

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #1

June 15, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Vournas called the meeting to order at 9:30am

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Monica Waldau, College of Business Administration
Ka Cin Wong, College of Business Administration
Oscar Beltran, College of Engineering
Ashutosh Pandey, College of Engineering
Joe Nino, College of Health & Human Services
Elvia Cabrera, College of Liberal Arts
Hajer Rawag, College of Natural Science & Math (elected today)
Adriana Rincon, College of Natural Science & Math (elected today)
Yasmeen Azam, At-Large (elected today)
Vanessa Coover, At-Large **(DP@10:36AM)**
Yasmin Elasmr, At-Large
Hilda Jurado, At-Large
Samuel Kim, At-Large
Logan Vournas, Vice President
Brett Waterfield, (CSULB President's Designee)

Voting Members Absent

Kelsey Kimmes, College of the Arts
Sofia Musman, College of Arts
VACANT, College of Education
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Tali Shaddaei, College of Health & Human Services
Daniel Gomez, At-Large (elected today)
Alexandra-Grissell Gomez, College of Liberal Arts
Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep)

Staff Present

Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)
Lindsay San Miguel (Interim Asst. Director, Student Involvement & Leadership)

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was presented by Sylvana Cicero, Interim ASI Associate Executive Director/USU & SRWC Director. Cicero presented 10 Life Lessons from Dr. Seuss.

- 10) Today you are you that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.
Be authentic; don't be part of a mold; be the leaders you determined to be.
- 9) A person's a person, no matter how small.
All students matter; be inclusive of all; embrace diversity in actions and policies.
- 8) The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
Do your research, talk to your constituents before making decisions that will impact the CSULB community.
- 7) Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you think.
You each have creative resolve; ASI is what it is because of leaders like you; CSULB looks to you for solutions to make the community a better place.
- 6) Step with care and great tact and remember that life's a great balancing act.
Do your part for the students but take time for your own wellness and your studies.
- 5) Fun is good!
Remember to have fun!
- 4) You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in a direction you choose.
You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you're the one who'll decide where to go.

Make the most out of your positions this year; be empowered to make the change not only for the organization but for yourself.

- 3) You oughta be thankful. A whole leaping lot. For the people and places. You're lucky you're not.
Be in the moment; remember to network with faculty, staff, and the community that will support you achieve your goals both now and in the future.
- 2) Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
You are the difference at CSULB.
- 1) (Ghandi): Be the change in the world you wish to see.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former CHHS Senator Kyle Martinez congratulated the board on their election and said the upcoming year will be full of leadership development. He shared his mentor's advice of "We're all here to serve someone," and encouraged them in their service to CSULB students. He wished them a successful 2016-17 term of service.

5. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VP Vournas requested the following:

- Agenda Item #10-B-8: change (3) Senate Reps to (2) Senate Reps
- Agenda Item #10-B-2: change (1) Senator-at-Large to (2) Senators-at-Large
- Agenda Item #10-B-7: change (2) Senate Reps to (3) Senate Reps

Sen. Coover requested the following:

- Suspend the order of the agenda and proceed to Agenda Item #10-B-2

(M) Cooper (S) Elasmr to approve the Senate Agenda Meeting #1, June 15, 2016 as amended

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

VP Vournas reported the following:

- Campus food pantry is tentatively scheduled to open in the fall
- Met with Academic Senate Chair Norbert Schürer to review and establish year's goals
- President Flores and VP Vournas are both working on creating a Title IX video
- ASI Executive training
- CSSA Monterey Bay review
- CHESS and Lobby Corps opportunities

VP Vournas presented a welcome statement from ASI President Marvin Flores.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Senate Meeting #31, May 4, 2016

(M) Elasmr (S) Wong to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #31, May 4, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

A. Approval of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

1) University Student Union Board of Trustees (USU BOT) Minutes, Meeting #12, May 6, 2016

Mr. Waterfield asked if construction for the Corner Market is scheduled for this summer. VP Vournas yielded the floor to Ms. Cicero who replied yes, pending coordination of construction and sidewalks with Facilities Management.

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

There were none.

(M) Elasmar (S) Pandey to approve the Consent Calendar/Reports.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

There was none.

B. Non Legislative Business

There was none.

C. Executive Business

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

There was none.

B. Non-Legislative Business

- 1) BOD #2016-01: Election of Senate Chair Pro Temp
Sen. Elasmar nominated herself.

There were no other nominations.

(M) Pandey (S) Waldau to approve Senator Yasmin Elasmar as Senate Chair Pro Temp

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

- 2) BOD #2016-02: Election of (2) Senators-At-Large

- a) Yasmeen Azam

Candidate Azam presented that she is beginning her 3rd year student studying International Relations with a double minor in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies. She applied to increase collaboration and involvement of minority organizations on campus to discuss issues of social justice. She is involved with the Muslim Student Association. She looks forward to working with a diverse board to further meet the needs of the students.

