

**SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #17**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sofia Musman called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Kristel Aranas, College of the Arts  
Camryn Hohneker, College of the Arts  
Fatin Al Busaidi, College of Business Administration  
Lauren Rhea, College of Business Administration  
Chloe Calder, College of Education  
Emely Lopez, College of Education  
Xan Balayan, College of Engineering  
Abhishek Basavanna, College of Engineering  
Leen Almahdi, College of Health & Human Services  
Courtney Yamagiwa, College of Health & Human Services  
Melissa Mejia, College of Liberal Arts  
Quentin Pestner, College of Liberal Arts  
Ian Macdonald, College of Natural Science & Math  
Stephanie Argent, At-Large  
Isaac Da Silva, At-Large  
Hilda Jurado, At-Large  
Alex Trimm, At-Large  
Sofia Musman, Vice President (Ar@ 4:04pm)  
Dr. Piya Bose (CSULB President's Designee) (Ar@ 3:32pm)  
Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep)

Staff Present

Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)

Voting Members Absent

Philip Spektor, College of Natural Science & Math  
Danielle Carancho, At-Large  
Thulani Ngazimbe, At-Large

Staff Absent

Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives)

**3. INVOCATION:** Dr. Brad Compliment, Director, CSULB Counseling and Psychological Services

Compliment shared the following quotes:

"Being a good leader is a balancing act. Your leadership strategy should never rely on just one type of management. It might at first feel like walking a tightrope, but soon balancing multiple leadership attributes will become second nature, and allow you to lead in multiple dimensions." - unknown

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly." - Jim Rohn

Compliment reflected that being a good leader isn't just about following a good leadership theory style but involves an openness to see leadership as multiple and endless dimensions, and that one style of leadership doesn't work for everyone.

Compliment encouraged the board with the Italian word "aperto" which translates as "open", and that along with having your values and understanding in place, always be open to what comes along. Always be open to your future

as your future changes, as well.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maya: as a Beach Hillel member, voiced need for a campus cultural center, especially as the Soroptimist House is being torn down.

Naomi Howansky, ASI Communications

- Cause and Effect, Student Communication Assn's Fundraiser: 12-6-17, 5-9pm, Chipotle on Ximeno at the Traffic Circle
- Night of Relaxation: 12-6-17, 6:30pm, SRWC; first 50 people receive a healing stone
- Pizza with the CNSM Dean: 12-7-17, 5-7pm, USU-105

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

Add: Item #11-C, Shops, Inc. General Manager and Chief Officer Don Penrod **TC 4pm**

**(M) Pestner (S) Mejia to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #17, December 6, 2017, as amended  
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

#### 6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Encouraged board to self-care in preparation for Finals Week
- No office hours after this week
- Commended Sen. Mejia for coordinating the successful Swap Shop event

#### 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #16, November 29, 2017

**(M) Macdonald (S) Almahdi to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #16, November 29, 2017  
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

#### 8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: ASI Media Board (ASIMBOT) Minutes, Meeting #3, November 3, 2017

Sen. Aranas reported:

- established guidelines, criteria, and calendar for the ASI Media Awards.

2) Action Item: Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #15, November 16, 2017

Sen. Yamagiwa reported:

- Approved a Student Travel Fund application
- Tabled a Student Research Fund application, due to funding questions
- Discussed developing a scoring rubric for the Student Research Fund

3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #12, November 16, 2017

Sen. Jurado reported:

- Received 72<sup>nd</sup> District meeting update with Assembly Member and gubernatorial candidate Travis Allen; Allen has voiced support of defund any sanctuary city; ASI Policy Agenda supports undocumented students
- Dr. Compliment and Dr. Takemoto came to speak on the Health Center Fee and mental health resources; ASI Policy Agenda supports the increase of mental health resources on campus
- Discussed California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) applications

4) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #1, November 14, 2017

Sen. Almahdi reported:

- Reviewed SJEC Working Rules
- Discussed individual and board goals
- Elected Chair Yajaira Negrete and Vice Chair Yasmeen Azam

**(M) Almahdi (S) Arenas to approve Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Action Item: Board of Elections (BOE), Meeting #4, November 13, 2017

San Miguel noted that election application filing will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>-February 9, 2018, 4pm, on BeachSync.

**(M) Aranas (S) Macdonald to accept Board of Elections (BOE), Meeting #4, November 13, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

2) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT), Meeting #6, November 3, 2017

Sen. Macdonald reported:

- New mirrors installed in USU 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms
- completed a USU and SRWC safety walk
- 77,647 SRWC visits in October
- Facilities Committee reviewed possibility of converting a USU 3<sup>rd</sup> floor women's restroom into an all-gender restroom, and are identifying a location for a foot washing station
- Beach Pride hosted 36 events with 2,980 attendees
- Per Associate Vice President of Financial Management Sharon Taylor, Anaheim Shuttle will be discontinued due to lack of ridership
- Solar Panels will provide 25% of campus energy
- Approved SRWC Operating Calendar
- Approved Beach Pride Working Rules
- Continuation of Inclusive Recreation Program
- Continuation of Week of Welcome
- Approved USU BOT Working Rules
- Approved USU Art Gallery applications
- As of October 17, 2017, the ASI Beach Pantry received \$7,590 in donations from 49er Vendor Drive

