

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #26
March 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:37pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, 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 (Arrive 3:40pm)
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 (Arrive 3:42pm)
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI College of the Arts
VACANT, ASI College of Education
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M) Hafen (S) Triska to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #26, March 18, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Current situation is unique and we're hoping and working towards a smooth process; requested everyone be patient and flexible
- Reviewed Zoom meeting process

(M) Hafen (S) Chiu to table Agenda Items #10-C, #10-D, and #10-F

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #25, March 11, 2020

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #25, March 3, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Lam to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #25, March 3, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes, Meeting #8, February 11, 2020

(M) Torres (S) Chiu to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes, Meeting #8, February 11, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes, Meeting #9, February 25, 2020

(M) Torres (S) Chiu to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee Minutes, Meeting #9, February 25, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (3rd Reading)

(M) Lam (S) Hafen to approve SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

2) Action Item: SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (2nd Reading)

(M) Deng (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

Almahdi: it was presented to the IPCDC; shared during the Cup of Coffee event with the director and parents; San Miguel has also met with the IPCDCBOT chair; this has been in discussion for a long time as a way to increase parent participation, will allow focus on fundraising and more effective center operations.

3) Action Item: SR #2020-16: Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support for Jewish Students (2nd Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Hernandez to approve SR #2020-16: Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support for Jewish Students (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-2

Williams: couldn't submit the edited version due to being occupied with current situation; reviewed the following edit:

RESOLVED: that should future instances of alleged antisemitism take place at California State University, Long Beach, CSULB ASI will use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism as a guideline for when condemnation is necessary; and be it further

Almahdi: recommended edited version of resolution be reviewed next week, due to disturbances in the zoom call from Douvan.

Triska: requested clarification on ASI's part to condemn anti-Semitism

Williams: ASI should take a stand against that in the same way we would stand against racism or sexism; would be in the form of a statement; prohibiting funding, not sure if that's in the jurisdiction of the senate.

Hossain: recommended expanding with clear examples of what manifestations of freedom of speech, in order to avoid confusion and/or misunderstandings.

Williams: hate speech is not protected; it has nothing to do with what is happening in Israel; just standing against anti-Semitism; can provide references for the definitions; does not prohibit free speech.

Almahdi: there was a resolution long ago against hate speech that was a controversy to freedom of speech; concern because people get sued for passing statements and legislations.

Douvan: Shared a link for the official U.S. adopted definition for anti-Semitism in accordance with its laws and constitutional rights.

Ortiz: when exactly would ASI condemn these actions, and how?

Williams: anyone can be anti-Semitic; ASI would be able to issue a statement against it

Triska: recommended making it clear that no funding should be taken from student organizations.

Deng: recommended stating that everyone can still have discussions but will not allow other students to get hurt by this at the same time.

Williams: requested that proposed revisions be emailed to them.

9. NEW BUSINESS

B. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-17: Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complicit in and Profiting from Uyghur Internment and Oppression, and the Suppression of Taiwan and Hong Kong (1st Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Felix-Mendez to approve SR #2020-17: Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complicit in and Profiting from Uyghur Internment and Oppression, and the Suppression of Taiwan and Hong Kong (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-2

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-18: Bylaw Amendment to Dissolve the Human Resources Management Committee (1st Reading)

(M) Deng (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-18: Bylaw Amendment to Dissolve the Human Resources Management Committee (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-2

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-19: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad Hoc Committee (1st Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-19: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad Hoc Committee (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-2

10. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

- Addressed the stress and panic but encouraged calm and understanding
- Addressed concerns over various refunds (i.e. parking fees); university is coming out with a parking permit refund policy
- Stay up to date by checking your email frequently
- Email concerns to the ASI Executives or to the dean of students studentdean@csulb.edu
- We are all one ASI family

