

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #8

September 25, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:33pm

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education
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 (Ar@4:00pm)

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI College of the Arts
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Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives (Ar@4:04pm)
Miles Nevin, Ed.D., ASI Executive Director

3. INVOCATION – ASI Associate Director of Facilities Operations Arnecia Bryant

Bryant introduced their speech topic as “Making choices from a place of balance”, and emphasized how important it is for everyone to take a breath and check if their choices are made with both the heart and mind being aligned. They felt that the best choices were made with a balanced emotional and intellectual foundation. Bryant also felt that once a person reached equilibrium, they will reach a place where they can easily make good decisions while keeping all aspects in mind.

Bryant thanked the board for the opportunity to speak and wished them well in making the best choices for everyone.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

5. APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Ortiz (S) Triska to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #8, September 25, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Executive officers and Chief Academic Officer Philips met with Provost Jersky to discuss discussed spot evaluations; Almahdi hoped it would be implemented this time around fall.
- Academic Senate is again discussing the plus/minus grading system, which they had removed a couple of years ago.
- Reminded the board to fulfill their 100 Days 100 Classes Resolution commitment
- Held a successful first Take a Sec with the Execs event
- Met with Dr. Takemoto to discuss:
 - Shuttle issues
 - Students of Color Conference funding
 - Division of Student Affairs is partnering up with the Dean and Human Services to implement peer mental health advising
 - Need to increase mental health services staff; additional psychologists will begin in January
- Co-senator photos: Oct 2nd, 2:50pm; Senate Group photo: Oct 2nd, 3:20pm, stairs outside Senate Chambers

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #7, September 18, 2019

(M) Ortiz (S) Hafen to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #7, September 18, 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 #6, September 10, 2019

(M) Lam (S) Chakkalal to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #6, September 10, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #2, September 5, 2019

(M) Triska (S) Hossain to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #2, September 5, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

3) Action Item: Senate Audit Committee (SAC) Minutes, Meeting #1, August 19, 2019

(M) Deng (S) Phong to approve Senate Audit Committee (SAC) Minutes, Meeting #1, August 19, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #2, September 9, 2019

(M) Chiu (S) Torres to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #2, September 9, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

2) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #12, May 7, 2019

(M) Douvan (S) Hossain to accept Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #12, May 7, 2019, as amended

- Douvan: Item #5: change "quite" to "quiet"

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Business

1) Action Item: PA #2020-15: Confirmation of Associate Justice-Ethan Eisenhart

Eisenhart presented their understanding of the position is that any rules and regulation passed are their job to make sure are in accord with the students' interests. Their goal is to show students that the student government is here to support their issues. Eisenhart wants to make the hard processes a little easy by helping.

Deng: wants more information about personal experience.

Eisenhart: worked in a toxicology lab and worked with many toxins. Had a great experience and worked with many professors in college.

Hossain: questioned him about how all those experiences shaped him

Eisenhart: He felt that he learnt how to really speak with people who are coming in with any issues and how to help them in any possible.

Triska: how do you think you can provide outreach and promote the work.

Eisenhart: Not a lot of people know that we have great appeals so wants to market it somehow. Tell students that they can appeal and get their grades changed if needed.

10. REPORTS

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

- Met with Assembly member O'Donnell's field representative
 - discussed their support of CSSA's opposition to 4th year quantitative reasoning
 - Working with Nevin to draft a legislative proposal to O'Donnell's office, as they've expressed an interest in adopting AVR
 - Discussed AB48 (2-Billion dollar CSU bond that encourages CSU to adopt more affordable housing); will be sending a letter of support to governor's office; Oct 13th is the last day to sign any bills
- Met with AB540 & Undocumented lawyers that will be at the DREAM Success Center
- Will be collaborating with Division of Student Affairs to create cultural welcomes
- Met with Provost Jersky and discussed:
 - adding Basic Needs to the syllabus about Basic Needs
 - more accessible option of providing Basic Needs information on BeachBoard
 - non-traditional class schedules
- Met with Dr. Takemoto and discussed:
 - Additional CAPS staff
 - Clarifying/understanding consent of indigenous folks on the 22 acres

B. Information Item: ASI Chief Government Relations Officer Precious Padilla TC 3:50pm

Work completed since last report:

- CSSA September Plenary
- Met with Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell Field Representative on Monday September 23rd at their Long Beach office
- First Voter Registration Drive: National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday September 24th at Central Plant Plaza
- California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) preparation

Goals for next two weeks:

- Work toward finalizing Lobby Corps 2019-2020 Policy Agenda
- Second Voter Registration Drive Wednesday on November 13th
- Continue coordination of legislative visits (i.e. Senator Ben Allen, Senator Lena Gonzalez, Senator Susan Rubio, Senator Bob Archuleta, Assembly member Cristina Garcia, Assembly member Anthony Rendon,

Assembly member Al Muratsuchi, Assembly member Cottie Petrie-Norris)

Student concerns and issues:

