

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #23**  
February 26, 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:31pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business  
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education (Depart 5:37pm)  
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education (Depart 5:02pm)  
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering (Depart 5:25pm)  
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering (Depart 5:30pm)  
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Yvonne Arechiga, ASI At-Large  
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large  
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large (Arrive 3:46pm)  
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large  
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large  
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large (Depart 5:15pm)  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative  
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee (Depart 5:45pm)

Staff Present

Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

Voting Members Absent

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts  
VACANT, ASI College of the Arts  
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Absent

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- David Rowe, student: voiced support for ethnic studies; cited difficult history of Jews.
- Kishan Patel, student: voiced concern to international students' challenges here at CSULB.
- Nathan Carbajal, student: voiced support for AB1460, as it gives opportunity to learn about other cultures.
- Aaysha Memon, student: In regards to last night; if you voted no, then you know its permanent; students will not have a chance to even discuss this when you go to Sacramento
- Hugo Solozano, organization president: voiced support for AB1460 and encourage Senate to take into consideration the students they represent when voting.
- J Jimenez, student: encouraged senators to recognize their role and power in representing students.
- Alejandro Padilla, student: voiced support for AB1460; encouraged Senate to remember they hold elected positions in representing students.

- Jessica, student; supported AB1460; have zero representation in Senate; there is barely representation in Sacramento, as well; believes ethnic studies will benefit CSULB.
- Miguel Lopez, student: voiced support for ethnic studies; voiced concern that there are more Latino and black people in prisons than in universities.
- Hayli Antoniewicz, Commissioner for Women and Gender Equity: voiced support for AB1460; regarding concerns about STEM; students from different professions still study math so they felt adding an important course such as this should be fine.
- Ana Rosa Murillo, student: voiced support of the bill; don't discredit personal experiences.
- Daniel Espinoza, student: voiced support for ethnic studies; additional comments given in Spanish.
- Guillermo De Lira, student: voiced disappointment that the board did not support ethnic studies.
- Randy Santiago, student: voiced support of ethnic studies, it'll help people understand each other better, which is needed in daily life.
- Miztle Aguilerz, student: got syllabus from ethnic studies courses that they took and spoke of their importance; spoke about the need to study history
- Sarah Ayin, student: voiced support of AB1460; want CSULB to be on the right side of history; ethnic studies are beneficial to every one of us
- Jason Sotello, student: Voiced support for ethnic studies; what you do today will determine future of university.
- Mia Hernandez, student: voiced support of this bill and ethnic studies, as the class they took helped shape who they are today.
- Aarica Lopez, student: voiced concern that a lot of constituents and ambassadors did not know about this Bill and were surprised that it did not pass

**(M) Lendrum (S) Deng to approve extending Public Comments by 156 seconds on February 26, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 20-0-0**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(M) Deng (S) Triska to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #23, February 26, 2020, as amended**

- Agenda Item #10-F: Strike

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

- Followed up with Basic Needs on the Increased Support for Housing Insecure Students resolution that passed last year; resolution's goal is to identify off-campus resources for long term housing solutions; reintroduced it to implement it on the Basic Needs website.
- Had final Mascot Development Committee meeting; design is being trademarked; costume is in the manufacturing stage.
- Thanked everyone who attended and participated in yesterday's Open Forum.

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #22, February 19, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Triska to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #22, February 19, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

#### **7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS**

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

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #22, February 11, 2020

**(M) Triska (S) Hossain to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #22, February 11, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #18, February 13, 2020

**(M) Torres (S) Hernandez to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #18, February 13, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #16, February 10, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Ortiz to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #16, February 10, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

2) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #7, February 3, 2020

**(M) Ortiz (S) Deng to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #7, February 3, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-12: Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

Deng reviewed the following revisions:

- Bill distribution: removed Andy Fee, Athletics Director
- AB1460 description: This bill acknowledges the student desire to include ethnic studies as part of required curriculum and the Chancellor's Office has received recommendation from the Task Force on the Advancement of Ethnic Studies that ~~the inclusion of~~ these courses would benefit students. The inclusion of these courses is meant to further student academic achievement and ~~social~~ awareness on the history of race and cultural diversity in the United States

Discussion ensued regarding comments made at last night's Ethnic Studies Open Forum, reasoning behind SR #2020-13 voting results, and the important responsibility of representing students.

