

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
Meeting #12
October 23, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Nickolas Altman, ASI College of the Arts
Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering (Ar @ 3:31pm)
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 (Ar @ 3:31pm)
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Leen Almaahdi, ASI Vice President
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee (Dp@4:25)

Voting Members Absent

Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business

Staff Present

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

Staff Absent

Miles Nevin, Ed.D., ASI Executive Director

3. INVOCATION – CSULB Africana Studies Chair Dr. Maulana Karenga

Dr. Karenga shared wisdom from the sacred African text Iwe Fun Odu Ifa which calls us to be conscious of our moral responsibility to bring sustainable good into the world, for this is the meaning of life. This shows respect for ourselves and for future generations.

Dr. Karenga shared that good can be accomplished by putting into practice the following Seven Principles (Nguzo Saba):

- Umoja: Unity - Success starts with Unity. Unity of family, community, nation and race
- Kujichagulia: Self-Determination - To be responsible for ourselves. To create your own destiny
- Ujima: Collective work and responsibility - To build and maintain your community together; to work together to help one another within your community

- Ujamaa: Collective economics - To build, maintain, and support our own stores, establishments, and businesses.
- Nia: Purpose - To restore African American people to their traditional greatness. To be responsible to Those Who Came Before (our ancestors) and to Those Who Will Follow (our descendants).
- Kuumba: Creativity - Using creativity and imagination to make your communities better than what you inherited.
- Imani: Faith - Believing in our people, our families, our educators, our leaders, and the righteousness of the African American struggle

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Haerber, student: spoke to the food insecurity, especially among students; collaborated with fellow students to create PeriDeals, an app that provides listing of local vendors who are offering affordable pricing on perishable protein; requested ASI's collaboration by spreading word about the app on our socials.

Nathanial Sprouts, Teach for America recruiter: spoke to the vision of this nationwide not for profit and highlighted current volunteer opportunities, which are listed at www.teachforamerica.org ; Dec 6th is the application deadline.

5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Torres (S) Phong to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #12, October 23, 2019, as amended

- Item #10-C: strike, due to Nevin being absent

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Met with President Velasquez, Chief Alderete, and the American Indian Study Department's Dr. Craig Stone and Cindy Alvitre to discuss the moving of land and Puvunga; waiting for the tribal council to give us information on how to move forward.
 - There is a consensus among the tribal people that the land is okay as long as new earth is not being mixed with old earth. There is a thin filament that is placed between the top soil and the new soil that they are dumping so that when they start moving the earth around for bringing the medieval plants then they would know when to stop digging to reach the old soil.
- Students of Color Conference: Nov 2nd; Registration is open; First time in CSULB.
- Met with Commissioner Schmoll and Sen. Triska to talk about a resolution to institutionalize language that makes sure that we are providing accessibility to people with disabilities.
- 100 Classes in 100 Days deadline approaching

Ortiz: 37 classes have been completed, so far; Senators that haven't done their presentations need to complete by next week.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #11, October 16, 2019

(M) Triska (S) Cabading to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #11, October 16, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 21-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #10, October 8, 2019

(M) Galindo (S) Hossain to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #10, October 8, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 21-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #7, October 10, 2019

(M) Deng (S) Douvan to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #7, October 10, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 21-0-1

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

- 1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #6, October 7, 2019

(M) Galindo (S) Ortiz to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #6, October 7, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 21-0-1

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

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 21-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Business

- 1) Action Item: PA #2020-16: Confirmation of Chief Government Relations Officer - Katherine Pham **TC 3:50pm**

Pham introduced themselves, their previous leadership experience, and shared their goals of:

- Increase visibility of existing Basic Needs Resources.
 - Great efforts combating food insecurity with the Beach Pantry and CalFresh outreach events, but more needs to be done in regards to housing insecurity and mental health resources. Will be looking into local nonprofits for potential resources/solutions. Will also track bills that can help diminish student housing insecurity.
- Continue to advocate for bills that reform our financial aid system (ex. AB1314, AB 542), with emphasis on bills that create non-tuition based financial aid packages.
- CHES - Improve training process to help delegates become more comfortable with legislative visits.
 - Also, spend more time with the delegation to create more bonding
 - and team empowerment.
- AVR - Support President Velasquez in her efforts to establish AVR campus wide and potentially even CSU-system wide
- Have action plans for each of the items on our Policy Agenda to make our goals feel more tangible rather than philosophical. In fact, Lobby Corps has already made great progress with this goal.

(M) Cabading (S) Hernandez to approve the Confirmation of Chief Government Relations Officer - Katherine Pham

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-2

- 2) Action Item: PA #2020-17: Confirmation of Commissioner for International Student Affairs - Debbie Catayong **TC 3:55pm**

Catayong introduced themselves and shared their goals of giving international students a voice, bring awareness to campus resources (i.e. health services, scholarships); bring insight to international issues (i.e. tuition); build mentorship with Global Peer Ambassadors; work with Resident Assistants in Housing to promote more events to/from international students.

(M) Triska (S) Hafen to approve the Confirmation of Commissioner for International Student Affairs - Debbie Catayong

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-2

2 Non-Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: BOD #2020-24: Confirmation of (1) Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Trustee At-Large – Candy Redd **TC 4pm**

Redd introduced themselves, their previous leadership experience, and shared their goals of bringing awareness of the Child Development Center by tabling.

