

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**Meeting #9**

October 2, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:35pm

**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 (Ar @ 4:05pm)  
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services (Ar @ 4:05pm)  
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  
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee

Voting Members Absent

Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative  
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** – Student Life and Development Associate Director Anna Nazarian.

Nazarian shared the *First They Came* by Martin Niemoller.

*First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out because I was not a Communist  
Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist  
Then they came for the trade unionists  
and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist  
Then they came for the Jews  
And I did not speak out because I was not a Jew  
Then they came for me  
And there was no one left to speak out for me*

Nazarian acknowledged that student leaders are cast with great responsibility to be the voice of our students and to work collaboratively to resolve issues. Nazarian recognized that the weight of obligations can become heavy, especially in the current political/social climate. Nazarian encouraged Senate to consider the privileged space they hold as a leader and use it as a platform to speak for others. Nazarian offered Student and Life services of support.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anna Christensen, former CSULB faculty: part of Friends of Puvunga; voiced their support of leaving the remaining 22-acres of sacred land, which is a national registered site, in its natural state, as it is central to many/most Southern California Indian tribal cultural history and practices. Christiansen recalled past joint support between ASI Senate, CSULB faculty over the community for displaced community gardeners, and asked for Senate's support for the indigenous sacred grounds, and hopes it doesn't come to a lawsuit.

Michelle Castillo, member of Acjachemen Nation: reported that on Friday Sep 27<sup>th</sup> which was California Native American Day, the university dumping with tractors/dump trucks from 7am-4pm. Castillo asked for Senate's help in speaking with President Conoley to stop the dumping, especially for the next two weeks as they have their Ancestor Walk and Bear Ceremony.

Nicholas Cabeza, field representative for Long Beach Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell: conveyed O'Donnell's appreciation of ASI Senate's legislative support (SR #2020-03) of AB48 15.

Tahesha Knapp-Christensen, member of the Omaha Nation, former CSULB student: shared quote from a past article on university's plans to build a strip mall. Knapp-Christensen asked for Senate support in respecting indigenous people and protecting their very little open land that is left.

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

**(M) Lam (S) Douvan to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #9, October 2, 2019, as amended**

- Item #10-B: strike

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- October 1-1s: have received much feedback and a lot of great Smart Goals
- In discussions regarding Wellness Week, beginning Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
- Met with At-Large senators Galindo and Ortiz to discuss student athlete issues and how we can collaborate.
- Senate representatives are encouraged to report regarding any legislation that gets passed, ASI government initiatives and student concerns in other board meetings or committees that they attend for the Senate to be more effective as a whole.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #8, September 25, 2019

**(M) Triska (S) Hernandez to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #8, September 25, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

#### **8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS**

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #7, September 17, 2019

**(M) Hossain (S) Cabading to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #7, September 17, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

2) Action Item: Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, May 10, 2019

**(M) Ortiz (S) Deng to approve Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, May 10, 2019**

Nevin: regarding the IPCDC parking problem, we were able to come up with another solution.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #3, September 12, 2019

**(M) De Silva (S) Douvan to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #3, September 12, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 4) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #4, September 19, 2019

**(M) Douvan (S) Triska to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #4, September 19, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 5) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #1, September 10, 2019

**(M) Triska (S) Chakkalakal to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #1, September 10, 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 #3, September 16, 2019

**(M) Galindo (S) Hafen to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #3, September 16, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Legislative Business**

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-03: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 48 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Lam (S) Douvan to approve Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 48 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-2**

Lendrum: commended Hossain for their dedicated efforts to drafting the resolution, especially without Lendrum's contribution due to being ill, to be included on this week's agenda; additional revisions have been made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

De Silva: based on Public Comments, is it was possible to include language that the university does not use funding related to this bill for the sacred land.

Hossain: It is noted in the bill regarding the bond money for CSU's that its main goal is to improve and modernize the infrastructure. The USU building is in need of major modernization. In reference to the information given to us, they hope and believe that the native lands will not be at risk.