Lendrum: voiced concern over the discussion proceedings; tendered their resignation as senator.

**(M) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendes to approve Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 15-3-1**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Non-Legislative Business

1) Action Item: BOD #2020-44: Election of (2) Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Trustees At-Large

a) Milena Gevorkian

Gevorkian introduced themselves, shared their leadership experience, and of goals to partner with the Beach Pantry.

b) Blake Yamamoto

Yamamoto introduced themselves, shared their credentials, and of goals to understanding the

Center's needs.

**(M) Hafen (S) Douvan to elect BOD #2020-44: Election of (2) Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Trustees At-Large – Milena Gevorkian and Blake Yamamoto  
VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSES 14-0-2**

## 10. REPORTS

### A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

- Thanked AB 1460 open forum attendees; approximately 100 attendees; discussion was meaningful and respectful
- Attended Beach 2030 Workshop with Executive Director Nevin to discuss the university being student-ready for incoming freshmen and transfer students
- Elections Kick-off Event was yesterday; greet to see people participate
- Last Friday was the last HRMC meeting; the board has been dissolved and their responsibilities will be absorbed by the BOC which meets once a weekly
- Upcoming Tuesday will be the primaries for California; remind everyone to participate; same day registration available; Pyramid will be a Vote Center and will have Census information, as well

### B. Information Item: Katherine Pham, ASI Government Relations Officer

#### Work Completed:

- Interviewed and selected CHES delegation in December
- Finalized bills of interest for submission of the Senate Resolution
- Hosted CHES Training 2/7
- Attended January and February CSSA Plenary meetings

#### Goals for the Next Month:

- Conduct successful legislative visits at the Capitol with the CHES delegation
- Continue planning for Advocacy Day, April 23 @ Speaker's Platform 11 AM-2 PM

#### Additionally

- glad that the board did not strike the AB1460 from the Bills of Interest resolution
- CSSA had a teleconference meeting last week and they decided to take a position of support on AB1460

### C. Information Item: Adriana Andrade, ASI Commissioner for AB540 and Undocumented Student Affairs

#### Work Completed:

- FUEL
  - Social Media Director
  - Rebranding
  - Outreach
  - Meetings: Thursday's 5:30 PM USU 307
- Undocu 5K
  - Marketing
  - April 19, 2020
- Undocu Conference Committee
  - April 17 and 18
- DSC Hiring Committee
  - Finalized suggestions to VP
  - Process of recruiting the best candidates

- Wings of Hope
  - Debrief with DSC director
  - How do we ensure this programing continues?
  - Feedback meeting – Thursday

Student Concerns/Issues:

- AB1460; There is a lot of confusion and frustration because of the bill; the courses I am taking right now do not encompass a well-rounded education; need to reconsider if you voted no for this bill

D. Information Item: Leanne Meyers, Beach Pride Events Lead

- ASI Elections Kick Off event: yesterday’s event was extremely successful with great attendance
- Chill Lounge: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm, Sunset Lounge
- Farmer’s Market: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm
- Movies on the House: Frozen 2, March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Parasite, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm and 9pm showings, Beach Auditorium
- Noontime Events: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm, Southwest Terrace
- Innovation Hour, How to Establish a Successful Business Partnership: March 12<sup>th</sup>; 12:30-1:30pm, USU 304
- Poet’s Lounge: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 8-10pm, Sunset Lounge
- Financial Literacy Workshop, Introduction to Taxes: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30pm; USU 304
- Campus Movie Premier Fest: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30pm, Beach Auditorium
- CultureFest: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, USU North Lawn
- Movie screening; Harriet: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, Beach Auditorium
- Elections Review Party: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1pm; USU-103
- Outdoor Movie, Star Wars, Rise of Skywalker: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm; USU North Lawn; free blankets for first 50 in attendance.