**(M) Balayan (S) Almahdi to approve University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT), Meeting #6, November 3, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: SR #2018-12: ASI Stands (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Carancho (S) Jurado to table indefinitely SR #2018-12: ASI Stands (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Sen. Pestner asked if the decision to table was from the authors. VP Musman replied that the authors met and decided to table the resolution indefinitely, pending receiving feedback from the Social Justice and Equity Committee as well as progress that can be made during the winter break.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

B. Action Item: SR #2018-13: ASIMBOT Bylaw Amendment (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

VP Musman noted there haven't been any revisions made from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**(M) Pestner (S) Argent to approve SR #2018-13: ASIMBOT Bylaw Amendment (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

A. Action Item: SR #2018-14: Commemoration of Dr. Jeane Caveness (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

VP Musman noted the following had been added:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Whereas, line 23: Dr. Jeane Caveness has served on the President's Commission on the Status of Women since the 1990s and was the Acting Director of the Women's Resource Center, constantly providing support for women and removing inequities on campus; and

**(M) Macdonald (S) Rhea to approve SR #2018-14: Commemoration of Dr. Jeane Caveness (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2018-10: Recognition Football Exploratory Committee – request for reconsideration

President Nino reviewed that within the ASI Bylaws they have the power to recommend the reconsideration of resolutions. Nino noted that since the resolution was passed, there have been further developments that were left out of the discussion prior to passage.

- Chancellor's Office proposed tuition increase: along with this tuition increase, findings of the exploratory committee could potentially increase student based fees. A failed 2012 football team referendum found that there would be an increase. Nino stated that referencing a previous referendum should present evidence in your favor, not dissuade.
- Cost: housing location, scholarships
- Athletics Department: consistently runs on a deficit, so taking on a new venture would be a non-feasible burden that doesn't lend to fiscal responsibility

Nino concluded that they don't feel this is the right direction for ASI Government to take as representing constituents, and doesn't believe there's been enough outreach to see if this is something students want to enter; requested a pro-reconsideration of the resolution.

VP Musman opened time for gallery comments.

Dominic, student: as a finance major, they recommend running forecasting financials; Business Department excited in a football team is financially viable; wants students to have the opportunity to make the financial decision for themselves.

Yasmin Elasmr, ASI Chief Diversity Officer: believes pursuit of a football team as an irresponsible use of time and extraneous in light of improving campus resource centers and investing in issues of marginalized students.

Jonathan Wanless, ASI Treasurer: as a former senator, Senate fought for campus resource center funding but failed; Athletics should financially support existing teams and not divert resources to a new football team; focus should be on opposing tuition increase.

VP Musman opened time for board comments.

Sen. Calder: voted against initial reading; focus should be housing and food insecurity, safe spaces on campus (i.e. Soroptimist House), and campus climate.

Sen. Carancho: there are students who want a football team; recommended garnering comprehensive feedback from students and Athletics; if ASI is to represent what students want, we need to get their opinion, not just assume.

Sen. Almahdi: majority of people they've spoken to have expressed there are other campus issues that take priority.

Sen. Macdonald asked if this resolution is to just explore the possibility of a football team and to gather feedback. Sen. Trimm replied yes, that the committee would be the only way to officially gather opinion from students and campus resources. Sen. Macdonald voiced concern that Senate view of this resolution is that it's definitive rather than its intent to be exploratory.

Sen. Honaker: concurred with Macdonald; sports bring people together; believes there can be a balance approach in meeting all campus needs.

Sen. Argent: voted for initial reading; however, if resolution passes, blame may fall on ASI for bringing discussion back especially during time of potential tuition increase.

Sen. Mejia: current resources should be allocated to current needs; should be getting feedback from prospective students, as well as current students; whatever is discussed now will be continued to be dealt with in the future.

Sen. Trimm: what message will it send to the students who do want a football team; the exploratory committee will determine if team is feasible or not; wants to show students that ASI can focus on multiple issues, points of view, needs, and student wants;

Nino reminded board to consider the end goal of exploratory committee which is to have a football team. Nino will not support this resolution since their campaign included fight against tuition increases.

Sen. Carancho asked what resources would go into exploring the committee. Haller replied, a recording secretary for meetings.

Sen. DaSilva: Senate, like any form of government, makes decisions on the majority; it's also possible to be involved in many different issues.

Sen. Macdonald motioned to appeal VP Musman's decision to end the Working Rules' twenty minute discussion period. VP Musman accepted the motion and allowed an additional five minutes.

Sen. Jurado: voted for initial reading; now believes in the possibility of passing and cannot support the financial burden, along with the potential tuition increase, it would place on future students; doesn't believe this is the time for this venture.

Sen. Balayan: CENG College Council and the majority of the CENG students will consider an exploratory committee; however, they are not in support of a football team that will call for a fee increase and does not benefit CENG students.

