

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #25**  
March 11, 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts  
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education  
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering  
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering  
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 Chakkalaka, 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  
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  
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Staff Present

Martez Ware, ASI Executive Director Designee

Voting Members Absent

Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business  
VACANT, ASI College of the Arts  
VACANT, ASI College of Education  
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Absent

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

**3. INVOCATION**

There was none.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jubilee Minozwi, student: voiced concern about the wall set up in front of the Science building for Palestinian Awareness Week; finds wall representation to be offensive and racist because Zionism means a Jew is a Jew regardless of color.

Ashley Konstick, student: voiced concern of wall and was scared to come to campus due to potential violence; finds wall offensive and demonizing of Israel.

Dale Lendrum, student: shared their leadership experience in ASI Government; spoke about what leadership means to them.

Jordan, student: voiced that the Jewish campus community is small, and that it's important that all minority communities have a voice; voiced concern of a negative learning environment after a faculty said I was upper middle class because I was Jewish.

Yohe Colin, student: voiced concern of the wall representation of anti-Semitism; voiced that they don't feel safe on campus.

Philip, student: voiced concern over anti-Semitism on campus; called for CSULB to condemn all anti-Semitic actions.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(M) Hossain (S) Chiu to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #25, March 11, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

- Covid-19
  - Conversations and preparations are on-going
  - Administrators are hearing all concerns
  - Refer to university webpage on Covid-19 for any questions
  - Additional on-campus sanitation measures are being taken
  - Campus is not shutting down; classes are being transferred to online classes; all campus facilities are still functioning
- Shout-out to cabinet for the successful Culture Fest event
- End of year reports are due April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Restorative Justice Circle: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5pm, USU-205

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #24, March 4, 2020

**(M) Hossain (S) Triska to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #24, March 4, 2020**

**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 #24, February 25, 2020

**(M) Triska (S) Torres to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #24, February 25, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #20, February 27, 2020

**(M) Hossain (S) Chiu to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #20, February 27, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #18, February 24, 2020

**(M) Lam (S) Ortiz to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #18, February 24, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

2) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #8, February 17, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Chiu to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #8, February 17, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 3) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #9, February 7, 2020

**(M) Chiu (S) Felix-Mendes to approve University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #9, February 7, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
Revisions: formatting; add term

**(M) Douvan (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Lam (S) Ortiz to approve SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Lam: correction; membership part needs to be spelled out

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of not having to meet quorum, not having a limited number of members, and being more convenient for parent participation.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-16: Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support Jewish Students (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Torres presented a prepared statement on Williams' behalf in their absence that spoke to their experiences as a Jewish student on campus and as a part of ASI Government.

Douvan: shared several constituents' statements regarding their concerns about anti-Semitism.

Discussion ensued regarding free speech.

**(M) Chiu (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-16: Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support Jewish Students (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

**11. REPORTS**

A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

- Reassured that the ASI Executives are here for the students and are available by emails
- Bose is available to address any Covid-19 concerns [studentdean@csulb.edu](mailto:studentdean@csulb.edu)
- Covid-19
  - University and ASI facilities staff has increased cleaning;

- SRWC water fountains have been shut down
- IPCDC are taking additional precautions
- Classes have been cancelled until March 18<sup>th</sup>; however, campus and facilities are open
- Face to Face instruction will resume April 20<sup>th</sup>
- ASI Elections Executives Debate will be live streamed

B. Information Item: Maythe Alderete Gonzalez, ASI Chief Diversity Officer

Work Completed:

- Culture Fest
  - Over 300 participants
  - AMAZING
- Cultural Welcomes
- Non Bias Response Team

Goals for the next 2 weeks:

- International Affairs Commissioner Tasks
  - Global Peer Advocacy Program
  - Advocacy
- SJEC & Cabinet
  - Senator Ortiz's Resolution

Other Business/Concerns:

- Concerns about the University and possible pesticide usage. This was being shared with people at people state of the city.
- UPDATE: Landscaping and Grounds Brian McKinnon responded with current process for determining chemical use below.
  - The university only uses pesticides in weed management when manual removal is not feasible.
  - Only certified applicator technicians who are trained through the California Department of Pesticide Regulation apply pesticides on campus.
  - We are in the process of implementing a new approach to weed management that could include using pest-resistant landscaping, biological controls, and species-specific pesticides to reduce the number of pesticides used on campus

Upcoming Cabinet Events:

- To be decided due to current situations

C. Information Item: Heather Schmoll, ASI Commissioner for Disability Affairs

They were not present.

D. Information Item: Sylvan Streightiff, ASI Commissioner for Environmental Justice

They were not present.

**(M) Hafen (S) Douvan to table Item #11-C and Item #11-D indefinitely**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

E. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

Ware: did not receive any information to report.

F. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1. Deng and Hossain

Work Completed:

- Meeting w/ HRL Director scheduled
- Attended Ethnic Studies Open Forum
- Attended Culture Fest
- Coordinated tabling events with RHA
- Attended 2nd Peer Leadership Summit
- CHESS Delegation at the State Capital
- Meeting with the Title IX Coordinator

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Senate Resolution on SB-493 Education: Sex Equity
- Senate Resolution on Food Equity

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Grades (Midterm season)
- Public Health (co-vid 19)

Did You Know?

- Spanish Club has come back to CSULB after being gone for 11 years
- This Thursday from 3:15-4:30PM

**Almahdi departed chambers at 4:59pm. Ortiz assumed the role of Chair.**

2. Ortiz

Work Completed:

- SJEC:
  - Internal Social Justice Training completed.
- 22 West report

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Work on documents for the following senators.

3. Phong and Triska

Work Completed:

- Sent out an e-mail to Graduate Students Orgs on campus
  - Discuss the possibility of creating a Graduate Student Council
  - Ask how do they envision graduate students' representation on campus
- Research on GPA requirements for leadership opportunities that excludes transfer students' participation on their first semester.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Set up meeting with Director of GSRC on the University Graduate Orientation
- Meet with Graduate Students Orgs
- Start drafting a resolution regarding transfer students.
- Work on BeachBoard accessibility with Commissioner Heather Schmoll

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Long lines at the Pyramid voting center

Did You Know?

- "To handle yourself, use your head; To handle others, use your heart." - Eleanor Roosevelt

**Almahdi returned to chambers at 5:05pm and resumed their role as Chair.**

## 12. CLOSING COMMENTS

Dale Lendrum, student: spoke about accountability and self-care while serving in ASI; suggested having open forums on key issues; commended board for all the good work they do.

Deng: voiced concern for a student-reported incident of racism made to the Office of Cultural Affairs and Diversity, where it was recorded, brushed off, and professor had access to complaints made; voiced need to evaluate complaint reporting process so that students are protected.

Bose: encouraged board to complete Campus Climate Survey; 6.5% of students have responded.

Almahdi: regarding Covid-19: increased sanitization measures are in place; requested everyone to be patient for faculty as they have to make a lot of new accommodations; campus will be open; planning to postpone or cancel large scale events; more information will be available tomorrow; Zoom is an online option for everyone; thank staff on campus next few weeks for keeping everything clean and working in these situations

Triska: want to ensure that Senate has the opportunity to be involved in any new/revision policy conversation: for example, the ASI Student Travel Fund.

Velasquez: The chancellor's office gave us a statement regarding travel which we are following which states to suspend any non-essential travels through May 2020; in conversation with the EOC; it is a community put together by the university; they are working closely with CDC and our university police.

Ortiz: Will Senate meet next week?

Almahdi: as of now, yes. But check emails as things are changing rapidly

Deng: having an interview this Friday with the Governor's Office for the CSU Board of Trustees position; would like to talk about CSULB systemic issues; please contact me regarding any issues.

Ware: ASI Business Office will be open 9am-5pm until April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.