E. Information Item: Olivia Hao and Andrew Perez, Brailsford & Dunlavey Associates - USU/SRWC Facility and Program Needs Assessment Results

Key Findings

University Student Union

- Currently, survey findings suggest that student’s utilization of the facility is transactional in nature
- Students are focused on their academic goals as evidenced by preferences for academic-purposed spaces
- Students desire a variety of social spaces that will foster a sense of community both indoors and outdoors
- Students value and prioritize improvements to the USU including addressing major maintenance concerns
- With an enhanced USU, students would likely spend up to 68% more time per visit

Student Recreation & Wellness Center

- The existing facility is successfully meeting students’ wellness and recreation needs
- Given that the building is fairly new, students are currently not prioritizing major renovation or improvements
- Although students are currently not prioritizing improvements, there still remains significant demand for heavily utilized spaces and programs
- The SRWC also revealed a desire for similar spaces and programs commonly found in the USU,

such as study spaces and places to relax/nap

#### Next Steps

- Compose initial USU program for expansion and renovation
- Explore possible fee scenarios associated with the project via in-depth financial analysis
- Coordinate with the University regarding additional information required for following analysis
- Discuss project timeline and potential campus visit/presentation dates

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

\*This item was stricken.

#### G. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

##### 1. Sen. Deng and Sen. Hossain

###### Work Completed:

- Designee for the Census Complete Count Committee
- Voter Registration Drive with Lobby Corps
- 1:1 with VP
- Jody Cormack Review
- Meeting w/ HRL Director
- Interview for CSU BOT with CSSA

###### Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Senate Resolution on SB-493 Education: Sex Equity
- Senate Resolution on Food Equity
- Idea for senate to have a meeting out on the speaker's platform so students see what we do.

###### Student Concerns/Issues:

- Students have a cap on the number of times they can visit CAPS counselors.
- Ethnic Studies course as CSU grad requirement
- Lack of diversity in faculty, personally have attended all of the research presentations by potential new Math department hires.

###### Did You Know?

- There is a Diner's club in Housing March 17th 5:30pm!

##### 2. Sen. Ortiz

###### Work Completed:

- SJEC:
  - Internal Social Justice Training completed.
- Human Resources Management Committee

###### Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Resolution in support of financial opportunities for Undocumented students.
- Resolution for a call to action with the lack of representation within Faculty and Admin.

###### Student Concerns/Issues:

- Opposition of ethnic studies requirement

###### Did You Know?

- It's a privilege to learn about racism, instead of experiencing it your whole life.

##### 3. Sen. Phong and Sen. Triska

###### Work Completed:

- Met with the University Police Chief (02/18/20)

➤ Shelter In-Place

- Finalized research for the Graduate Student Association
- Worked on a report regarding international students' financial experience for the scholarship task force.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Set up meeting with Director of GSRC on the University Graduate Orientation
- Continue communication with the GSRC and Beach Transfer Transition Center
- Reach out to the different Graduate Students Associations

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Student complained about not being able to drop a class before the drop deadline.

Did You Know?

- "Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will. Surprise you with their ingenuity." - General George Patton

## 11. CLOSING COMMENTS

- David Rowe, student: voiced concern for the tension felt due to ethnic studies discussions; referred to Bridge Builders Program which promotes dialog and encourages focus on similarities rather than differences.
- Aaysha Memon, student: voiced support for Williams; thanked supporters of the bill as there is now a chance for further discussion in Sacramento.
- Unnamed student: voiced appreciation for support on the bill.
- Unnamed student: voiced how the discussions touched a lot of people emotionally and appreciated the human aspect and support.
- Almahdi: commended gallery and board for civility on a difficult conversation.
- Torres: voiced concern over pictures of them and Williams posted in the College of Business for voting against the bill.
- Hernandez: voiced appreciation for comments and civility on this important discussion.
- Hafen: voiced appreciation for everyone being professional
- Williams: clarified that there was discussion and meetings with their dean and Academic Senate prior to our Senate resolution; voiced concern that while they and Torres voted in accordance with their constituents, their characters were attacked.
- Aisha Memon, student: voiced concern of being monitored and targeted by the police just because we are here to hold Senate accountable for serving people of color on campus.
- Arechiga: encouraged professional and respectful conduct as a way to be heard and taken seriously.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

RECORDED BY:

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Srilekhya Kalahasty, ASI Government Affairs Recording Secretary

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Date

APPROVED BY:

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Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice-President

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Items: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

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Dr. Piya Bose, Dean of Students

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