10. REPORTS

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

Almahdi presented Velasquez's report in their absence.

- CSSA CSU Student Trustee position vacant; CSSA now accepting applications
- VP of Student Affairs Search Committee has begun work to fill the position
- CHESS application closes Friday, 5pm, BeachSync

B. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Environmental Justice Sylvan Streightiff

Work Completed:

- Meetings, this week with Cindi Alvitre and Craig Stone with ASI President Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI Vice President Leen Almahdi, to discuss the indigenous land.
- Working with Jayden Maree as a mentee
 - will be planning/working through goals and meetings together so she knows what to do with the position next year
- Friday, 10/18 President's Commission for Sustainability meeting
 - outlined goals for subcommittees (I am in the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Update Committee)

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

Get in contact with environmental student groups/organizations

- The CSULB Environmental Science & Policy Club
- Students for Sustainable Health
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Geography Student Association (GSA)
- CSULB Cyclists Club
- Engineers for A Sustainable World
- Marine Biology Student Association
- Cease Animal Torture
- College Democrats of CSULB
- Turning Point USA
- Young Democratic Socialists of America

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Climation; Friday, October 25, 2019 - 10:00am to Saturday, October 26, 2019 - 10:00am; Duncan Anderson Gallery – Department of Design
- Climathon is a 24-hour international event that brings together individuals to work collaboratively to come up with innovative ideas for solving local climate challenges.
- Specifically, solutions that will help Long Beach meet the objectives set out in the city's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. This year's Climathon will focus on solutions to creating environmentally-resilient cities and mitigating the negative effects of climate change.

Did You Know?

SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE HABITS; Monday, October 28, 2019 - 10:45am to 12:15pm; USU 304

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

*This item was stricken.

D. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1. Sen. Deng and Sen. Hossain - HOUSING

Work Completed:

- 100 Days 100 classes completed

- Diners' Club
 - Discussed halal certification and pop-ups
- Academic Senate
 - Vocal minority group to get rid of WI, HD, and GA
- RHA Meeting (Tuesday 10/15)
- USU Safety Walk (Thursday 10/17)
- Meeting with Corry (Friday 10/18)
- Mental Health (Townhall Monday 10/21 and Mtg on last Tuesday)

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Gather list of residents interested in dining hall diet accommodations
- Cont. researching external/community resources that provide emergency housing/support
- Table for the Halloween Maze (6-9pm Friday 10/25)
- Set up an anonymous suggestions box at the Housing Service Center
- Continue working with Commissioner Schmoll
- Senator Umberg coming on Monday at 2:30pm ASI government office!

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Housing during Thanksgiving/Fall break
- Beach Pantry options

Did You Know?

We have a kin class for surfing on campus! Kin 124A, it's a super fun class :)

2. Sen. Galindo and Sen. Ortiz - ATHLETICS

Work Completed:

1. Meeting with SAAC Co-Presidents
2. Finalized Meetings for rest of the year with Athletics Director and SAAC Co-Presidents
3. 100 Classes 100 Days
4. Plant-A-Plant, Sustain U
5. CSULB Women's Soccer Game vs CSUF

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

1. CSULB Women's Soccer game and transfer mixer (Oct. 24)
2. Meeting with SAAC Presidents
3. Continue 100 Days 100 Classes
4. Explore athletics awareness within ASI and USU through ASI Comm

Student Concerns/Issues:

Outdate point-of-sale systems across campus

Did You Know?

Three-time Olympic Gold medalist Misty May-Treanor captained the first undefeated NCAA women's volleyball team with a 36-0 record for CSULB in 1998.

3. Sen. Phong and Sen. Triska - GRADUATE & TRANSFER STUDENTS

Work Completed:

- Participated as a panelist for the BTTC "Welcome Mixer and College Day"
- Met w/ Commissioner Schmoll about increasing Students w/ Disabilities participation in student events
- Met with SHS: condom issue in the USU
- Met with University Police
 - Workshops on what to do during an emergency
 - Pizza with the Police 10/24/19, Thursday 11am-12:30pm

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Visit the Graduate Studies Resource Center (GSRC) to establish a relationship with them
- Reach out to transfer students during BTTC events to understand their concerns
- Start conversation about a SOAR for grad students

- Work with Commissioner Mike Do on reaching out to organizations for the Multicultural Festival in Spring

Student Concerns/Issues:

Not having many food places available on campus

Did You Know?

CSULB is one of the only colleges to have shark tanks on campus for research purposes. This program has been recognized globally for their contributions to the world of sharks.

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Josh, student: Beach Pantry does not have adequate selections.

Lendrum:

- Beach Pantry Challenge has raised \$19; 8 days remaining to raise \$81
- Generosity Feeds event; this Saturday
- attend open practice of Long Beach State Men's Basketball
- Hope to see a lot of you at homecoming

Chiu: Financial Literacy Workshop: Oct 24th; 3-4:30pm; USU-305LBS Financial will be discussing student loans.

Almahdi:

- Next week by this time, 50 classes benchmark should be done; Deadline is Dec 20th; everyone should have attempted at least one class; Connect with other boards as everyone needs to do this.
- Sen. Williams awarded Senator of the Week to Sen. Lendrum.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:46pm.