

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #6

September 11, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education (Ar @ 3:37 pm)
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering
Cassie Cabading, College of Health & Human Services
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services
Minoli De Silva, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large
Daniel Galindo, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI College of the Arts
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Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives
Miles Nevin, Ed.D., ASI Executive Director

3. INVOCATION – CSULB Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Director Dr. Rachel Blaine

Blaine quoted “Look closely at the present you are constructing. It should look like the future you are dreaming.” Blaine focused on the impact students have in shaping the future with the hope that one day there would be an environment where all imperfections are accepted. Blaine encouraged the board for all their time and effort into helping students and people. Blaine thanked the board for their services and looks forward to what they will accomplish this year.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ortiz: called for a moment of silence in memory of September 11.

Lendrum: is working on a resolution to address the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. Very few loans as less as 1% have been given forgiven due to the procedure for these loans not being clear. He invited interested senators to collaborate with him to expand the program.

ASI Treasurer Reyaly Villages: Financial Literacy Workshop rescheduled from Sept 12th to sept 26th, 3:00pm – 4:30 pm in USU 303.

5. APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Deng (S) Triska to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #6, September 11, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Worked on 100 Classes in 100 Days resolution
- Working on policy agenda which needs to be finalized as soon as possible. Asked for volunteers to help with it.
- Reminded the board about ASI Polo on Wednesday and encouraged it.
- Reminded the board about recruitment for College of Arts Senator.
- Working on Students of Color Conference. Flyer is finalized and will print soon.
- Mascot resolution is passed. Will attend the meeting along with University administration on Thursday to put together how the mascot should look like and its personality.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #5, September 4, 2019

(M) Williams (S) Douvan to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #5, September 4, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #4, August 27, 2019

(M) Chiu (S) Torres to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #4, August 27, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #1, August 29, 2019

(M) Hafen (S) Cabading to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #1, August 29, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

B. Acceptance of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

1) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #3, August 2, 2019

(M) Deng (S) De Silva to accept University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #3, August 2, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-02: 100 Classes 100 Days

Purpose of the resolution is to have all ASI officers to actively engage student body in initiatives that we're heading and getting their input. Student leaders will speak to their classes about ASI programs/services, and gather student concerns.

Updates to the 2019-20 resolution

- Vice Chair will keep track of who has completed their presentations and will report that list weekly

- to Senate
- Vice Chair will reach out to each ASI board to present this resolution to them

**(M) Hafen (S) Lam to approve SR #2020-02: 100 Classes 100 Day
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 19-0-2

10. REPORTS

A. Information Item: ASI President - Lizbeth Velasquez TC 3:45pm

- Continuing to work on securing data for students
- Continuing to work on Cabinet goals
- USUBOT went over the Future for the USU and approved an analysis strategy; will be meeting with First Foundation
- Working with Chief Justice Forestiere to discuss next steps for the legal clinic
- Voter Registration Drive: Sept 24th, 11am-2pm, in front of Coffee Bean

B. Information Item: ASI Chief Academic Officer Joseph Phillips TC 3:50pm

Work completed since last report

- Developed the infrastructure for filling the university committee list and receiving reports from our reps – many hours of work, not easy
- Created University Committee List and began sign-ups via spreadsheet sent to ASI Gov
 - Almost completely filled up within 24 hours
 - Will note some issues related for next year's CAO RE: giving clearer instructions
 - Issue with the disbanding of some committees that had reps in the past, which led to high demand of officials to serve, and low amount of available vacancies
- Finalized over ¾ of the sign-ups at the moment and names were sent to Academic Senate
- Working with Eduardo Aceituno on getting our reporting system working so that student reps can submit their findings within 72 hours of their assigned meeting
- Adding calendar invites for folks to have reminders of when they need to attend meetings

Goals for next two weeks

- Fill the remaining vacancies on the university committee list
- Send out the remaining calendar invites to student reps
- Fix bugs related to the reporting system so I can edit information quicker and have a proper auto-responder
- Begin looking into a recruiting/training system that could be streamlined moving forward for myself/future CAO

Student Issues/Concerns

- Will work on developing better instructions for ASI Gov members signing up on the committee list - for future reference (a bit too late now)
- Concern about not having enough committees for all the members of ASI Gov to be a part of – we (Execs) are working out alternatives

C. Information Item: Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) – SRWC Assistant Director Chris Huebner **TC 3:55pm**

Heubner shared a promotional video on the SRWC.