VP Musman: at a previous meeting with Athletics, they presented their budget which showed they've finished the past few years in the red and don't have sufficient funding for current athletes funding. Although a football team would increase funding with the implementation of a fee increase and would fund both a male and female team sport, there would be decreased funding for male sports in order to maintain equality. VP Musman stated that even if this resolution does not pass, both authors are welcome to form a working group to do research on their own.

**(M) Argent (S) Pestner to reconsider SR #2018-10: Recognition Football Exploratory Committee  
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-1-2**

B. Non-Legislative Business

There was none.

C. Executive Business

There was none.

**11. REPORTS**

A. ASI President Joseph Nino **TC 3:45pm**

- Reviewed a student's concern regarding campus' Greek restaurant cooking meat in the same fryer oil as vegetarian items; per restaurant, items are cooked in separate fryers
- Attended November's CSSA conference at CSU San Luis Obispo; discussed proposed state budget and its contribution implications of possibly only funding mandatory costs, not the full costs, for the CSU system
- Attended Campus Planning Committee; discussed new location of the Soroptimist House; discussed conceptual sustainability area of the new Soroptimist House
- Met with Provost Jersky and President Conoley to discuss current campus issues
- On search committee for Vice President of Administration and Finance; first candidate will be visiting campus on 12-8-17; next two candidates will visit next week
- Ongoing discussions with Athletics Director Andy Fee regarding the Beach Pride Referendum
- Attended Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Advisory Council meeting; discussed tailgating issue
- Although marijuana will be legal in California in January 2018, CSULB abides by federal law, so it's still illegal
- Chancellor's Office released a proposed tuition increase at the last CSU Board of Trustees meeting

B. ASI Treasurer Jonathan Wanless

Status of Funds

CYUF: \$1,968

Student Travel Fund (STF): \$1

Student Research Fund (SRF): \$10,297

USU Fee Waiver: \$5,167

Carpenter Performing Arts Center (CPAC): 1

Athletic Fee Waiver: \$5,000

Post Season Fund: \$25,000

C. 49er Shops, Inc. General Manager and Chief Officer Don Penrod **TC 4pm**

Penrod reviewed conversation with Dean of Students Piya Bose regarding student feedback of ordering off-campus food for events.

Sen. Carancho stated that organizations are being told they cannot be reimbursed for any non-catered food, even for non-event, regular meetings. Sen. Carancho noted it would be helpful if the policy should be available online. Penrod reported that the policy language is available online with the list of approved caterers on the 49er Shops website.

Penrod stated that on-campus vendors can be utilized, donations can be utilized, and cultural exceptions are accepted.

Sen. Carancho stated that what's a common good for the university is an inconvenience and burden for the students. Students don't have the financial means to solely utilize the five listed vendors. It's also inconvenient to have to fill out a policy waiver for a general student meeting item such as water or a pizza. Carancho voiced

support for a policy revision to address these concerns because it concerns not only the Senate but affects the entire student body. Penrod voiced that he wants to help meet student needs rather than going through a policy generating process, and asked for specific suggestions such as competitive pricing.

Sen. Yamagiwa asked if the Board of Control should be advising organizations who want to serve cultural food at their event that they also need to fill out a policy waiver on top of the other required forms. Penrod recognized that there needs to be a mechanism in place for compliance, and voiced support for having organizations place their order, go online to complete the policy waiver, and the 49er Shops would figure it all out from there.

Sen. Basavanna asked if the purchasing exclusivity is an issue of license or insurance. Penrod replied no, it's a matter of it being a viable economic model of profit. Penrod stated that Becky Drouin has proposed student pricing for consideration, and encouraged senators to meet with Drouin to review pricing and offer feedback. Penrod reiterated that they want to meet issues as much as they can.

Sen. Carancho requested Penrod to advise Student Life and Development to waive general student meeting food items for the spring semester while this issue is being resolved. Penrod agreed.

## **12. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

VP Musman: requested board to complete and submit the Vice President Evaluation Form; reminded board members who are participating in Secret Senator that they have until Tuesday to deliver their gifts; encouraged board to advertise and recruit for ASI Government spring vacancies.

Sen. Carancho: invited board to meet during winter break to work on the tuition increase resolution, especially as the California State University Board of Trustees (CSU BOT) meets in six weeks to vote on the issue.

Sen. Argent: University Ambassador fundraiser for the Beach Pantry, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm, Zero Express.

Sen. Yamagiwa: encouraged the board to support the Clean Dream Act, thirteen student Dreamers will be fasting for three days in downtown Los Angeles; La Raza fundraiser, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 12-10:30pm Frostbites; Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) information session, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm, USU-307.

Sen. Aranas awarded Senator of the Week to Sen. Mejia. Sen. Aranas, who is graduating at the end of the fall semester, thanked the board for their commitment and comradery, and encouraged them not to let their position limit their ability and potential in life.

Sen. Jurado: will not be returning as a senator in the spring; thanked the board for their commitment to their goals and encouraged them in their endeavors.

Sen. Al-Busaidi: will not be returning as a senator in the spring; thanked the board for their comradery and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection**, Vice President Musman adjourned the meeting at 5:19pm.