

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #31**  
April 29, 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  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education  
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering  
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering (Arrive 4:46pm)  
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  
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large  
Ryan Phong, 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 Art  
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) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendez to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #31, April 29, 2020, as amended**

- Item #9-A: Add a Time Certain of 3:50pm for 9-A, and change to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

- Working on the Senate Recommendation Resolution
- Redirected a GVAR class concern to Bose for them to assist the student

- Spoke with Dr. Klaus earlier this semester regarding testing accommodations during Ramadan fasting; for accommodations students can email OED@csulb.edu with their name student ID, classes, and time and date of exams
- Met with all the incoming executive officers; held 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with incoming vice president; will continue having meetings through the remainder of the semester and summer
- Working on end of the year report
- Commended Triska for their efforts with international students' emergency fund

Triska: their shared story for an article in the New York Times received positive attention and raised \$3500 in 4 days; voiced appreciation for the support.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #30, April 22, 2020

**(M) Hossain (S) Deng to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #30, April 22, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #30, April 14, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Hernandez to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #30, April 14, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-25 In Support of Day 1 Digital Access and Other Cost-Effective Resources (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Chiu (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-25 In Support of Day 1 Digital Access and Other Cost-Effective Resources (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-26 In Support of Incorporating Basic Needs Resources on Syllabi (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Torres (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-26 In Support of Incorporating Basic Needs Resources on Syllabi (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-27 Urge California State University, Long Beach to Commit to Recruiting, Hiring, Retaining and Supporting Latinx Faculty in Proportion to the Student Demographics of CSULB (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Douvan (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-27 Urge California State University, Long Beach to Commit to Recruiting, Hiring, Retaining and Supporting Latinx Faculty in Proportion to the Student Demographics of CSULB (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Hossain (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 5) Action Item: SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 6) Action Item: SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Chiu (S) Chakkalal to approve SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 7) Action Item: SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Chiu (S) Chakkalal to approve SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Jarvis: line 27 - change 'typical' easily to 'typically'.

Williams: line 33 -the word 'hemorrhoids' is mentioned twice.

- 8) Action Item: SR #2020-33 ASI Recommendation to Suspend the Use of SAT/ACT for College Admission Purposes Indefinitely in the CSU System (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Douvan (S) Hossain to approve SR #2020-33 ASI Recommendation to Suspend the Use of SAT/ACT for College Admission Purposes Indefinitely in the CSU System (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 9) Discussion Item: Recommendations to 2020-21 Senate

Triska: how we could improve the Basic Needs Program, especially the Beach Pantry.

Deng: follow up with SB 493 and possibly write a resolution.

Ortiz: change "DACA " to "undocumented students including DACA and TPS receipts".

Triska: continue advocating for increased support for graduate students with programs such as SOAR.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: 2020-21 ASI Consolidated Operating Budget (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Triska (S) Hossain to approve 2020-21 ASI Consolidated Operating Budget (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Deng: the travel funding is for?

Nevin: for full/part time staff professional development; keeping this to utilize once travel resumes.

Triska: would student employment decrease? Requested information on Recycling Center.

Nevin: primary goal is to maintain current student employment; recommending the dissolution of

the Recycling Center budget due to issues of mainly serving non-students, the program has been operating at a loss over the past several years, and costly deferred maintenance; focus has been shifted to other sustainability areas; the 13 students employees still have employment with ASI but in other places.

Ortiz: regarding the lawsuit for CSU and UC systems; would that affect any of the ASI funding?

Nevin: that lawsuit is one of 20 across country; class action suiters have asked for return of some of the mandatory fee revenue which we benefit from; if they are successful in court it would impact us greatly; in constant conversations; trying to return fees where appropriate; will keep you all updated.

## 10. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President **TC 3:45pm**

**(M) Deng (S) Felix-Mendez to table Item #10-A: Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President**

Deng: at today's Lobby Corps Zoom meeting, Velasquez and Chief Government Relations Officer Pham shared information regarding SP 493 and how it would update how our university handles campus sexual assault cases; worked with another organization to advocate and lobby for the support of this bill; it is a two year term; during this crisis it is especially important to have clear legislation because school isn't in session but these people's lives haven't stopped.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- Will be hosting a virtual student forum along with Bose and key campus administrators on Monday at 11am; event advertising begins today; students will have the opportunity to get questions answered.

Almahdi: will forward meeting link along with a message from Velasquez.

## 11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Chiu: voiced constituent request that refund for suspended campus services, such as for the USU; also, what are the student excellence fees intended for?

Almahdi: fees are used for ASI to continue having those facilities as opposed to operating them; ASI would fall behind on the mortgage without that fee.

Galindo: fees for maintaining the building as the whole money wasn't paid after the construction.

Bose: Student Excellence Fee <http://daf.csulb.edu/budgetcentral/pdf/Student-Excellence-Funding-Report-2018-19.pdf>

Nevin: each area of each ASI program has been reviewed; ASI has reimbursed each IPCDC family from March despite being operational on some of those days; ASI estimated to experience a million and a half in losses by the end of the year; ASI fees is the bond we have that is 5 million dollars per year; if we were to return the mandatory fee revenue, it would possibly cripple the organization in an unimaginable way.

Torres: regarding the virtual celebration survey, students are confused as to if it would replace the actual commencement; voiced support for unlimited Zoom for group projects, for convenience especially if the

fall instruction will be online.

Almahdi: reiterated last week's announcement that there would be an in-person celebration as well; agreed that a Zoom upgrade would make group work easier.

Bose:

- Student Excellence Fee: two layers - health and wellness component and technology component; online link has examples of different programs across campus that use this fee; these are resources that are still being used
- Zoom Pro: SLD is working with academic technology; Zoom Pro access has been granted to clubs and organizations
- Received access to Microsoft Teams, which will allow people to have longer meetings with more features starting summer
- Student Health Services, CAPS, etc. are services still available for students via alternate format

Triska:

- Spread word regarding the International Student Relief Fund
- <https://csuea.submittable.com/submit> - Free Subscription to Masterclass

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.