

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
Meeting #11
October 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Nickolas Altman, ASI College of the Arts (elected today)
Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts (elected today)
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business (Ar @ 3:33pm)
Isabel Douvan, 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 (Dp @4:46pm)
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large
Daniel Galindo, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President (Dp @4:46pm)
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee

Voting Members Absent

Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, ASI Executive Director Designee

3. INVOCATION – 2016-17 ASI Vice President Logan Vournas

Vournas posed to the board the same question they were asked at the beginning of their ASI leadership journey - Why are you here? Vournas stressed to the board that each student vote means they believe and trust in you, and that now you have the opportunity and responsibility to create change that will affect students. Vournas encouraged that while we might not be able to make systemic change overnight, we can make changes that affect the everyday life of students. Vournas highlighted student-led initiatives such as the All-gender restrooms, the Beach Pantry, scooters for disabled students, the 24-hour Study Center, a 24-hour Library during Finals, and much more. Students need to know what ASI does and that we have a systematically instrumental voice on campus that isn't dependent on any other part of the campus. Students deserve to know that their elected representatives stand for and who will fight for them in meeting their needs. Vournas asked the board to further reflect on the ASI mission slogan of For Students By Students: what does it mean and why.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jose Espinoza, student: clarified that it wasn't Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) intent to offend anyone at last week's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), especially the Jewish community on their holy day as photos of the holocaust were included in their exhibit; voiced frustration over CBR receiving extremely negative response due to event not being reported accurately by student media, as well as students not knowing CBR members personally; CBR has the right to be on campus to express their free speech.

5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Deng (S) Cabading to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #11, October 16, 2019, as amended

- Item #10-D: strike, as Nevin is absent.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Wellness Week: begins next week; Mental Health Town hall on Monday
- National Transfer Week: next week; collaborative event by Student Affairs Beach and the Transfer Transition Center
- 100 Classes 100 Days: 25 classes completed; deadline approaching quickly
- At-Large reports will hereafter be joint community reports

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #10, October 9, 2019

(M) Galindo (S) Hafen to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #10, October 9, 2019

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: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #9, October 1, 2019

(M) Chiu (S) Hossain to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #9, October 1, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, October 3, 2019

(M) Williams (S) Torres to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, October 3, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

3) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee, Meeting #2, September 24, 2019

(M) Deng (S) Galindo to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee, Meeting #2, September 24, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #5, September 30, 2019

(M) Triska (S) Phong to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #5, September 30, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

2) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #1, September 16, 2019

(M) Chiu (S) Galindo to accept Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #1, September 16, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

3) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, September 6, 2019

(M) Cabading (S) Triska to accept University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, September 6, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Business

1) Election of (2) College of the Arts Senators **TC 4:05pm**

a) Nickolas Altman

Altman introduced self, and shared goals such as making student life better by opening doors of communication, and bring awareness to ASI resources such as the Beach Pantry and CalFresh.

b) Ambar Bibilonia

Bibilonia introduced self and shared goals such as helping STEM students stay in STEM with research opportunities, and creating a COTA alumni network.

c) Ryan Chu

Applicant was not present.

d) Lauren Patt

Applicant was not present.

e) Ocean Spikes

Applicant was not present.

(M) Douvan (S) Lam to elect (2) College of the Arts Senators, September 16, 2019 – Nickolas Altman, Ambar Bibilonia

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

Bose administered the oath of office to Altman and Bibilonia.

B. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-03: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 48 (3rd Reading)

(M) Deng (S) De Silva to approve Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 48 (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-2

2) Action Item: SR #2020-04: Senate/Board of Directors Policy Agenda for 2019-2020 (3rd Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Hossain to approve Senate/Board of Directors Policy Agenda for 2019-2020 (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-2

10. REPORTS

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

Work Completed:

- Met with President Conley to discuss various issues pertaining students
 - We spoke mainly on the safety concerns of last Monday
 - Will be putting in a little over half a million to change locks and have them ready for next semester
 - Biggest issue being doors are old and the possibility of asbestos and lead in doors will require even more safety inspections
 - Fire Marshals concern are students being able to get out of classrooms if locked
- Met with Director of Athletics- Andy Fee
 - Discussed on how we can collaborate to bring more student participation in games and harness school spirit
- Continuing the discussion for Cultural Welcomes
 - We will be bringing in faculty members from the respective communities we wish to include to have greater input
- After meeting with Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell's field representative we spoke about 4th year

quantitative reasoning

- I expressed our concerns and he has written a letter of opposition to the Chancellor's office and all the CSUBOT

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Will be working on AVR and meeting with Vice President for Information Technology- Min Yao
 - Speaking on logistics and how it will look on our campus
- Drafting out a legislative bill proposal for AVR
- Continuing planning for Cultural Welcomes

Did You Know?

- Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966
- Take a Sec w/ Execs
 - November 12th

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

Work completed:

- Marketing completed for the literacy financial workshop
- Met with Lindsay and Eduardo regarding password problems with student grants
- Student emergency funds: \$10000 that ASI contributes goes to a Foundation account for resources

Next two weeks:

- Examining reinstating Program Evaluation Assessments
- Re-examining Student Research Fund Policy: research materials should benefit the entire student body, not just the individual student or department; possibly create an item/equipment limit or a contract to have items returned at end of semester
- 15% Reserves: Exploring ways to have reserves allocated to student councils

C. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Environmental Justice Sylvan Streightiff **TC 4:00pm**

(M) Douvan (S) Hafen to table Report - ASI Commissioner for Environmental Justice Sylvan Streightiff

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

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

*This item was stricken.

E. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1. College of Education: Sens. Lendrum and Douvan

Work Completed:

- Scheduled Fall 2019 Pizza with the Dean
 - Nov. 6th or 7th EED Lobby
- SR 2020 - 03 Res. in Support of AB 48
- Academic Senate - Graduate Requirement debate
- continues. Pres. Conoley report - Campus threat/safety concerns/22 acres and inclusive collaborations/
- ASI Presentation in Comm 200 large lecture

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Complete 100 in 100 presentations and schedule 50 in 50 organizational presentations.
- Help increase organizational presence at COESA.
- Complete framework for TEPSLF resolution
- Work with Commissioner Schmoll on BMAC/Mental Health/ and Closed Captioning issues and potential resolutions of support.
- Complete Beach Pantry Challenge for Oct. 2019!

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Skateboard locks (as seen in front of the Hillside Dining Hall)

- Gender Neutral bathrooms on upper campus (?)
- Safety and Shelter in Place Protocols

Did You Know?

- The (Walter) Pyramid opened on November 30, 1994.
 - 1 of 3 Mathematically true pyramids in the U.S.
 - Stands 180 ft. and 385 ft. from corner to corner on each side
 - Hosted the 2019 NCAA MVB Ntnl. Championships
 - Space Jam/Starship Troopers
- “I dwell in possibility.” - Emily Dickinson

2. College of Engineering: Sens. Chiu and Sajjan

Work Completed:

- Genocide Counter Efforts
 - tabling on October 9th
- Coffee with the Dean event October 3rd
 - Addressed students concern on academic course structure, CPT and OPT, Insufficient classes.
- Attended October Kick Off
- Academic senate committee
 - Session postponed for 20 minutes for tabling on discussion for the impact caused to due ramification and implication of GR policies.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Showcase ASI and school resources to all engineering intro classes.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Major concerns regarding door security

Did You Know?

- The circumference of the earth is about 25,000 miles. Its surface area is about 200,000,000 square miles and it weighs 6,588,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

Ups and downs in life are very important to keep us going, because a straight line in even in an ECG (Electrocardiogram) means we are not alive.

- Ratan Tata

Sajjan: suggested sending Conoley a thank you note for the ASI Leadership dinner at the Miller House.

PHONG ASSUMES CHAIR FOR ALMAHDI

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

Work Completed:

- Finished paperwork for 100 Classes 100 Days initiative
- Met with Sustainable Transportation to discuss bike commuting
- Contacted potential departments for Mental Health Event

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Take senator pictures and distribute flyers
- Attend President’s Commission on Sustainability meeting
- Gain access to college Beachboard

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Complaints about CHHS advising for undeclared CHHS majors
- Lack of information and advising from a Study Abroad office
- Access to athletic areas
- Lack of variety at Beach Pantry (i.e. vegan and/or vegetarian options)

Did You Know?