Lendrum: In the Public policy, California identified 10 billion for academic infrastructure needs and an additional 2 billion for physical building infrastructure needs. They believe that to their knowledge none of this money goes for the construction projects, yet they hope that there can be some way for them to include their recommendation in the language that none of this money gets used for anything related to those constructions.

Douvan: recommends that the language to be used as preexisting infrastructure.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-04: Senate/Board of Directors Policy Agenda for 2019-2020(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Cabading to approve Senate/Board of Directors Policy Agenda for 2019-2020(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-2**

Lam: requested clarity on Goal #2

Almahdi: That was something that was brought multiple times last year. They are creating mailboxes or areas where students who don't have an address or have any housing insecurities can still receive their mail.

Triska: Goal #4, bullet #3 –include AB540 and Undocumented Students.

Williams: Goal #4, bullet #3 – change “parent students” to “parenting students”.

Hossain: Goal #3 - change “last year’s” to “spring 2019”.

## 10. REPORTS

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

- ASI Government leaders met with Division of Student Affairs to discuss upcoming Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
  - There'll be a silent protest
  - There'll be stations around campus for students to voice their concerns and to make available campus resources; ASI will be manning the central station, as well as the Southwest Terrace

Velasquez: communicate resources, including the availability of counselors, to your constituents.

- Spoke to Secretary of State Office members on how student government can support the campus' Vote Center for the Primary and General elections; Center will be open four days (Sat-Tues) to accommodate campus and community; Government will be conducting an educational campaign for the Center and its resources

Velasquez: all people should have a voice at the table, so the ASI Executives be working with those who provided Public Comment to ensure that their voices are heard.

- Attended two groundbreaking ceremonies: Residential Life Project and Alumni Center

### B. Information Item: ASI Treasurer Reyallyn Villegas **TC 3:50pm**

\*This item was stricken.

### C. Information Item: ASI Chief Academic Officer Joe Phillips **TC 3:55pm**

Work completed since last report:

- Worked w/ Eduardo Aceituno to fix bugs in the committee reports software.
  - Steadily adding folks to our reporting software after glitches fixed.
- Re-sent university committee vacancies to ASI Gov't, and filled more spots that needed student reps.
- Met w/ Provost & shared Exec Team's ideas for the year.
- Attending all required meetings.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Continue to expand the reach and capabilities of our university committee reporting software.
- Keep adding folks to my university committee's calendar.
- Fill the few remaining university committee vacancies.
- Follow up on Exec Team's goals discussed with the Provost.

Student concerns and issues:

- Making sure that university committee Chairs are following the correct procedure for recruiting & appointing ASI student representatives.
  - Current issues resolved.

D. Information Item: ASI Chief Justice Christopher Forestiere **TC 4pm**

Work Completed:

- Grade Appeals
  - Multiple cases have been assigned to Associate Justices
  - Grade Appeals Outreach – Fall filing deadline October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Judiciary Consultations – email [asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu](mailto:asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu)
- Know Your Rights Campaign
  - Video covering rights for formerly incarcerated students
  - Event for sexual assault survivors and awareness

Goals Moving Forward:

- Know Your Rights Campaign
  - Finalize dates and timelines for both fall projects
- ASI Legal Clinic
  - Narrow down a funding source, location, and logistics.
  - Begin drafting concise proposal bringing together pertinent information
- ASI Elections
  - Work on improving and approving 2020 Elections Handbook
  - Assist Government Elections Officer Rodriguez with Elections Outreach

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Funding and availability of ASI Legal Clinic
- Parking on and around campus
- Graduate student concerns

Judiciary Exists!

- Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 12:30
- General questions/consultations:
  - [asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu](mailto:asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu)
- Chief Justice
  - [christopher.forestiere-SA@student.csulb.edu](mailto:christopher.forestiere-SA@student.csulb.edu)

E. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Mike Do **TC 4:05pm**

Advocacy/Policy:

- Currently working alongside, the Office of Multicultural Affairs on planning a festival called the Multicultural Festival around the month of March, where cultural organizations are able to showcase their culture, whether that be through food, music, dancing, board games, etc... Also interested in potentially bringing in speakers to speak on certain topics as well. Emails have been sent out to organizations, and so I will utilize their responses/input to plan the festival.
- In addition, I am currently working with the OMA in starting up periodic facilitated meetings, where students can attend and have discussions with a professional on certain topics that pertain to issues that we see today.

Other Business/Concerns:

- Through meeting with some cultural organizations, I came across an underrepresentation concern from the Cambodian Student Society. The Cambodian American Experience, which is an educational course, is only offered 1x every three years. I will find out what department the course is a part of, and find out why it is only offered 1x every three years. Moving forward, I will work to help out the Cambodian Student Society, and to increase the awareness of marginalized communities in general.
- Overall, my goals are the Multicultural Festival, to increase the awareness of marginalized communities, and to provide the resources available to those in need.

F. Information Item: ASI Executive Director Dr. Miles Nevin

- The Auxiliary Organization Association (AOA) is a state-wide, professional group for those who work in auxiliary organizations in CSU system; they have a scholarship program each year where they award 5000\$

to a student that demonstrates academic excellence and services to an auxiliary organization. The deadline is Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

G. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1. College of Education: Sens. Lendrum and Douvan

Work completed since last report:

- Academic Senate - Addressing Graduate Requirements
- Met with Treasurer Villegas - Discussed the current issue with the Temporarily Extended Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.
- Completed/submitted draft Resolution of Support for AB 48
- Scheduled 2 presentations for 100 classes in 100 days.

Goals for next two weeks:

- October student organizations monthly newsletter
  - October monthly newsletter
  - Interviewing College of Edu. staff and faculty
- ASI Bulletin board section
- Connecting with single subject future teachers & graduate students

Student concerns and issues:

- Concerns about communication and development on indigenous/sacred sites on campus.
- There are still issues on upper campus with folks using their coasting devices as if they were “Skiers on an Olympic slalom course.”

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” - Will Durant

2. College of Engineering: Sens. Chiu and Sajjan

Work completed since last report:

- BOC meeting
  - ESG presentation by First Foundation
- Engineering student council meeting
  - President Conoley attended meeting and addressed concerns about gr requirements and club rooms
- Academic Senate meeting
  - President Jane Conoley spoke about newly introduced program “Cops on bikes”.
  - Groundbreaking event for new dorms kick started on 27th at 10 am which provides homes for 476 students.
  - Athletic students have performed well in academics and the overall graduation rate is 87%.
  - CSGR which includes WR-HD, Human diversity and GC is yet in debate and many amendments to be resolved.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Showcase ASI and school resources to all engineering intro classes
- Conduct Coffee with the Dean event on Oct 3rd, ECS 312

Student concerns and issues:

- Concerns regarding getting funding for programs and projects, lack of more accessible knowledge of ASI policy.
- Lack of knowledge on health insurance policy and its use (JCB insurance solution) and ways to reach out on grade appeal and procedures.

3. College of Health & Human Services: Sens. Cabading and Hafen

Work completed since last report:

- Visited and made announcements in CHHS classes for 100 Days 100 Classes
- Met with CHHS student council executive board
- Meeting scheduled with CHHS Dean (2 October)

- Meeting scheduled with Sustainable Transportation (7 October)

Goals for next two weeks:

- Gain access to BeachBoard for CHHS announcements
- Start collaboration on mental health event for CHHS students with college dean
- Visit and introduce ourselves to a diversity of CHHS and COTA classes
- Print senate posters to display in CHHS buildings (KIN, FCS, Nursing, etc.)

