

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #28
April 8, 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
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
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
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large (Arrive 3:40pm)
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

Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education
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

Erica: voiced concern over pass/ fail, as current situation has made concentrating on academics very difficult; voiced concern over inability to visit doctors regarding other health issues; encouraged everyone to focus on compassion and not about competition

Almahdi: President Velasquez is working to help support students regarding these issues, stay in touch with Deng for updates.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M) Deng (S) Hossain to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #28, April 8, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-0

5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Thanked board for submitting their respective End of Year/Transition report; will give feedback by Friday
- Successful Pop up Pantry last Friday
- Students can park on campus to use the Wi-Fi, but the buildings will remain closed
- Still working on the last few resolutions
- Deadline to submit any new resolutions is April 16th, 10pm
- Senators can now begin giving updates via email
- Increasing efforts to basic needs programs; collaborating on a basic needs resolution with Deng and asked for additional collaborators
- Senator of the Year: email San Miguel your nomination by next Wednesday, 5pm

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #27, March 25, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Deng to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #27, March 25, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-0

7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #26, March 10, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Hernandez to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #26, March 10, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-19

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 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 (3rd Reading)

(M) Deng (S) Williams 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 (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-2-17

Deng: requested Hossain be listed as first author.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-18: Bylaw Amendment to Dissolve the Human Resources Management Committee (3rd Reading)

(M) Chiu (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-18: Bylaw Amendment to Dissolve the Human Resources Management Committee (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-2-17

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

(M) Triska (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-19: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad Hoc Committee (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-2-17

regardless of limited board meetings.

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-20: Bylaw Amendment to Academic Eligibility of Officers (2nd Reading)
(M) Chiu (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-20: Bylaw Amendment to Academic Eligibility of Officers (2nd Reading)
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 0-2-17**

- 5) Action Item: SR #2020-21: Bylaw Amendment to ASI Officers (2nd Reading)
(M) Hernandez (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-21: Bylaw Amendment to ASI Officers (2nd Reading)
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 0-2-17**

- 6) Action Item: SR #2020-22: Bylaw Amendment to Add Executive Officers-Elect Duties (2nd Reading)
(M) Hossain (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-22: Bylaw Amendment to Add Executive Officers-Elect Duties (2nd Reading)
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 0-2-17**

- 7) Action Item: SR #2020-23: Bylaws Amendment to Duties of the Treasurer (2nd Reading)
(M) Chiu (S) Felix-Mendez to approve SR #2020-23: Bylaws Amendment to Duties of the Treasurer (2nd Reading)
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 0-2-17**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-24: ASI Opposition to Plus/Minus Grading Notation Implementation (1st Reading)
(M) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendez to approve SR #2020-24: ASI Opposition to Plus/Minus Grading Notation Implementation (1st Reading)
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 0-2-17**

Hossain: requested some clarification on action taken towards a plus/ minus implementation in the resolved clause.

Hafen: we can work on rephrasing it; because there hasn't been enough student feedback, we chose to say that we oppose it.

Hossain: asked if there's any way to obtain student feedback because they've heard support for both sides

Hafen: it would be difficult to collect feedback at this time due to the current circumstance; it would be best to take a stance to represent students and say they have a voice.

Deng: having plus and minus makes difference in GPA; creates more of a competitive environment which might create some stress; the resolve clause seems a little unclear, we are not exactly mentioning what stance we are taking.

Jarvis: voiced concern that this system would lead to more clerical errors; urge the people working on the resolution to clarify that ASI will be taking a negative stance.

10. REPORTS

- A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President TC 3:45pm
- Academic Senate is discussing credit/ no credit; more information will be available next week
 - Beach Pantry Pop-up: distributed 200 packages last week
- B. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director
- Student Health Center: open Monday-Thursday, 2pm-10pm, working remotely on Fridays
 - Horn Center will be closed starting next week
 - Summer will be conducted with alternative instruction; will continue to work with all of our departments to deliver ASI programs
 - IPCDC teachers are developing new learning activities students can do at home
 - Everyone is trying their best to accommodate the current scenario
 - Financial Literacy Workshop: tomorrow
 - ASI Budget: have identified local, county, and state resources

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

ASI Chief Justice Forestier: plus/ minus grading discussions began in 2006 and it was a very controversial topic back then and created confusion; strongly encouraged that ASI proceed deliberately and with caution.

Dr. Bose:

- University is managing to keep a very huge organization working during these unprecedented times
- Campus resources: check the university webpage; contact us as well
- Spring 2020 grading: expecting that if everything goes smoothly, there will be a final proposal next week to get everything finalized; goal is to be able to give both faculty and students options
- Google Doc of resources; that was emailed last week will be constantly updated
- Drive thru pantry on Friday went very well
- University's Covid-19 webpage has a section for mental health to help deal with current traumatic activities
- All summer classes are going to be virtual; some will be synchronous and asynchronous, so pay attention while enrolling
- Office of Student Life and Development is doing a lot of activities; there will be a Trivia tomorrow
- Some of the Student Life and Development staff have created a Spotify list; keep checking social media to see what we are doing
- Daily 49ers will be doing a Q&A

Almahdi:

- If anyone knows the location for the Daily 49er Q&A, please let us know
- Submit your Senator of the Year nomination to San Miguel
- Working with Chiu and Williams on a resolution regarding textbook availability; looking for additional collaborators

Triska: Human It, a Long Beach non-profit organization are providing low income individuals with training;

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm.