

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

CABINET MINUTES
Meeting #8
October 18, 2021
(APPROVED)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia Ray called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Fatima Zeferino, AB540 and Undocumented Students
Destiny Islas, Disability Affairs
Luis Mendiola Luna, Environmental Justice
Janelle Salas Chung, LGBTIQ+ Affairs
Diamond Byrd, Veterans Affairs
Hannah Peedikayil, Wellness Affairs
Courtney Leos, Women and Gender Equity Affairs
Cynthia Ray, ASI Chief Diversity Officer
Jesus Gonzalez, ASI President

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, Cultural Affairs
VACANT, International Student Affairs
VACANT, Pregnant and Parenting Students

Non-Voting Members Present

Odalys Zamora, ASI Government Affairs Graduate Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Byrd (MOTION) Gonzalez (SECOND) to Cabinet Agenda, Meeting #8, October 18, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0
Approve Oppose Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #7, October 11, 2021

Islas (MOTION) Gonzalez (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #7, October 11, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0
Approve Oppose Abstain

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- 1-1s are successfully progressing
- Cabinet's October Social: event information has been emailed out to ASI Government
- Bang4Change: upcoming
- Cabinet reports: reduced reporting schedule now in effect
- Recruit for vacant commissioner positions

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ASI PRESIDENT

- Along with Chief Government Relations Officer Darwin and USUBOT Chair Jain met with CSU Trustee Wendy Fong to discuss goal and issues facing the student body

- CSU Board of Trustee, Student At-Large position open
<https://calstatestudents.org/involvement/student-trustee-search/>
- Take a Sec with the Execs: tomorrow, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., USU Southwest Terrance
- Meet the Commissioner Event: October 28
- ASI Government newsletter: would like to highlight a commissioner each month; send headshot and bullet point info
- Bang4Change: upcoming

8. ADVOCACY/POLICY REPORTS

A. Information Item: AB 540 and Undocumented Student Advocacy/Policy

- I Stand with Immigrants Day of Action and AB540 event
 - Promote supportive environment at the Beach and to celebrate Assembly Bill AB540 (Bill that allowed Undocu students to qualify for in state tuition and, as a result, opened many opportunities for Undocu-students)
 - Dream Success Center will host (collaboration with fwd.us)
 - FUEL will have a booth, Carecen will be present
 - Oct 26th 12pm

Other Business/Concerns

- Latino Student Union
 - Club that collaborates with FUEL and hosts the Undocu 5k to create scholarships for undocumented students on campus.
 - Currently looking for new members for executive board
 - There has been little to no applications received so I would like to ask for help of my fellow cabinet members to share/spread the message.
 - Need assistance with application? Email advisor: Norma.Salcedo@csulb.edu

Did You Know About My Community

- What is the California Assembly Bill 540?
- Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis on Oct 12, 2001
- Allows undocumented, asylee, immigrants and other eligible students to receive in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities as long as the student attended high school in CA for 3 yrs or more and received a CA HS Diploma or GED prior to start of semester
- Different from DACA because as long as you met requirements above, you can receive in-state tuition without having to be a DACA recipient

B. Information Item: Disability Affairs

Advocacy/Policy

- Meeting with Shelbi Felter (Shelbi.Felter01@student.csulb.edu) to discuss ideas and goals for student on campus
- Meeting last week with USU with Associate Executive Director Sylvana Cicero (Sylvana.Cicero@csulb.edu) Associate Directors Maureen Macra, and Christopher Huebner

Other Business/Concerns

- Inclusive Sports Expo: October 7, 5 p.m., Main gym
- Dark Climb: October 14, November 18, 6 p.m., Rock wall
- Sit-down Volleyball: October 21, 5 p.m., MAC gym
- Follow up with Mary Nguyen next week to discuss student email of concern and more ideas to include other departments on campus

Did You Know About My Community

- BMAC has now established a club to bring inclusivity for all students with disabilities - <https://bit.ly/bmacclub>

C. Information Item: Environmental Justice

Advocacy/Policy

- Meeting with Dr. House Peters
 - Predecessors
 - Divestments
 - Other carbon Neutrality approaches
- Meeting with President Gonzalez
 - Discussed Agenda regarding suitability

Other Business/Concerns

- President's commission on sustainability
- Local Port's operating hours and impact on communities

Did You Know About My Community

- ES&P Club monthly collection
 - Please donate any materials listed in the google sheet
- Sustainability Month
 - The Environmental Impact of Lithium Batteries

D. Information Item: LGBTQIA+ Affairs

Advocacy/Policy

- Conquering the Closet
 - Our event went well and many of the attendees let us know that they did feel a lot more comfortable with the idea of coming out and whether to do so in the first place.
 - We also focused the effects that other intersectional identities might have in our ability to come out, so we navigated that and created an environment in which everyone was able to ask questions and made sure there was a full understanding of the slides presented.
- Qualtrics Form
 - Aimed at students who are not comfortable sharing how they feel through zoom/email. The questions ask students how they feel about their safety in the school and how inclusive our learning environment is. Similar to LGBTQIA Campus Climate Survey but allow for discussions on event planning.

Other Business/Concerns

- Slower week, midterms involved. Drag Bingo occurred.

Did You Know About My Community

- Almost 1 in 5 individuals who are LGBTQIA+ experience homelessness at least once in their lives.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Action Item : Meet Your Commissioner Event

- October 28, 2021, 5-7 p.m.
- Co-event with the Cabinet October social

Zamora: requested commissioners bring community specific information (i.e. resource center brochures) for tabling.

Byrd (MOTION) Islas (SECOND) to approve Meet Your Commissioner Event

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-2-2
Approve Oppose Abstain

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Review Cabinet Goals

Ray reviewed the following Cabinet SMART goals:

- 1) To become more knowledgeable of our constituents we will develop relationships, build trust, listen, and follow up throughout the semesters, with student organizations and other departments so we become experts in our communities. We will make initial connections with most constituents by October. To maintain a healthy relationship, we shall have internal check-ins in December (fall semester) and in February (spring semester).
- 2) To increase communication between ASI and the student body throughout the 2021-2022 Academic Year, the Cabinet will attend campus events (in person and virtually) to increase visibility and invite the student body to connect with us during office hours and via email. Progress can be measured at the end of each semester by tracking event attendance in weekly Commissioner reports and office hours and/or email communication from students.
- 3) We will facilitate a seamless transition for students back to on campus events and in person classes by developing relationships with our communities as well as CAPS, BPE, and other campus organizations that can account for student safety, wellbeing, and involvement. We will measure students' satisfaction by providing an incentivized survey in November and April to assess the Cabinet's progress in strengthening the transition back to campus.
- 4) We will increase student participation by getting more students connected to and involved in ASI/campus events to support academic and personal success. We will conduct at least 2 collaborative events with Beach team, such as conducting presentations to Beach Teamers about our roles and positions. We will also create an open Q&A event session for students interested in Cabinet in the spring semester. This will support the overall reintegration of students back to campus.

Discussion ensued regarding focusing and increasing the following

- Tabling
- Accessible office hours

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

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- Commended board member efforts
- For events where all the commissioners cannot attend, commissioners can support/represent their fellow absent commissioners
- Night Walk: November 10; walk around USU and campus will identify safety hazards; informational email to be sent out soon

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Cynthia Ray adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.