Sen. Coover asked about other organization involvement. Azam replied that she has also been involved with Interfaith. Sen. Coover asked how Azam would use her platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Azam replied that she would reach out to other organizations on campus and give them the platform to speak.

Sen. Elasmar asked if Azam's schedule was conducive to meeting times. Azam replied yes.

- b) Jordan Black

Candidate Black presented that he applied to create positive change to the university and that the policies implemented are carried out in the best interest of the students. While he does not have previous ASI experience, he is involved on campus and in the community through volunteering at the VA Hospital and has held various positions, such as Social Chair, Public Relations Chair and Fundraising Chair for his fraternity and as Social Chair for the Pre Physical Therapy Club.

Sen. Coover asked how Black would use his platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Black replied that he would be able to relate to the issues due to his mixed ethnic background and be able to use his established network to reach out to the students to voice their concerns.

Sen. Pandey asked what Black's specific goals for Senator-at-Large would be. Black replied he wants to be the confident voice of the students that will translate into beneficial policies that will benefit the students.

Sen. Elasmr asked if Black's schedule was conducive to meeting times. Black replied yes.

Sen. Kim asked what fraternity Black was a part of. Black replied Zeta Beta Tau. Sen. Kim asked if it involved a large time commitment and if he'd be able to prioritize both responsibilities. Black replied that he continuously looks for development opportunities and utilizes his time wisely.

c) Cristian Cabadas Romero

Candidate Cabadas Romero presented that he has previous two years' experience with the ASI Judiciary. He stated that he will be able to maintain impartiality to address students' concerns through his experience of serving on grade appeal committee hearings. He looks forward to the opportunity to continue to network with ASI government leaders by creating new programs to meet student needs.

Sen. Coover asked if Romero was involved with any clubs or organizations. Romero replied he has been involved in various clubs/programs, such as SSPE Hermanos Unidos. Sen. Coover asked how Romero would use his platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Romero replied that students are first and that the students must be spoken to and their concerns discussed so that the best decision can be made.

Sen. Elasmr asked if Romero's schedule was conducive to meeting times. Romero replied yes and that he reorganized his class schedule to accommodate required meetings.

Sen. Pandey asked Romero to recount a challenging time he faced as a team leader. Romero replied that when he volunteered last summer with the Long Beach Blast youth summer program he felt he wasn't able to adequately fulfill his responsibilities due to his schedule's time constraints, so he worked with the coordinator to redistribute duties that would work with his availability. After that he felt he was able to fulfill the expectations.

d) Brahmnik Chachra

Candidate Chachra presented that he is a 2nd year graduate student studying Computer Engineering. He applied to be an active voice for the international students on campus. During his undergrad studies, he developed leadership skills through his involvement with the Indian Student Parliament, the Student Exchange Program, and the Science Society. His undergrad along with his graduate experience has been with Academic Senate that would benefit this senate.

Sen. Coover asked about other organization involvement. Chachra replied that along with Academic Senate, he is involved with a cultural group on campus. Sen. Coover asked how Chachra would use his platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Chachra replied that he would be better able to approach the matter unbiased because he is an international student.

Sen. Pandey asked about Chachra's experience during Academic Senate and if there were any accomplishments. Chachra replied that they are currently in the process of establishing a scholarship for international students.

Sen. Elasmr asked if Chachra's schedule was conducive to meeting times. Chachra replied yes.

e) Daniel Gomez

Due to a prior speaking engagement, VP Vournas presented a prepared statement from Candidate Gomez which was read in his absence. VP Vournas commented that Candidate Gomez had applied for the ASI Chief of Staff position and that his interview proved him a qualified candidate with leadership and involvement experience, and conducive meeting availability.

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates.

	AZAM	BLACK	ROMERO	CHACHRA	GOMEZ
Sen. Waldau		X			X
Sen. Wong	X			X	
Sen. Beltran			X	X	
Sen. Pandey	X			X	
Sen. Nino		X			X
Sen. Cabrera			X		X
Sen. Coover	X	X			
Sen. Elasmarr	X				X
Sen. Jurado	X		X		
Sen. Kim	X				X
Brett Waterfield					
VP Vournas					
TOTAL	6	3	3	3	5

Yasmeen Azam and Daniel Gomez were elected BOD #2016-02: Senators-at-Large.

Mr. Waterfield swore in Senator Azam, in addition to Senators Nino and Waldau, who were unable to attend the ASI Officer Installation Banquet, the board congratulated the new senators, and VP Vournas invited them to take their seats at the table.

