

Associated Students, Inc.  
California State University, Long Beach

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**Meeting #5**

August 31, 2016

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Logan Vournas called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Kelsey Kimmes, College of the Arts  
Sofia Musman, College of Arts  
Monica Waldau, College of Business Administration  
Ka Cin Wong, College of Business Administration  
Estefany Flores, College of Education (elected today)  
Oscar Beltran, College of Engineering  
Ashutosh Pandey, College of Engineering  
Joe Nino, College of Health & Human Services  
Tali Shaddaei, College of Health & Human Services  
Elvia Cabrera, College of Liberal Arts  
Hajer Rawag, College of Natural Science & Math (Dp @ 5:17pm)  
Adriana Rincon, College of Natural Science & Math  
Yasmeen Azam, At-Large  
Yasmin Elasmr, At-Large  
Daniel Gomez, At-Large  
Hilda Jurado, At-Large  
Samuel Kim, At-Large (Ar @ 3:48pm)  
Logan Vournas, Vice President  
Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep)  
Jeff Klaus (CSULB President's Designee) (Dp 4:15pm)

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, College of Education  
VACANT, College of Liberal Arts  
VACANT, At-Large

Staff Present

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Invocation was presented by CSULB President Jane Close Conoley. President Conoley compared the Rio Olympics United States (US) Army reservist Sam Kendricks who halted mid-event to stand at attention upon hearing the US national anthem, and San Francisco 49er quarterback Colin Kaepernick who remained seated during the national anthem in the name of free speech. President Conoley discussed the spectrum of public opinion on freedom of speech and patriotism. She said that Americans tend to brag about their patriotism and the rare right of free speech; however, there's a tendency to criticize one expression of freedom versus another. She encouraged the board to withhold judgement on someone who thinks differently, embrace free speech, tolerance, and diversity on our campus, even though as times it will call for difficult discussion. She wished the board a successful and productive year.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Lee, ASI Communications, reported the following:

- Week of Welcome: Aug 31<sup>st</sup>-Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am-2pm, Central Quad
- SmorgaSport: Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-11pm, Lot 3 & USU Games Center: first 500 students will receive a commemorative t-shirt
- #Hire Long Beach State: series of career related events to help you prepare for the workforce, presented by CSULB Career Development Center & ASI Beach Pride Events
- Movies on the House: Sept 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Central Intelligence, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, (and more!) Finding Dory, 3:30pm, 6pm, 8:30pm, free to students, \$5 non-students
- 9-11 Remembrance Day: Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm, USU North Lawn
- SRWC Bod Pod: calculate lean body mass and fat mass numbers, asirecreation.org/fitness, \$45 students, \$50 non-students

## 5. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**(M) Gomez (S) Elasmr to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #5, August 31, 2016, as amended**

Vice President (VP) Vournas requested the following revisions:

- Item #9-C-2 a: add time certain of 3:45pm
- Item #9-C-2: change election of (3) trustees-at-large to (1) trustee-at-large
- Item #10-C-4-b: remove Lobby Corps candidate Salvador Ramirez who resigned

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

VP Vournas reported the following:

- 100 Classes in 100 Days: will email senators the completed script by end of today
- Beach Stop Pantry & Swap Shop: receiving campus/community/media interest and support
- Lobby Corps: held successful first meeting last Friday
- Executive Scholarships: President Flores and VP Vournas are continuing to work on establishing scholarships
- Resolutions: Bob Cole Choir, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Mental Health Services. Called for senate collaboration.
- Academic & University Committees: appointing students representatives. Called for Senate reps.
- Voters Project: collaborating with Lobby Corps to hold voter registration tabling. Called for senate volunteers. Contact Secretary for City Affairs Bellenger for information/sign-ups
- Weekly Student Government Report: collaborating with Press Secretary Ayers and ASI Communications
- Campus wide Open House: Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm, called for senate volunteers to table. Contact Lindsay for information/sign-ups.
- College Comment Boxes: goal is to have them up by the end of the month. Contact Lindsay for information.
- 1-on-1's: schedule with Govt. Admin. Coord. Laura Butt
- Policy Agenda: board goals for the year. Requested senate to email her their suggestions.