- Lack of support & resources for undocumented students
- Inclusion & safety of non-binary & trans folks
- Lack of visibility for disabled students

C. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for AB540 and Undocumented Students Adriana Andrade Rodriguez TC 3:55pm

Work completed since last report:

- AB540 & Undocumented Students Open Forum
- October 22, 2019 @ 5:30 PM in USU 205
- Working with CSU Lawyers to bring informational workshops to CSULB
- Website

Goals for next two weeks:

- Complete a marketing plan for the Dream Success Center
 - Goal: To increase the walk-ins by 25% by the end of the Spring and increase the visibility of the DSC through on campus marketing and social media tools.
 - Figure out how to go about the Anonymous Link
 - Seek resources needed to develop the safest, most reliable method of communication
- Use the lawyers as a resource to host informational sessions to students.

Student concerns and issues:

- Trouble speeding up getting access to the Dream Success Center Website
 - Essential part of communication to student body
 - Students expressed stress and anxiety over figuring out financial aid and Dream.US scholarship being that they could not reach an expert (the previous assistant director) to have their questions answered.
- Student shared that she did not know about the Dream Center until the end of her second year when she nearly left school due to financial struggles. This student is an EOP student and is not sure why she was not directed to the DSC earlier.

D. Information Item: Beach Pride Events Lead Leanne Meyers **TC 4pm**

- Week of Welcome: the successful Sept 5th event maxed out on the limit for tables as there were over 250 organizations.
- Farmers Market: the first Market was on Sept 11th and 25th, 10am -2pm; Next Farmers market takes place on Oct 9th.
- The Long Beach Marathon: will be Oct 13th, 7am-1pm; Many volunteers are needed (individuals or groups); Volunteers also receive free breakfast and lunch.
- Agents of Change event: the monthly speakers' series hosted by ASI and the Office of Multicultural Affairs; Sept 30th, 5-7pm in the Ball Rooms, speaker Sylvia Mendez
- Financial Literacy Workshop: Debit and Credit Cards, Sept 26th, 3-4:30pm, USU Room 304
- October: support the LGBTQ community; kickoff event on Oct 2nd, Drag Bingo Oct 8th; visit the ASI Events Calendar Website for more events.

E. Information Item: 22 West Video Executive Producer Brandon Kheang TC 4:05pm

Reviewed 22 West Advisory Committee history formerly as the ASI Media Board of Trustees changed Senate resolution #2018-25, with one of the main reasons being lack of student involvement. The committee's primary goals are to assisting in the development and maintenance of a strong and independent vehicle for free expression and hold 22 West accountable.

Last Year's Accomplishments

- Organized fundraising efforts

- In conjunction with ASI Judiciary, they hear and review all content complaints/grievances
- Review/revision of the 22West Magazine format
- Hired new 22West Lead Executives

Upcoming Goals

- First committee meeting of the year tomorrow
- Confirm 22 West Video General Manager
- Improve sales department
- Increase fundraising
- Increase student based programming
- Collaborate with Bob Cole Conservatory Program
- Guest speaker event in November

F. Information Item: ASI Executive Director Dr. Miles Nevin
No report for today's meeting.

G. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1. Sen. Deng

Work completed since last report:

- Meeting with Corry Colonna (regular meetings every two weeks)
- Mascot Focus Group
- Attended RHA meeting at Beachside
- Beachside Shuttle Focus Group

Goals for next two weeks:

Upcoming Events

- Lobby Corps is having a Voter Registration Event on September 24th @12-2pm

Housing

- Approving of bike cages for Hillside and Parkside
- Contacting the nutritionist at Hillside and Parkside

Accessibility

- There is no formal way of contacting BMAC for accessibility issues

Student concerns and issues:

- Safety on campus
 - Dark spots around the CBA and nearby parking structures
 - Suggestion to add mirrors around the corner of the bridge going to lot 14
- SB 206 (Lobby Corps)
 - Student athletes are concerned how this bill is going to affect their scholarships and NCAA eligibility.

2. Sen. Galindo

Work completed since last report:

- National Voter Registration Day– September 24
- Met with Stephanie Baugh and Faris Babineaux – Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) advisor / SAAC co-president
- ASI investment portfolio with First Foundation presentation

Goals for next two weeks:

- 100 Classes 100 Days presentations
- Formal meeting with SAAC co-presidents
- Meeting with Andy Fee – Athletics Director
- Coordination between ASI, CSULB Department of design, and LA County Registrar about potential design partnership of on-campus voting center

Student concerns and issues:

- Lack of digital access around campus
- University Student Union building feels outdated
- Better study spaces near SSPA
- Better craft beer at The Nugget

3. Sen. Hossain

Work completed since last report:

- Attended Academic Senate meeting 8/12/19
 - Policy Revisions
 - GR requirements first reading
- Tabling for Residential Race
- Meeting with Corry (housing) on Friday
- Beachside Shuttle Focus Group on Friday

