

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #27
March 25, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

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 (Arrive 4:55pm)
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services
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
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

Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
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 (Arrive 3:40pm)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M) Deng (S) Triska to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #27, March 25, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-0

5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Encouraged outreach for the 2020-21 Senate vacancies; shout out to Hafen and Felix-Mendez for making sure that flyers were distributed and posted in their college
- Resolutions need to be submitted by April 14th; open to collaborations
- End of Year/Transition Report: due April 6th; report must include the goals

identified/addressed/completed/future, and recommendations the upcoming senator

- 1-1s: submit reports via email
- Met with CAPS Director, along with Chakkalalal, regarding an idea which we had in the beginning of the year; the idea was met with a positive response; will provide an details soon
- Have been receiving many messages from concerned students; direct students and their concerns to ASI Executives

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #26, March 18, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Chakkalalal to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #26, March 18, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-0

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (3rd Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-15: Bylaw Amendment to Change IPCDCBOT to the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Advisory Committee (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

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

(M)Hossain (S) Felix-Mendez to approve SR #2020-16: Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support for Jewish Students (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

Almahdi: met with Nevin and Douvan to see how to cover all the legal grounds for this resolution; blue edits are what we worked on together and red edits are lawyer recommendations.

Williams: requested using “can consider” instead of “may” in the Resolved clause

Douvan: requested “will consider” rather than “can consider”.

Williams: reviewed the following revisions in their edited version that wasn’t included in the agenda packet:

- language is approved, as CSU falls under the category of all executive departments or agencies, as specified in the official definition
- changed any language that said adoption endorses because we wanted to make sure we wouldn’t run into any legal issues
- changed “ASI” to “ASI Senate”
- remove the word “condemned” but it appears to be readded

Almahdi: the word “condemned” aligns with first amendment rights.

Bose: recommended changing the language “hate incident”.

3) 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 (2nd Reading)

(M) Hossain (S) Deng 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 (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

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

(M) Hossain (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-18: Bylaw Amendment to Dissolve the Human Resources Management Committee (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

- 5) Action Item: SR #2020-19: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad Hoc Committee (2nd Reading)

(M) Phong (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-19: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad Hoc Committee (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

Triska: recommended adding a clause stating that even if the board does not meet as often as it used to, it will still have the same goal as before.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-20: Bylaw Amendment to Academic Eligibility of Officers (1st Reading)

(M) Hossain (S) Ortiz to approve SR #2020-20: Bylaw Amendment to Academic Eligibility of Officers (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

Discussion ensued regarding staff members not holding a position on a board that has fiscal responsibilities, such as Senate and USUBOT.

Bose: recommended meeting with Almahdi to ensure resolution aligns with campus regulations for transparency.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-21: Bylaw Amendment to ASI Officers (1st Reading)

(M) Douvan (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-21: Bylaw Amendment to ASI Officers (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

Discussion ensued regarding change to be effective fall 2020, the changes in workload to reflect and fulfill their duties/responsibilities.

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-22: Bylaw Amendment to Add Executive Officers-Elect Duties (1st Reading)

(M) Hossain (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-22: Bylaw Amendment to Add Executive Officers-Elect Duties (1st Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-23: Bylaws Amendment to Duties of the Treasurer (1st Reading)

(M) Chiu (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-23: Bylaws Amendment to Duties of the Treasurer (1st Reading)

9. REPORTS**A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President**

- There are CSU system wide conversations regarding credit/no credit for classes
- Chancellor's Office sent out an email to the respective stakeholders outlining the guidelines for doing such and changing the declaration time for students to choose credit/no credit. We will be connecting with our AS to see what our individual plan will be for the campus
- Beach Scholarships are moving forward, as the committee can review them from home
- CSSA has announced the new ED Jeanne Tran-Martin who currently serves as the Director of Government Relations and Advocacy at CSUF; Tran-Martin will begin May 4th
- Enrollment services has changed withdrawing from classes and you no longer need prior approval from the professor, chair or dean; email completed form to ES-registration@csulb.edu

Dr. Bose: The no-signature from professor, chair, or dean is temporary during this time of health concerns, it is not a permanent change.