3) BOD #2016-03: Election of (1) College of Education (CEDU) Senator

a) Monique Harris

Candidate Harris presented that she applied for the Academic Senator position. She completed her undergrad studies at UC Riverside BA in Finance but through her experience with Teach for America she realized her passion for teaching and taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District and pursued her graduate studies in education with the intent to review and revise K-12 curriculum to accurately reflect the diverse learning levels and styles of students.

Mr. Haller asked Ms. Harris if she was interested in the position of Senator, College of Education or the Academic Senator position. Ms. Harris replied she is interested in the Academic Senator position. Mr. Haller advised that her application will be considered for the Academic Senator position and that the ASI Government Department Secretary will advise her of the process.

4) BOD #2016-04: Election of (2) College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (CNSM) Senators

a) Adriana Rincon

Candidate Rincon presented that she is pursuing a 2nd bachelors in Physics, with her first bachelors of Arts in Religious Studies. She applied to address graduate student concerns such as: the ASI elections process; lack of communication with advisors; and transparency between ASI and the college council regarding the Mayfield Award process.

Sen. Elasmarr asked Rincon about her application's lack of Wednesday availability. Rincon replied she has since rescheduled her classes.

Sen. Coover asked if Rincon was involved in any campus organizations. Rincon replied that she is

involved with the Physical Teacher Education Coalition. Sen. Coover asked how Rincon would use her platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Rincon replied that she attended a department meeting with other students and faculty/staff, and the consensus was to continue holding open departmental discussions that would bring feedback/suggestions directly to ASI.

(M) Elasmr (S) Coover to elect BOD #2016-04: College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (CNSM)

Senator Adriana Rincon

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

b) Hajer Rawag

Candidate Rawag presented that she is a 3rd year, transfer student studying Biology. She applied to give a voice to providing additional support and resources for transfer students. Her own experience transferring was difficult, and she would like to ease the process.

Sen. Elasmr asked if Rawag's availability was conducive to required meetings. Rawag replied yes.

Sen. Coover asked if Rawag was involved in any campus organizations. Rawag replied she is involved with Interfaith, Students for Justice in Palestine and the Muslim Student Association. Sen. Coover asked how Rawag would use her platform to address the racial tensions that arose on campus last semester. Rawag replied that she attended an open forum meeting last semester and observed a lot of confusion and anger. She believes it's important to hear the students concerns, and only then can there be understanding for issues to be properly and effectively addressed.

(M) Elasmr (S) Coover to elect BOD #2016-04: College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (CNSM)

Senator Hajer Rawag

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Waterfield swore in Senators Rincon and Rawag, the board congratulated the new senators, and VP Vournas invited them to take their seats at the table.

VP VOURNAS CALLED FOR RECESS AT 10:36AM

VP VOURNAS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 3:30PM

5) BOD #2016-05: Confirmation of (3) University Student Union Board of Trustees At-Large

a) Natasha Romero

Candidate Romero presented that she is a senior, studying Management & Marketing. She applied to continue to bring activities to benefit the students, such as providing the de-stressing activities provided during finals week throughout the semester.

b) Brian Sath

Candidate Sath presented that he is a 3rd year student, majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. He applied with the intent to improve the USU facilities management in order to hold more events and programs to benefit the students.

Sen. Kim asked what kind of facility improvements he envisions. Sath replied he looks forward to implementing suggestions from the Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) survey.

c) Langston Tolbert

Candidate Tolbert presented that he is a senior, double majoring in Political Science and Africana Studies. His first experience with ASI was by attending CHESS. He applied to advocate for the students on campus. He discussed his leadership experience and development as a fraternity president.

(M) Cabrera (S) Wong to confirm BOD #2016-05: University Student Union Board of Trustees At-Large – Natasha Romero, Brian Sath, and Langston Tolbert

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

- 6) BOD #2016-06: Election of (2) Senate Reps to the Board of Control (BOC)
 Sen. Jurado nominated Senator Kim for the position. Sen. Kim accepted.

Sen. Elasmr nominated Sen. Wong for the position. Sen. Wong declined due to a class conflict.

Sen. Rincon nominated herself for the position.

(M) Cabrera (S) Pandey to elect BOD #2016-05: Senate Reps to the Board of Control (BOC) – Senators Kim and Rincon

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Haller stated that whoever does not serve as Pro Temp will serve on the Audit Committee.