Student concerns and issues:

- Lack of community and support within CHHS

#### 4. College of Liberal Arts: Sens. Hernandez and De Silva

Work completed since last report:

- IPCDC Meeting
  - Elected New Parent Rep - Jolene McCall
  - Introduced incoming Student Trustees to working rules
  - Toured IPCDC facilities
  - Reviewed Survey Results
- Senate Photos in progress
- Working alongside student orgs to disseminate information on contraceptives
- Obtained a contact for International House
  - courtesy of Senator Hafen

Goals for next two weeks:

- Spoke with a few classes about ASI
- Set up meeting with Provost about insufficient Ethnic Studies professors
- Continue partnership with on-campus lawyers to assess on bettering support to undocumented student
- Set up a meeting with an RA for International House
  - Attend one of their building meetings to hear student concerns

Student concerns and issues:

- The bathroom lines for CLA buildings are WAY too long
  - students have to decide whether to be late for class or just not go to the bathroom
- Program to kick start bicycle ownership and move towards sustainable transportation
  - CSULB to facilitate subsidies in order for students to purchase bicycles

#### 5. College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Sens. Chakkalakal and Lam

Work Completed:

- Seating arrangements inside and outside of MLSC and HSCI
  - Michael Gardner
  - Will be considered for future planning
  - Funding
- Communication Networks (BeachBoard, Professor Network, etc.)

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- First revision of Peer-Peer Program Draft with Head of SAS Center
- Collecting list of professions and points of contact
- Department Head of Science Education
- Department Head of Physics and Astronomy

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Security cameras in the parking areas/structures
- Parking
- Theft Concerns about study spaces (e.g. library)

Did You Know?

- CNSM Symposium

6. College of Business: Sens. Torres and Williams

Work completed since last report:

- Completed first “Coffee at the COB” Student Government tabling at COB
- Met with Dean Solt to transition new VP of Student Services to organize “Dine with the Dean”
- In discussion with ASI/49er shops about Every table installation near WallStreet

Goals for next two weeks:

- Set up Career Closet Drive with ABSOC orgs
- Set up meetings to find an COB office to facilitate the Calculator Loan program that was approved
- Present statement at 49er Foundation regarding scholarship restructuring for parenting, graduate and international students (10/3/19)

Student concerns and issues:

- ABSOC and its related student organizations are doing a great job facilitating workshops for personal and professional development
- More places shaded areas to sit near COB
- Several requests for hot food items, as well as extended hours at WallStreet
- Continued concern about the lack of microwaves near COB

## 11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Ortiz: provided the following 100 Classes 100 Days update:

- Phong: 1 class
- Hossain:1 class
- Hafen: 1 class
- Ortiz: 2 classes
- An additional 9 people are almost finished

Almahdi: Do you have the exact number of classes that have been completed?

Ortiz: 12 classes completed and 79 days left to complete initiative.

De Silva awarded Senator of the Week to Deng.

Lendrum: Introduced their personal Beach Pantry Challenge. Each board member who donates \$1, they'll donate \$2. If each of you donate \$4 for the next two months, we can raise up to \$600.

Bose: the following campus preparations have been made to counter the Genocide Awareness Project that'll be on campus Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

- We have folks available at NCC Conference Room
- Student Health Services: Wed, USU 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Sex at the Beach presentation
- Nutrition Outreach Program: Wed, 12pm-3pm, The Outpost
- Farmers Market: Wed, 10am-2pm, Friendship Walk
- Project Chill: Wed, USU North Lawn
- Women's Gender Sex Studies Assn: will be tabling morning and afternoon, LA-5 Plaza
- Managers from Student Affairs will be available
- No police will be present in front unless we have to call them

San Miguel: Beach Pride Events will be focused on Farmers Market so it's the Government's responsibility to man the Southwest Terrace.

Deng: Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, First Monday: Supreme Court Preview; event commemorates the beginning of the Supreme Court's term, and will discuss cases that'll be decided this year; will email flyer.



Torres: Student Council will hold a large networking event. with breakfast included. on next Friday; 300 companies confirmed; register online.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.