B. Information Item: Daniel Galindo, ASI Treasurer

- Due to State, City, and University-wide limitations on travel and events, ASI has closed grant applications for student organizations and individual students to align with these emergency directives
- ASI and the office of Student Life and Development are currently working with organizations that have events already approved and planned and are looking at the logistics of rescheduling those events to a date later in the year
- Yesterday's BOC meeting was cancelled because of campus closure and all agenda items will be moved to next week's meeting. The Board of Control will still be conducting regular meetings going forward; we will start the development of next year's ASI budget which will come before the Senate.
- The BOC will also oversee the completion of the ASI Executive Director performance evaluation which will also come before the Senate in the coming weeks.
- Campus related news, as of today CSULB Parking is "currently finalizing our parking permit refund policy and...will communicate this information as soon as it is available."
- More information will be available on the CSULB parking Instagram account and on their website.
- Any questions about any of the information presented or about ASI operations please do not hesitate to ask myself, President Velasquez, Vice President Almahdi, Executive Director Nevin, Lindsay San Miguel, or to hold your own deliberations during your meeting. You may also find up to date information about Long Beach city directives at LongBeach.gov and up to date information about state-wide directives at the California Department of Public Health website.

C. Information Item: Katherine Pham, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer **TC 3:55pm**

This item was tabled.

D. Information Item: Greg Figueroa ASI Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Affairs **TC 4pm**

This item was tabled.

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

- ASI is doing our best to give regular updates, as often as possible
- Have been receiving inquiries regarding memberships (i.e. SRWC, IPCDC); all ASI resources are closed at this point; only a small group of essential staff is working; around 8 people today
- Did a pop-up Beach Pantry yesterday; next one will be Friday, 11an-1pm
- Will continue with 2020-21 consolidated operating budget; recognizing all the losses that we are experiencing right now

Deng: students are struggling because they cannot work; can ASI fees paid in the beginning of the year be used for the Beach Pantry?

Nevin: still getting donations for pantry; committed to keeping the pantry working by doing these pop ups; questions have come up regarding reimbursement; paying all rentals and contracts still; university will open online instructions on Monday; if anyone know any donations please redirect to us

Bose: We also have a list of resources for social services that some students may be eligible for, can share those resources

Douvan: requested providing an item list and inventory, so time won't be wasted for students.

Nevin: pantry is a huge concern and we're exploring options; doing pop-ups right now; difficult to keep pantry open during regular hours with the current situation.

F. Information Item: ASI College Senators

This item was tabled.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Almahdi: Thanked everyone for their efforts and flexibility during their first online zoom meeting.

Triska: questioned whether vacant positions be closed for the remainder of the semester.

Triska: queried regarding the process to turn in resolution for this semester; date and deadline

Almahdi: Last date to submit a proposed resolution is April 10th; any unexpected, high priority resolutions April 17th.

Phong: will next meeting be by Zoom?

Almahdi: as of now, yes; however, things are constantly changing, so stay updated by email.

Phong: are we continuing with weekly reports?

Almahdi: for now, only essential business; please continue to work on/finalize your individual end of year report

Ortiz: is there an option for students to drop classes? Is there any action Senate can take?

Almahdi: I'm aware of circulating petitions to be able to drop classes; Senate cannot issue a mandate; but I'm not sure it'll provide impact in such a short period.

Nevin: noted that this is a unique situation; recommended contacting the dean, as well.

Ortiz: received email from professor who wants us to pay an additional \$125 to facilitate the online instruction.

Nevin: requested this and any other similar emails be forwarded to them.

Sajjan: notified of another circulating petition to get partial fees reimbursed, especially for international students; voiced concern over online classes have a negative professional impact on us professionally;

Bose: email them with any questions and confusions; the COVID-19 website is a helpful resource; take care of yourself by taking necessary preventative measures.

Hafen: voiced concern on cancelled classes effect, especially those that count towards grad school.

Williams: voiced appreciation for Sajjan's comment, especially after talking to an international friend whose expenses for online and face to face classes are different so the current situation is a loss for them; faculty concern is teaching while also taking care of kids who are now also at home.

Douvan: voiced concern regarding the required student teaching hours.

Deng: voiced concern on campus housing; offered providing support through their poetry.

Triska: voiced concern over commencement ceremony tickets and travel plans.

Bose: LA County has a website who've experienced recent job loss; campus' CAPS continues to operate.

Kishan Patel, student: notified that they can provide a few motel resources for temporary accommodation.

Almahdi: requested that they partner with the dean of students studentdean@csulb.edu

Sajjan: voiced concern for those taking comprehensive exams in April.

Almahdi: requested individual students email the dean of students

Almahdi: please encourage constituents to vote in the ASI Elections; in order to appear on next week's agenda, resolutions need to be submitted by Thursday, 10pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.