Student Recreation & Wellness Center (SRWC)

- 126,500 Square Foot Facility that opened in August of 2010
- Open to all CSULB Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Affiliates
- Features:

- 3 Court Gym

- Multi Activity Court Gym (MAC Gym)
- Indoor Jogging Track
- 20,000 Sq. Ft. of Weight & Cardio Equipment
- 2 Racquetball Courts
- 3 Fitness Rooms
- 25 Ft. High Rock Climbing Wall
- Swimming Pool, Spa, Sand Volleyball Court
- Beach Balance (wellness) office
- Fitness
 - Personal Training
 - Over 50 free Group Exercise Classes each semester
 - Instructional Classes
 - Exercise Testing
- Intramurals
 - Men's & Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Indoor & Outdoor Soccer, Badminton, Flag Football, Racquetball
 - Indoor Equipment Checkout
- Aquatics
 - Lap swimming, swim lessons, 24-person spa, sand volleyball court, CPR/AED/First-Aid Certifications
- Rock & Outdoor Adventure
 - Top rope climbing, bouldering, lead climbing
 - Outdoor equipment checkout
 - Outdoor 1-day and Overnight trips
- Beach Balance
 - Massage, Nutrition Counseling, Biofeedback, Meditation
- Inclusive Recreation
 - Adaptive Equipment, Wheel Chair Basketball and Goal Ball
- Special Events
 - Spinathon; Powerlifting Competition; Project Chill; Owen's Condition for Tuition, etc.

Williams: Are there any future initiatives for SRWC child care and facility usage for non-enrolled students during the summer?

Heubner: There is a discussion on child care, and there can be future discussion on non-enrolled student usage of the SRWC during summer.

D. Information Item: ASI Executive Director Miles Nevin

- Smorgasport: 6500 waivers were signed with an estimated 7000 attendees (1000 more than last year); this was an organization wide effort that was executed
- Week of Welcome: huge success
- Farmers Market: began today, to be held twice a month
- Fiscal report: closed audit; Exit Audit Conference, chaired by Chiu, will be Monday, 2:30pm, Senate Chambers; preliminary report is good
- HR report: final offer has been made to SRWC, Recycling Coordinator

E. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1) Sen. Deng

Work completed since last report

- Attending CSUnity
- Creating a game plan for housing issues
- Contacting Carmen Varela and Heather Schmoll about an ADA student concern

Goals for next two weeks

- UPCOMING EVENTS
 - Lobby Corps is having a Voter Registration Event on September 24th, we need more volunteers!
- HOUSING
 - Introductions with Administration
 - Learning the System
 - Event with RHA to learn about student concerns (by end of September)
 - Housing insecurity

Student concerns/issues

- Housing on campus
 - Roach Infestation
 - Beachside Shuttle Times
 - Dining Food Accommodations
 - Connecting Hungry Folks to Feed a Need
 - Air Conditioning
 - Mental Health

2) Sen. Galindo

Work completed since last report

- Developed and initialized a plan with Senator Ortiz and Vice President Almahdi to focus on serving the athletic community on campus.
 - Purpose: the goal of this focus is to develop communication between ASI and campus athletics in an effort to align behind specific goals and serve and assist each other in achieving these goals.

Goals for next two weeks

- Establish communication with athletics and become a regular attendee of SAAC. This will allow us better serve each other's goals.
- National Voter Registration Day Drive - Reach out to specific outside organizations and clubs. The goal is to facilitate a successful event the extra support and to create as much awareness as possible. NVRD is Sept. 24th.

Student concerns/issues

- Only 1 microwave in University Dining Plaza, long waits. Comparison to The Outpost which has 4 microwaves.
- There university art buildings have a lack of air conditioning
- Areas around COB are very dark at night, lack of lighting feels unsafe, follow up on specific locations
- Safety locks on classroom doors as a precaution to an active shooter incident
- Off-campus housing transportation: shuttle times end too early for students that have class after 9pm

3) Sen. Hossain

Work completed since last report

- Attended New Senator Orientation for the Academic Senate 08/29/19
 - Policy Revisions
- Tabling for Week of Welcome
- Meeting with Senator Deng; jointly working on housing issues
 - Established a combined set of goals that pertain to life in residential halls
 - Discussed emergency housing
 - Ended with separate areas of interest (i.e. mental health, Basic Needs)