(M) Elasmr (S) Cabrera to elect one Senate Rep to the Board of Control (BOC) to serve as Board of Control(BOC) Pro Temp

	KIM	RINCON
Sen. Waldau		X
Sen. Wong	X	
Sen. Beltran	X	
Sen. Pandey	X	
Sen. Nino		X
Sen. Cabrera	X	
Sen. Rincon	X	
Sen. Rawag	X	
Sen. Elasmr	X	
Sen. Jurado	X	
Sen. Azam	X	
Sen. Kim		
Brett Waterfield		
VP Vournas		
TOTAL	9	2

Sen. Kim elected BOD #2016-02: Board of Control (BOC) Pro Temp.

- 7) BOD #2016-07: Election of (3) Senate Reps to the Human Resources Management Committee (HRMC)
 Sen. Cabrera nominated herself for the position.

Sen. Nino nominated himself for the position.

Sen. Nino nominated Sen. Beltran for the position. Sen. Beltran accepted.

(M) Elasmar (S) Kim to elect BOD #2016-05: Senate Reps to the Human Resources Management Committee (HRMC) – Senators Cabrera, Nino, and Beltran

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

- 8) BOD #2016-08: Election of (2) Senate Reps to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Sen. Wong nominated herself for the position. Sen. Wong presented that she’s noticed many students who are out of the USU zone and do not utilize the facility. She’d like to increase outreach of the facility’s usability and programs/services.

VP Vournas nominated Sen. Coover. VP Vournas presented that Sen. Coover served as a senator last year and completed projects that benefitted students, such as calling for additional mental health services; she also served on the IPCDCBOT and is active in her community.

Sen. Pandey nominated himself. Sen. Pandey presented that last year he served as an ASI Media Board of Trustee-at-Large, the Student Health Advisory Committee and on the Student Fee Advisory Committee. He advocated for higher education through participation with CHESS. He believes he could add a valuable voice to the board with his experience and also with his technical background.

Sen. Jurado nominated Sen. Elasmar for the position. Sen. Elasmar accepted. Sen. Elasmar presented that she served as a senator last year. She would like to continue her senate project of expanding food options in the USU. She gained some valuable insight on the USUBOT by serving as VP Vournas’ designee at the last meeting.

Sen. Kim nominated Senator Azam for the position. Sen. Azam accepted. Sen. Azam presented that she accepted the nomination to fulfill her obligation to serve on a board; however, she recognized the qualified candidates and encouraged the board to choose wisely.

(M) Cabrera (S) Pandey to elect two Senate Reps to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

	WONG	COOVER	PANDEY	ELASMAR	AZAM
Sen. Waldau	X			X	
Sen. Wong	X			X	
Sen. Beltran				X	X
Sen. Pandey	X			X	
Sen. Nino	X		X		
Sen. Cabrera		X		X	
Sen. Rincon	X			X	
Sen. Rawag			X	X	
Sen. Elasmar	X			X	
Sen. Jurado	X			X	
Sen. Azam			X	X	
Sen. Kim			X	X	
Brett Waterfield					
VP Vournas					
TOTAL	7	1	4	11	1

Senators Wong and Elasmr are elected BOD #2016-02: Senate Reps to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT).

C. Executive Business

1) PA #2016-01: Confirmation of ASI Chief of Staff – Matthew Argame

Mr. Argame presented that he is a senior, majoring in Religious Studies and Pre-Med. He applied for Chief of Staff due to his previous service on Academic Senate, on the Student Health Advisory Committee, and as ASI Secretary for Academic Affairs. He helped established TEDx CSULB, and worked with Project OCEAN and Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD). These experiences helped solidify his values of diversity, scholarship, and recognize that academic success is more than just good grades.

VP Vournas asked Argame what his goals were for the upcoming year. Argame replied with the following:

- Ensure that cabinet has all the support and resources to carry out their duties; such as, having the Press Secretary promote all events and programs at the university level.
- Work with the Secretary for Academic Affairs to ensure strict governance with all university committees.
- Integrate mental health activities within Cabinet, so they can more effectively serve marginalized populations within the campus community.
- Have all Cabinet members participate in Ally trainings.
- Integrate additional policies that will help the student body based on recommendations of Cabinet's findings.

Sen. Elasmr asked about Argame's availability. Argame replied that he recently reorganized his schedule for additional availability and flexibility.

(M) Wong (S) Waldau to confirm PA #2016-01: ASI Chief of Staff – Matthew Argame

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

11. REPORTS

There were none.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VP Vournas congratulated the board on their first meeting. VP Vournas also instructed the board to email their "Why Are You Here" by end of day and to email their July/August availability by end of the week.

Mr. Haller notified the board that at the next Senate meeting they will be electing Senate representatives to the ASI Media Board, the Isabel Patterson Child Development Board of Trustees, and to Lobby Corps.

Sen. Pandey requested a group photo to commemorate the first meeting.

Sen. Kim said let's have a really good year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection VP Vournas adjourned the meeting at 4:31pm.