Goals for next two weeks:

- Attend first RHA meeting
- Tabling at least once for the month of September
 - Gather student concerns – specifically in housing
- 100 Days Presentations to classes

Student concerns and issues:

- Internet Connection
- How to get involved
- Parking (less but still buzzing)

4. Sen. Ortiz

Work completed since last report:

- 100 Classes/ 100 Days Resolution
 - Spoke to ASI boards to spread the word to all the officers
- Mental Health resources
 - In contact with Senator Hernandez
 - CSUF ASI resolution on Mental health
- Developing resolutions to foster inclusivity and diversity on campus
- Student Concerns
- Meeting with Executive Director of Athletics: Dr. Andy Fee

Goals for next two weeks:

- Meet with the Latino Faculty Staff Association to discuss student concerns.
- Will continue working on policy agenda
- Once we meet with Dr. Andy Fee, Daniel and I will create a plan to decide how we want to reach out and bring Athlete student concerns to the table.

Student concerns and issues:

- The lack of Latino faculty members on campus.

5. Sen. Phong

Work completed since last report:

- USUBOT Facilities Meeting 09/13 Friday
 - Microwaves in University Dining Plaza
- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) 09/13 Friday
 - Providing condoms
- Met with Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, Mike Do 09/13 Friday
 - Cultural Event: Late-March/Early-April
- Meeting with University Police Chief
 - Reducing bicycle/motor vehicle thefts

- Safety locks on classroom doors

Goals for next two weeks:

- Meeting with Kerry Johnson, Associate VP for Undergraduate Studies about transfer students 09/25 Wednesday
- Meeting with Jody Cormack, Vice Provost for Academic Programs/Dean of Graduate Studies in early October
- Set up meeting with Commissioner of Wellness Affairs, Janet Chung
- National Coffee with a Cop Day: October 2nd Wednesday

Student Concerns:

- Students need shuttles at Beachside
 - Shuttle services were terminated at Beachside after 7pm
 - Community Service Officers help with that but they are overwhelmed

6. Sen. Triska

Work completed since last report:

- Researched other Universities initiatives in implementing a permanent Career Closet and what could be done here.
- Trying to understand the feasibility of this project
- Reached out to Graduate Students and Transfer Students to hear their concerns and recommendations.
- Worked on getting a game plan with Senator Williams and Senator Sajjan to present to the 49ers foundation in regards to scholarships criteria and how they are disbursed.
- Advertised the International Affairs Commissioner position.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Will be having a meeting with the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Students, Dr. Kerry Johnson
- Will be meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Jody Cormack
- Continue efforts for the Scholarship goals
- 100 days 100 classes Resolution

Student concerns and issues:

- Graduate Student Concerns:
 - They feel left out from our community and not represented as a student voice.
 - Lack of workshops and programs that specifically target their community, such as how to transition to grad school.
 - Job Fairs and Job Seeking Assistance to International Students that are looking for jobs with visa sponsorship after graduation.
 - Lack of information on resources available to them (ex: ASI research fund)
- Transfer Students Concerns:
 - Not being able to participate in leadership positions in their first semester at CSULB
 - Not being aware to resources available to all students.

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Jose Espinoza, student: as an unofficial ambassador of the Center for Bioethical Reform (CBR), they will be displaying the Genocidal Awareness Project on Oct 9th-10th, which Espinoza stressed is an educational project and not hate speech; Espinoza clarified that CBR was not invited/sponsored to campus this year by either student organizations Catholic Beach Newman or Students for Life and that they are showing up on their own free will and under the guise of free speech; Espinoza asked Senate for their constituents to be for respectful and peaceful, as the CBR volunteers are.

Almahdi:

- reports are due Friday, by 12pm

- Wear ASI polos next Wednesday for the Senate photoshoot; be on time
- Complete your 100 Classes in 100 Days
- Commended Phong for the great report

Lam awarded Senator of the Week to De Silva.

Lendrum:

- Stressed the need for commitment and utmost respect to the indigenous community as we move forward with the work on the underdeveloped land
- Encouraged the board to visit <https://Calstate.edu/> for amazing stories of individuals who have overcome so much to be where they are today and who are making things better for those after them.

Bose:

- Campus Master Planning Process: President Velasquez and USUBOT Chair Balayan are ASI student representatives on committee; within the next 18 months there will be opportunities for students to participate.
- CalFresh Outreach: Tuesday, 10am-2pm; encouraged students to apply to see if they're eligible to claim up to \$200 a month for groceries
- Ready Long Beach: Saturday, at the Pyramid; emergency readiness event
- Leadership at the Beach Conference: next Friday; encouraged board to register to attend

Ortiz: reported that Lendrum received the CSU Trustee Award.

Hossain: Housing Groundbreaking Ceremony this Friday, 11:30am; will support an additional 500 students.

Williams: Oct 4th - Bone Marrow Drive, 3-4pm, USU Ball Rooms, and a free Shabbat Dinner, 4pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.