared responsibility among both ASI & CSULB
- External Community

Categories

- Advocacy
- Governing and or Board Composition
- Policies and Procedures
- Program Review and Development
- Communication Management
- Human Resources Management
- Facility Operations and Services

Goals

- Identify Issues and provide a potential solution along with the specifics on how to move forward with appropriate stakeholders and establish a timeline
- Identify, assign, and ensure ASI Leads that will ensure that issues are being resolved
- Develop a priority tier system that ranks which projects should be immediately executed along with corresponding timelines

ASI

- Issue: Disconnection between ASI and Student Body
- Category: Communication Management/Program Review and Development
- Solution: Better marketing and engagement programming
- Direct Responsibility: ASI Communications/ Beach Pride Events (Aaron Elimelech/Taylor Buhler-Scott)
- Timeline: Mid-April
- Requires ASI Board Approval: None

- Issue: Lack of Communication among student organizations
- Category: Communication Management/ Governing Board Composition/ Policies and Procedures
- Solution: Creation of Inter-Club Council, and re-imagining town halls and programming
- Direct Responsibility: ASI President/ASI Chief Government Relations Officer, Student Life and Development (SLD), Beach Pride
- Timeline: End of April
- Requires ASI Board Approval: Maybe

- Issue: Lack of Communication, collaboration and connection among internal ASI Governing Boards
- Category: Communication Management/ Policies and Procedures/ Governing Board Composition
- Solution: Discord (already created), Monthly Government-Wide Check in
- Direct Responsibility: ASI Execs and Chairs
- Timeline: In Progress
- Requires ASI Board Approval: None

CSULB

- Issue: Admin does not engage with students
- Category: Communication Management/ Governing Board Composition
- Solution: Administration to host monthly open meetings to engage with students and listen to student needs. Ex. Coffee with President Conoley or “Doughnuts with VP Lesen”
- Direct University Responsibility: Office of the President, Office of the Vice President?
- ASI Lead: ASI Executives

- Timeline: Fall 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Certain University-Side Boards and Committees are not effective and do not listen to student needs
 - Category: Communication Management/ Governing Board Compositions
 - Solution: Identify Boards and Committees to engage with respective Chairs. Student Leaders to engage in Check-Ins with Board Chair
 - Direct University Responsibility: Chairs of Boards
 - ASI Lead: Academic Affairs Officer
 - Timeline: Ongoing/end of April
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Maybe
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- Issue: CNSM Curriculum (policies)
 - Category: Policies and Procedures
 - Solution: to be determined (tbd)
 - Direct University Responsibility: Dean of College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM)
 - ASI Lead: College Senators CNSM/ASI Academic Affairs Officer (AAO)
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Recruitment/Retention with Engineering Students
 - Category: Communication Management/ Program Review and Development
 - Solution: Develop Programming that actively recruits students interested in College of Engineering (COE) by
 - Direct University Responsibility: COE/Beach Access
 - ASI Lead: ASI Senator COE/ASI Chief Diversity Officer (CDO)
 - Timeline: April 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Maybe
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- Issue: Professors are disorganized on BeachBoard
 - Category: Communication Management
 - Solution: Develop more trainings and develop a reporting system in which students can garner BeachBoard feedback to Professors. Ensuring that Professors with multiple complaints are provided (strike system) Include BB feedback in End of the Year evaluations.
 - Direct University Responsibility: Beachboard IT/Academic Affairs
 - ASI Lead: AAO
 - Timeline: Summer 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Extend deadlines to drop winter courses
 - Category: Policies and Procedures
 - Solution: Inquire with the Provost and Academic Senate about extending the drop dates, lead a review survey to garner feedback
 - Direct University Responsibility: Academic Affairs/ Academic Senate
 - ASI Lead: AAO