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

- Thanked everyone for their continued patience
- Spoke last week about the impending concerns for academics and refunds for fees, tuition, etc.; the economic impact on ASI is significant; doing alternate planning for the next term
- This week we processed refunds for around 100 travel plans; we cannot refund tuition; don't know what future looks like
- Commercial stores sales: revenue loss of a couple of hundred thousand dollars
- As the largest on-campus employer, ASI will extend paying student staff as long as possible, until April 30th, which will cost \$300,000 dollars per month
- BOC will review the ASI/USU consolidated operating budget (1st reading) on April 8th
- ASI Management team is meeting weekly; some staff are coming in to ensure the organization's function

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

Ortiz: regarding the operating budget, do we have any idea how that might affect future scholarships for the senators, commissioners, chief officers, etc.?

Nevin: cannot anticipate anything yet but that shouldn't be an area where we cut our budgets; will cut from other areas first.

Ortiz: will cultural organizations funding be affected?

Nevin: that shouldn't be affected because those are our top areas; there should not be any impacts in ASI Government related operations.

Bose:

- Division of Student Affairs: many of our staff are on campus to keep operations going; things are transitioning, so please check website for updates
- Student Health Services and CAPS: there are some on-campus services available and some services are telephonic
- Working on creating a live Google Doc which will list all the resources that you received via email
- Available to address any questions and concerns

Deng: would students still have a “W” on their transcript if they withdraw at this point?

Dr. Bose: yes, we cannot change a transcript, as it is against the law; will count on their limit for withdrawals.

Deng: regarding the extended pay for ASI student employees, does it include the SRWC?

Nevin: yes, all temporary ASI student employees will be paid until April 30th.

Deng: there was a \$11 million donation when the CSUBOT approved the Student Success Center’s name change; has there been any discussion regarding what we’ll receive for Basic Needs and/or the Beach Pantry? Also, funds donated might be better utilized by ensuring students have food during this time while they are home.

Nevin: That donation was a big help for Basic Needs and the Beach Pantry; the next Beach Pantry pop-up is tentatively scheduled for Friday; conversations with donors for long-term Beach Pantry support are pending; Basic Needs continues to be a priority.

Deng: a; voiced concern that campus administrators haven’t stepped in on a recent incident of a student posting discriminatory jokes about their fellow classmates on social media.

Bose: offered the option of a restorative circle, led by Dr. Bryant, to willing parties; as the university operating more online, suggested ASI think about how to best serve students in a virtual way; offered their assistance on anyone willing to work on a campaign.

Hafen: Chair of Academic Senate received information that credit/no credit may be implemented this semester; Academic Senate there will be discussing this at their next meeting tomorrow; encouraged senators to stay in touch with their dean regarding current college/campus information and concerns.

Triska: suggested a Beach Pantry donation drive; questioned whether the budget allocated to CSU’s might change due to the corona virus.

Nevin: made note of donation drive; keep an eye on social media mediums, as their impact is very significant; heard that the governor’s budget is changing but is not sure what to expect.

Williams: voiced appreciation for receiving a Beach Pantry box last week.

Nevin: Beach Pantry and Basic Needs has given out electronic credits, Grub Hub coupons, etc.; to minimize contact between individuals, as much as possible.

Triska: suggested publicizing the opportunity for people to donate towards gift cards.

Sajjan: voiced concern towards their ASI Scholarship eligibility in that they are only carrying 4 units in their last semester, and the scholarship department said they needed to be enrolled in minimum of 8 units.

Bose: encouraged use of resources that they shared last week.

Almahdi: deadline for agenda items, including resolutions, is Thursday, 10pm; deadline is important, as everyone is working remotely; encouraged everyone to take care.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:03pm.