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Senate Minutes, Meeting #4, August 24, 2016

**(M) Elasmr (S) Rawag to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #4, August 24, 2016**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #2, July 19, 2016

**(M) Rincon (S) Wong to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #2, July 19, 2016**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

Sen. Rincon reported the following meeting summary:

- Resolved: Black Student Union invoicing and budget issues
- Grant Applications:
  - Denied: American Assn. Petroleum Geologists, Student Chapter
  - Approved: Muslim Student Assn., Active Minds

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, April 28, 2016

**(M) Gomez (S) Cabrera to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, April 28, 2016**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) SR #2017-01: 100 Classes in 100 Days (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Pandey (S) Elasmr to approve SR #2017-01: 100 Classes in 100 Days (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Sen. Jurado suggested conducting a short survey at the time of class presentation. VP Vournas asked if she wanted to add a specific whereas or resolve or if she wanted to have it as a practice. Sen. Jurado replied, at this time, as a practice.

Mr. Haller voiced his concerns that conducting an in-class survey would take additional instruction time, and that there is a survey platform available once student email addresses are obtained. VP Vournas suggested a hand raise survey incorporated into the script.

Sen. Gomez asked ASI's success on past surveys. Mr. Haller replied that past surveys have been successful, and referenced the recent USU Expansion Project survey with approximately 15, 000 respondents; however, there are specific considerations on specificity, validity, and representation.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

B. Non-Legislative Business

There was none.

C. Executive Business

1) BOD #2017-15: Election of (1) Government Elections Officer

a) Karla Estupinian

Candidate presented last week.

b) Rebecca Melissa Macareno

VP Vournas presented the candidate's prepared statement in her absence, as she was unable to attend due to class.

**(M) Elasmr (S) Pandey to elect BOD #2017-15: Election of (1) Government Elections Officer (GEO)**

Sen. Nino voiced his concerns that Candidate Macareno has not present in order to question, and that Candidate Estupinian did not seem knowledgeable of the duties of the position and seemed to focus more on outreach; therefore, he will be abstaining from voting for either candidate.

VP Vournas commented that President Flores and COS Argame interviewed both candidates who both identified the required and necessary duties and responsibilities which encompass a broad scope and call for improving on current practices.

Sen. Elasmr commented on Candidate Estupinian’s experience with Long Beach council member candidate Jeannine Pierce, on her optimism and enthusiasm for increased voter outreach and practice outreach.

Mr. Haller requested former Board of Elections Chair Sen. Beltran’s recommendation. Sen. Beltran agreed that candidate Estupinian’s experience with candidate Pierce’s campaign makes her the most experienced and strongest GOE candidate.

Sen. Cabrera recounted her own campaign experience which led her to understand that the GEO’s candidate interaction is crucial to a successful election.

Sen. Gomez commented that Candidate Estupinian spoke to general elections not ASI specific and felt she didn’t understand the position’s job duties. He asked how time sensitive in filling this position. Ms. San Miguel replied yes it is time sensitive, as there is a special election in November. Mr. Haller commented that the position should be filled by September but in past years it’s usually been filled in November/December which makes it extremely difficult to accomplish voter education; therefore, it’s imperative to fill this position as soon as possible.

	<b>ESTUPINIAN</b>	<b>MACARENO</b>	
Senator Kimmes	X		
Senator Musman	X		
Senator Waldau	X		
Senator Wong	X		
Senator Beltran	X		
Senator Pandey	X		
Senator Nino			ABSTAIN
Senator Shaddaei	X		
Senator Cabrera	X		
Senator Rawag	X		
Senator Rincon	X		
Senator Azam	X		
Senator Elasmr	X		
Senator Gomez			ABSTAIN
Senator Jurado	X		
Senator Kim			ABSTAIN
Mr. Klaus			ABSTAIN
Mr. Jarvis			ABSTAIN
VP Vournas			ABSTAIN
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 13-0-6**

- 3) BOD #2017-16: Election of (1) Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC) Board of Trustees-at-Large
  - a) Brianna Davis  
Candidate was not present, even after confirming her attendance.
  - b) Adela Morales

Dr. Klaus stepped out of the chambers.