- Timeline: End of Year
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Intentional Inclusion of disabled community folks on the accessibility changes that may affect them (Campus Master Plan)
 - Category: Advocacy
 - Solution: tbd
 - Direct University Responsibility: Building Services/Bob Murphy Access Center (BMAC)
 - ASI Lead: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval:
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- Issue: Current Title 9 training is heteronormative and non-inclusive
 - Category: Board Composition
 - Solution: Re-envision trainings that are more inclusive. Longer in-depth trainings for staff. Staff expansion
 - Entity: CSULB
 - Direct University Responsibility: Title 9 Committee and Office
 - ASI Lead: Commissioner of Women & Gender Equity
 - Timeline: Fall 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Menstrual and Hygiene products in all restrooms
 - Category: Facility Operations and Services/ Advocacy
 - Solution: Work with Department of Administration and Finance on a proposed budget that includes (products, physical maintenance and labor works)
 - Entity: CSULB
 - Direct University Responsibility: Building Services/ Admin & Finance
 - ASI Lead: ASI Execs/ Commissioner of Women & Gender Equity
 - Timeline: Fall 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Students with disabilities system wide face accessibility barriers pertaining to academic success (e.g. overemphasize for medical documents)
 - Category: Advocacy/ Policies and Procedures
 - Solution: tbd
 - Direct University Responsibility: Division of Student Affairs (DSA) BMAC/ Academic Affairs
 - ASI Lead: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: tbd
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- Issue: Hiring of Black faculty and staff
 - Category: Advocacy, Policies and Procedures/ Communication Management/ Human Resources
 - Solution: ASI to engage and support in recruitment. Inquire administration about hiring budgets.
 - Advocacy through an Academic Senate Resolution.
 - Direct University Responsibility: DSA / Academic Affairs

- ASI Lead: CDO /AAO, Commissioner of Cultural Affairs
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Training for HR (Implicit Bias)
 - Category: tbd
 - Solution: tbd
 - Direct University Responsibility: tbd
 - ASI Lead: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: tbd
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- Issue: Recruitment and retention of Black students
 - Category: tbd
 - Solution: tbd
 - Direct University Responsibility: tbd
 - ASI Lead: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: tbd
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- Issue: Lack of case managers that specify on sexual assault
 - Category: tbd
 - Solution: Hire Case Manager Not Alone @ The Beach
 - Direct University Responsibility: tbd
 - ASI Lead: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires ASI Board Approval: tbd

Overlap (ASI & University)

- Issue: Financial support for PPS in forms of scholarships or other ways
 - Category: Advocacy and policy procedures
 - Solution: new programs or scholarships focus on Parents and Pregnant (PPS) students or create an exception for receiving financial aid without having the six units required by financial aid department
 - Entity: CSULB
 - Direct Responsibility: Financially Aid from state (CSULB), commissioner for PPS
 - Timeline: Fall 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: yes
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- Issue: Family-friendly Campus. Create another family-friendly space in the USU like the one in the library.
 - Category: services and operations
 - Solution: The proposal was sent (wait for approval), find a spot in Student Center
 - Entity: Women's and Gender Equity Center (WGEC), CSULB
 - Direct Responsibility: WGEC and ASI Commissioner for PPS
 - Timeline: Fall 2021, Spring 2022
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes

- Issue: Scholarships specific to the LGBTQIA+ community
 - Category: tbd
 - Solution: Seek donors for LGBTQIA+ specific scholarships
 - Entity: tbd
 - Direct Responsibility: tbd
 - Timeline: tbd
 - Requires Administrative Approval: tbd
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- Issue: The university and ASI should partner up with outside organizations to better support LGBTQIA+ students.
 - Category: Advocacy
 - Solution: Reach out to Long Beach, Orange County, and Los Angeles LGBTQIA+ organizations to collaborate with for events and resources.
 - Entity: Office of Multicultural Affairs, ASI
 - Direct Responsibility: Commissioner of LGBTQIA+ Affairs, LGBTQ+ Resource Center
 - Timeline: In progress/Fall 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: tbd
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- Issue: Funding issues within the Undocumented community
 - Category: Advocacy
 - Solution: Provide a source of financial assistance through scholarships or stipends for undocumented students.
 - Entity: Dream Success Center, ASI
 - Direct Responsibility: Commissioner of AB540 and Undocumented Students
 - Timeline: Summer 2021
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Creating a safe space for undocumented students
 - Category: Advocacy/Policies and Procedures
 - Solution: Make the USU or other space on campus serve as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)-free or sanctuary space for students.
 - Entity: Dream Success Center, ASI, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
 - Direct Responsibility: Commissioner of AB540 and Undocumented Students
 - Timeline: Ongoing
 - Requires Administrative Approval: Yes
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- Issue: Communication to students about university mascot Elbee (clarification). Being more responsible in the decisions and the language that is used.
 - Category: tbd
 - Solution: Engage University on the creation and distribution of Elbee educational material to bring awareness to the various identities and communities that Elbee represents.
 - Entity: ASI/ CSULB Strategic Communications (Dr. Cook)
 - Direct Responsibility: Commissioner of LGBTQIA+/CDO
 - Timeline: To develop a plan by the end of Spring 2021
 - Requires ASI Board Approval: None

- B. Information Item: Commissioner of the Month
Ortiz recognized Flores as Commissioner of the Month.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

Myers: Students of Color Conference registration: <https://asicsulb.org/corporate/enjoy/event-calendar/2980>

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Citlalli Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.