Goals for next two weeks

- Confirm contact information for Housing
 - Introduction

- Begin interactions to get to know the housing system
- Collaborate with RHA to create an event introducing ASI to residents
 - Proposed deadline for event: end of September
- Tabling at least once for the month of September
 - Gather student concerns – specifically in housing

Student concerns/issues

- Residential Life
 - Laundry appliances lacking in numbers
 - Air conditioning in all halls
 - Food options in dining halls
- How to actually get involved – especially as a freshman
- Academic guidance

4) Sen. Ortiz

Work completed since last report

- ASI Media Advisory
 - Switching back to a board
- DSC hiring committee
 - Assistant Director position was opened and we reviewed applications, candidates and now in final stages of meeting in person with finalists.
- Looked at other CSU's ASI's resolutions
 - Better assess what programs we can implement to support students' needs
- Authored 100 classes 100 Days with VP Almahdi

Goals for next two weeks

- Connecting with Senators Chakkalakal and Hernandez regarding the expansion of mental health resources in CAPS
- Introducing ways we can provide financial resources for undocumented students
- Developing resolutions to foster inclusivity on campus in collaboration with VP Almahdi, Chief Diversity Officer Alderete, and Senator De Silva
- Will work with other senators and VP Almahdi on the Senate Policy Agenda (will be completed within the next 2 weeks)
- Connect with student athletes in SAAC
 - Bring concerns and ways we can support them to Senate
 - Continue Senator Imani McDonald's Athletic game reports

Student concerns/issues

- There aren't enough left-handed chairs/desks in classrooms
- Complaints about parking
- Limited financial opportunities for students with no social security

5) Sen. Phong

Work completed since last report

- USUBOT Meeting 09/06 Friday
- Meeting with University Police Chief 08/28 Wednesday
 - Calling 911
 - "Pizza with a Cop"
- Walked around Week of Welcome event
- Stopped multiple times around campus to direct 1st-year/transfer students to their classes

Goals for next two weeks

- Attend USUBOT Facilities Meeting 09/13 Friday
- One-on-One with VP

- Attend Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) 09/13 Friday
- Meet with Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, Mike Do
- Meet with Commissioner of Wellness Affairs, Janet Chung

Student concerns/issues

- Textbooks are still very expensive for some students to buy
 - Some have to split one physical textbook with their classmates or have to buy a lower edition textbook

6) Sen. Triska

Work completed since last report

- Attended the Freshman International Students Orientation
 - Part of the Global Peer Ambassador Program
 - Spoke to over 180 International Students About ASI, including elections
 - Freshman/Transfer International Students
- Tabled at Week of Welcome

Goals for next two weeks

- Schedule a meeting with staff from the Career and Development Center to discuss the idea of a permanent Career Closet
- Work with Treasure Villegas and Vice President Almahdi in the idea of implementing an ASI Student Relief fund
 - The idea is to have a less complicated avenue to assist students in meeting short-term/urgent financial need that would interfere in their education
- Reaching out to Transfer and Graduate Students to discuss their experience and concerns with Senator Phong

Student concerns/issues

- Students were complaining about not having access to the school Wi-Fi during the first week of classes

Anything Else



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When: Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2019

Apply by Thursday, September 12th

at ppiaprogram.org/ucla-psw/

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Ortiz: the social media group Brown Issues is having a comment competition for where they should have their next campus pop-up; go to their page to vote for CSULB.

Lendrum: reported that 8.4% of the CSULB Downtown Village will be affordable housing.

Bose:

- Club Sports has received interest for the development of a women’s ice hockey team, and they need 5 more women to establish a team; contact Becca Seguancia in Club Sports, if interested.
- Leadership Conference: Oct 4th, free, lunch and dinner included

Ahmadi:

- College senators reports due Friday, 12pm
- Recruit for COTA senator positions
- Pick up your ASI polo from San Miguel
- Policy Agenda stay after meeting to collaborate on resolution

Galindo: National Voter Registration Drive email will be sent out to get event volunteer sign-ups.

Triska: LinkedIn Learning Workshop Info Session, today, 5:30pm

Hossain: Planning a TEDx Conference.

Williams: as a Gift of Life ambassador, they offered to table at events.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:42pm.