**(M) Gomez (S) Elasmar to postpone #2017-16: Election of (1) Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC) Board of Trustees-at-Large and reopen application process**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Legislative Business**

- 1) SR #2017-02: Resolution Commemorating the Bob Cole Conservatory Chamber Choir (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Pandey (S) Wong to approve SR #2017-02: Resolution Commemorating the Bob Cole Conservatory Chamber Choir (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

**B. Non Legislative Business**

- 1) Approval of 2016-17 Presidential Cabinet Working Rules

COS Argame reviewed the major proposed revisions:

- Revised pronouns to be gender inclusive
- Included Secretary for International Student Affairs
- Revised meeting days and times

**(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to approve 2016-17 Presidential Cabinet Working Rules**

Mr. Haller suggested adding mention of a staff advisor

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 2) Approval of 2016-17 Lobby Corps Working Rules

VP Vournas reviewed proposed revisions were in wording not content.

**(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to approve 2016-17 Lobby Corps Working Rules**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**C. Executive Business**

- 1) BOD #2017-17: Election of (1) Public Defender

- a) Vrinda Bhuta

Candidate Bhuta presented herself as a third year Political Science major and a Communications minor pursuing certificates in Legal Studies and Mediation. She reviewed her past involvements with Beach Forensics and ASI Government Elections Officer which further developed her communication skills, training skills, ASI awareness education, debate protocol and skills, and working with a richly diverse campus community. As GEO she worked closely with the Public Defender and saw how misunderstood and unknown that position was and how students didn't know someone was on their side. Her goal as Public Defender would be to hold ASI/Public Defender informal awareness sessions where students could meet and ask bylaw questions. She would also include Know your Protections mixers that educate students on how the bylaws serves them to be a better student. She voiced her commitment to service, education and transparency.

- b) Justin Bradley

Candidate Bradley presented he is majoring in African Studies and Communication Studies with a minor in Religion. He reviewed his past involvement with the Black Student Union, serving as vice president and president during his years of service, which further developed his commitment to student success and exposed him to resolvable campus issues such as tension between students and administration. As Public Defender, he would represent ASI and the students, commit to the overall success of the Know Your Rights Campaign, and provide a platform for students to engage and have discussion with ASI and CSULB administration on their rights in order to bridge gaps.

Sen. Jurado questioned his availability to attend both required meetings with Judiciary and Cabinet. Candidate Bradley replied the attached schedule had been updated to reflect class schedule change and that he is available Tuesdays, 9:30am-3:15pm.

Sen. Gomez asked if he was able to attend both required meetings. Candidate Bradley replied yes as they're both at 3:30pm. Sen. Gomez said Cabinet is at 10am on Mondays. Candidate Bradley replied he wouldn't be able to attend Cabinet as he has a class 9:30-10:45am.

Sen. Kim asked if he'd be able to re-arrange his schedule to accommodate the Cabinet meeting. Candidate Bradley replied yes.

Sen. Elasmr asked if he coordinated last year's forum that dealt with the knife incident. Candidate Bradley replied that he was part of a coalition that supported the student which would be his commitment to the Public Defender position.

**(M) Jurado (S) Wong to elect BOD #2017-17: Election of (1) Public Defender**

Sen. Azam voiced her support for Candidate Bradley and spoke to his character and service.

Sen. Shaddaei voiced her support for Candidate Bhuta and spoke to her GEO experience and service and character.

	<b>BHUTA</b>	<b>BRADLEY</b>	
Senator Kimmes	X		
Senator Musman	X		
Senator Waldau	X		
Senator Wong		X	
Senator Beltran	X		
Senator Pandey	X		
Senator Nino		X	
Senator Shaddaei	X		
Senator Cabrera		X	
Senator Rawag		X	
Senator Rincon	X		
Senator Azam		X	
Senator Elasmr		X	
Senator Gomez		X	
Senator Jurado	X		
Senator Kim		X	
Mr. Klaus			ABSTAIN
Mr. Jarvis			ABSTAIN
VP Vournas			ABSTAIN
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

VP Vournas cast the tie breaking vote for Candidate Bradley.

**FINAL VOTE 9 (Bradley) -8- (Bhuta) – 3 (Abstain)**

1) BOD #2017-18: Election of (1) Senate Rep to Lobby Corps

Sen. Elasmr nominated Sen. Pandey. Sen. Pandey accepted and presented his prior experience with Lobby Corps as a CHESS participant where he lobbied on bills that included transparency on campus climate and approving additional funding for international students. Sen. Pandey has additional experience as President for the Intl. Student Assn. where he lobbied at the dean’s office for additional financial aid for international students.

Sen. Gomez nominated Sen. Nino. Sen. Nino accepted and presented his prior experience with California Community Colleges (CCC) as a Cerritos City College delegate, where he lobbied Sacramento legislators on higher education legislation.

**(M) Gomez (S) Wong to elect BOD #2017-18: Election of (1) Senate Rep to Lobby Corps**

	<b>NINO</b>	<b>PANDEY</b>	
Senator Kimmes		X	
Senator Musman		X	
Senator Waldau		X	
Senator Wong		X	
Senator Beltran		X	
Senator Pandey	X		
Senator Nino		X	
Senator Shaddaei		X	
Senator Cabrera		X	
Senator Rawag		X	
Senator Rincon		X	
Senator Azam		X	
Senator Elasmr		X	
Senator Gomez		X	
Senator Jurado		X	
Senator Kim		X	
Mr. Klaus			ABSTAIN
Mr. Jarvis			ABSTAIN
VP Vournas			ABSTAIN
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>

**FINAL VOTE 1 (Nino) -15 (Pandey) -3 (Abstain)**

2) BOD #2017-19: Election of (1) Senator for the College of Education – Estefany Flores

Candidate Flores presented she is a transfer student and that was she referred to the vacancy because of her passion and tenacity. She intends on changing CEDU’s history of limited ASI engagement by empowering students through ASI involvement awareness and its benefits. She shared reviewed her past experiences of leadership and education as a CEDU student ambassador, her sorority, and in summer SOAR.

VP Vournas noted that CEDU Interim Dean referred Candidate Flores to the board.

**(M) Gomez (S) Nino to elect #2017-19: Senator for the College of Education – Estefany Flores**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

Dr. Klaus administered the oath of office to Sen. Flores and Sen. Musman.

Sen. Waldau stepped out of the chambers.

3) BOD #2017-20: Confirmation of (2) Lobby Corps Students-at-Large

a) Robert Espinoza

VP Vournas read a statement on behalf of Candidate Espinoza who was not able to attend due to class.

**(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to confirm Robert Espinoza #2017-20: Confirmation of Lobby Corps Students-at-Large**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

## 11. REPORTS

### A. Marvin Flores, ASI President

President Flores reported the following:

- Week of Welcome: begins today! Over 250 clubs present
- Academic/University Committees: along with Chief of Staff (COS) Argame and Secretary for Academic Affairs Yao, updating list and appointing student representatives. Updates to be completed by end of this week
- Cabinet Meeting: held successful first meeting this past Monday. Discussed and established year's goals.
- CSU Chancellor's Ethnic Studies Report: reviewing recommendations along with Secretary for Cultural Diversity Villa. Will present to Senate after implementation discussion occurs at the upcoming Academic Senate meeting.
- Federal Work Study: reviewing program with Dr. Klaus
- Greek Councils: met with three of the four councils to discuss efficient use of the Greek Room (USU-310)
- CSU System wide committees: seeking student representation on newly established committees. See VP Vournas or COS Argame for online info/application link.

### B. At-Large Senators

#### 1) Senator Azam

Work completed since last report

- Attended the first day of Leadership Board Retreat
- Attended Autism Ally Training
- Participated in Senate training sessions
- Had One-on-One meeting with VP Logan
- Met with #WeAreCSULB reps to discuss collaboration efforts w/ ASI

Goals for next two weeks

- Get situated in the office
- Let student leaders from different clubs know about my office hours so they can come in and visit myself and/or other Senators
- Speak in all my classes about ASI
- Look over previous resolutions to begin articulating my own resolution (ask Logan for help)
- Learn the name of every member in ASI
- Connect with other Senators to better understand their goals so I can better contextualize my own

Student concerns

- #WeAreCSULB
- Financial Aid Disbursements and delays
- registration/enrollment problems?



- beachboard

Anything else

- Resignation from Lobby Corps
- Learning every day

2) Senator Elasmar

Work completed since last report

- Attended Autism Ally and AB540 Ally Trainings
- Attended 1 BOC and 4 BOT meetings
- Met with VP Vournas for July/August one on ones
- Attended July CSSA
- Attended Retreat
- Attended Program Evaluations meeting and selected art work for USU Art Museum
- Edited bylaws w/ VP Vournas
- Started first resolution

Goals for next two weeks

- Met with Sylvana and Ka Cin
- Table at WoW
- 100 Days 100 Classes
- Finish resolution
- Follow up on food options project
- Meet with IPCDC BOT
- Meet w 49er Shops CEO

Student concerns

- Parking changes
- Resource centers
- First week bus routes

Anything else

- Eid @ the is on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Student Research Symposium is Sept. 9th

3) Senator Gomez

Work completed since last report

- Set goals for the year
- Attended CSUnity and August CSSA meeting
- Gave brief presentation in 2 classes (2 of my classes) about ASI and some of the services we have including:
  - Scholarship Information Office
  - ASI Student Government
  - Week of Welcome
  - Impromptu meeting with April from ASI Communications
  - Lobby Corps

Goals for next two weeks

- Table during week of welcome
- Goal:
  - Educate students about resources and services ASI provides for them

- Get feedback from students to see what they want to see from us
- Present to 2 more classes about ASI
- Meet with ASI Communications regarding strategy for student engagement via social media.
- Continue to get a better understanding of all the processes within ASI to be able to move forward with goals.

Student concerns

- Hoping to bring some back when it is time to report!

Anything else

- Encourage Senators/Board members to get familiar with Articles of Incorporation, ASI By-laws, and Senate Working Rules and Procedures
- College Council meetings

4) Senator Jurado

Work completed since last report

- CSUnity
- Audit Committee Meeting
- First Lobby Corps Meeting
- Judiciary Meeting
- Office Hours:
  - Mondays: 11:00am-12:00pm
  - Wednesdays 11am- 12:00pm
  - Thursdays 10am- 11am

Goals for next two weeks

- Visit at least 2 classrooms
- Voter Registration Drive
- CSSA Greenovation Fund
- Lobby Corps
- Audit Committee Meeting

Student concerns

- Wifi
- Parking
- Access to outdoor outlets
- Healthier food choices
- Full Shuttles

Anything else

- “Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one.”

5) Senator Kim

Work completed since last report

- Completed the 1-1 meeting for August
- Have begun the acclimation phase for cultural organizations on campus to increase transparency with Victoria Villa/Ashutosh Pandey (Cultural Diversity/Engineering)

Goals for next two weeks

- The unity of IFC, CGC, and Panhellenic organizations.

- To further enable stability for the SASA (South Asian Student Association) organization

Student concerns

- First and foremost, students' inquiries with me have been issues of parking whether it be
- the cost increase in metered parking on campus (\$5 -> \$7)
- The increase in residential parking for lot 14c.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sen Elasmir awarded Senator of the Week to Sen. Cabrera.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Logan Vournas adjourned the meeting at 5:46pm.