CSULB currently teaches students from over 95 different countries!
“Ex nihilo nihil fit” - Lucretius

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

Work Completed:

- Assisting FUEL to address Dream Success Center leadership
- Promoting RISE & RESIST conference to classes
- Tabled during GAP
- ATI Meeting - ensuring online material is accessible to everyone

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Attend Ally training
- BeachBoard access for ASI promotions
- Where did the podiums go?
- Bike to School Week
- Meet with VP Almahdi and other Senators to consolidate goals for mental health
- Finalize building meeting with International House

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Outreach done by ASI and WGSSSA during GAP was done well
 - GAP was very traumatic for several students
- Last week was a heavy week
 - What was all that about??
 - info was delayed
- Long lines for microwaves at several places
 - Outpost, between LA buildings, Beach Hut

Did You Know?

- PSSA - Meets Wednesday at 5pm
- California will meet its 2030 emission goals by 2061 and its 2050 goals by 2157
 - mainly caused by the high rates of car ownership

5. College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Sens. Chakkalal and Lam

Work Completed:

- College Council:
 - hydration station and drafting reasons/seeking funding
 - Nobel Prize Lecture moved to Spring break
- Talked with Celia, SLD Advisor
- Tabled for silent protest of GAP
- 100 Classes 100 Days
- Anonymous Student Input (e.g. mailbox in SAS center)

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- 100 Classes 100 Days
- Map for Math Department
- Communication
- ASI Senator Photos
- Looking for Funding for hydration station/study spaces

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Parking (specifically upper campus)
- Lack of trigger protection for GAP
- Faculty ignoring shelter call
- Lack of sports team for all genders
- Upper division tutoring

- Free printing (e.g. CSUN, UCR)
- Reduced cost meals

Did You Know?

“Every process has a genesis, and ends with a revelation” – Shing02

6. College of Business: Sens. Torres and Williams

Work Completed:

- Worked with Dean Solt to create a parking budget for the ABSOC organizations
- Hosted Career Closet Drive

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continue working with Senators Triska & Sajjan, and Commissioner Bobadilla regarding scholarship reform
- Finalize discussions about adding lights to the back of COB building near parking lot
- Set meetings with COB departments to see who will facilitate calculator loan program.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- The lack of “shelter-in-place” locks on classroom doors during the “credible threat” on 10/7/19
- Genocide Awareness Project posting photos of Holocaust victims on Yom Kippur

Did You Know?

- #CSULB2Israel trip for student leaders!!! January 5-15
 - A unique, in-depth exploration of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Meet the people, feel the culture, connect with the history and the land, visit Christian, Jewish, and Muslim holy sites plus so much more!
 - All housing, flights, and 2 meals a day are fully-funded
 - Application deadline: 10/18/19

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Deng: BeachSide Halloween Night, October 25th; 7pm-10:30pm; suggested ASI Awareness tabling

Galindo:

- voiced support for free speech but that includes also not just the right to criticize but receive criticism for your actions, as well; would like to publicly stand behind Sen. Williams’ request for a public apology from the Genocide Awareness Project
- CSULB Women Soccer Team usually has a match every Thursday but this week it’s on Friday: they are going to play UC Davis. Next Thursday UCR.

Dr. Bose:

- Clarification on the Nobel Laureate event; it is for spring 2021
- University is hosting major national conference called the National Conference for Undergraduate Research

Hossain:

- Diners Club is tomorrow at 5:30pm, Parkside; anyone has any concerns or suggestions for dining please attend and report
- Spoke with Conoley regarding students concerns about safety in regards to locks; working on a resolution to support lock installation; asked for co-authors

Triska: first ever National Student Transfer Week is next week; spread word and distribute flyers; so please share them with your constituents; they’ll be speaking on the Monday night panel

Douvan awarded Senator of the Week to Williams.

Phong:

- Pizza with the Police, Oct 24th, 11am-12:30pm
- Mental Health Town hall Oct 21st, 3:30-5pm, Pyramid; will be on the panel

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Senator Ryan Phong adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.