

**SENATE MINUTES**  
**Meeting #32**  
May 6, 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

**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  
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  
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

Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large  
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) Hernandez (S) Chiu to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #32, May 6, 2020 as amended**

- Item #8-A-6: Add a Time Certain of 3:50pm; change "3<sup>rd</sup> Reading" to "2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading"
- Add: Item #10-D: Information item: Commencement 2020 Updates - Chris Reese **TC 4pm**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

- This is our last Senate meeting of the year
- Voiced that their involvement with ASI Government over the past four years has been a great

experience

- Will not be having an ASI Awards Banquet
- Will announce the Board Members of the Year during Closing Comments

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #31, April 29, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Lam to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #31, April 29, 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: Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, February 21, 2020

**(M) Triska (S) Williams to approve Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, February 21, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

2) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #10, March 10, 2020

**(M) Lam (S) Felix-Mendez to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #10, March 10, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Triska (S) Lam to approve SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading) as amended**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Deng: Added Whereas clause: "International Students pay higher fees to subsidize in state tuition, they must show financial means to afford tuition but as of the crisis these, means have dried up and little to no support is given to international students"

Nevin: university has finalized funding for international students, due to CARES Act didn't addressing their needs.

Williams: does that include undocumented students?

Nevin: undocumented students are eligible for state university grant.

Deng: Chief Government Relations Officer Alderete Gonzalez shared a post that the CSU CARES Program is supposed to provide relief for people who did not receive funding from the state or federal aid.

2) Action Item: SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Hernandez to approve SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Douvan (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Chiu (S) Chakkalakal to approve SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Almahdi: suggested rewording resolve that addresses any future USU/SRWC renovation.

- 5) Action Item: SR #2020-33 ASI Recommendation to Suspend the Use of SAT/ACT for College Admission Purposes Indefinitely in the CSU System (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Triska (S) Williams to approve SR #2020-33 ASI Recommendation to Suspend the Use of SAT/ACT for College Admission Purposes Indefinitely in the CSU System (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 6) Action Item: 2020-21 ASI Consolidated Operating Budget (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading) TC 4:15pm  
**(M) Deng (S) Phong to approve 2020-21 ASI Consolidated Operating Budget (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Legislative Business**

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-34 – Recommendations to 2020-21 Senate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Douvan (S) Lam to approve SR #2020-34 – Recommendations to 2020-21 Senate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-35 – Commemorate 2019-2020 ASI President Lizbeth Velasquez (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Lam (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-35 – Commemorate 2019-2020 ASI President Lizbeth Velasquez (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-36 – Commemorate 2019-2020 ASI Vice President Leen Almahdi (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Ortiz (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-36 – Commemorate 2019-2020 ASI Vice President Leen Almahdi (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-37 – Commemorate Spring 2019-2020 ASI Treasurer Daniel Galindo (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
**(M) Triska (S) Felix-Mendez to approve SR #2020-37 – Commemorate Spring 2019-2020 ASI Treasurer Daniel Galindo (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

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

- Thanked the whole board and gave a shoutout to Vice President Almahdi for all their hard work

**B. Information Item: Daniel Galindo, ASI Treasurer, 3:50pm**

- Yesterday's BOC meeting;
  - approved final Spring Grant Allocation recommendations
  - approved a Program Change amendment pending some additional review
- Last BOC meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> to review Allotment Schedule Amendments
- Thanked ASI for the great experience, as they will be graduating
- Thanked Senator Triska for encouraging them to join ASI Government
- Thanked previous Treasurer Reyalyñ Villegas for trusting them as Vice Chair

**C. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director**

- 2020-21 Senate and Chief Officer vacancies
- University has formed an official repopulation work group; encompasses stakeholders from all years of the college looking at timelines and scenarios; includes health experts; hoping we can come back
- Thanked all the Senators for their great work

**D. Information item: Commencement 2020 Updates by Chris Reese TC 4pm**

- Exploring different options for virtual celebrations
- Received feedback; surveyed potentially 16000 students; 1891 responded; 11.1% responses; 608 said yes; 648 said maybe; 635 said no; read around 800 comments and most students showed interest towards having an in-person celebration
- Focus our energy and time in having an in-person ceremony in fall
- Will be updating the commencement site on August 1<sup>st</sup> regarding how we proceed

Douvan: voiced concern that the university will host a graduation too soon

Reese: President Conoley is committed to having an in-person event, even if it is postponed

Douvan: would university consider using the graduation funds for a yearbook?

Reese: considering graduation gifts; a graduate booklet will be given, irrespectively

Williams: voiced that international and out of state students won't be here for a fall celebration.

Douvan: asked if graduation gowns will be available for those who didn't make that purchase at the Grad Fair.

Williams: they are available online.

**11. CLOSING COMMENTS**

Bose:

- Direct students with CARES Act questions/concerns to <https://www.csulb.edu/covid-19/cares-act>
- SLD will be leading a Celebration of Leadership by acknowledging people via email
- Campus Masterplan Committee has evolved based on need and has revised their time-line; reviewed focus groups' themes and goals; student feedback was very valuable and useful

- Thanked board for having them be a part of their efforts
- Commended the board for their dedicated efforts and wished everyone well on their finals

Deng: Census deadline has been extended until August.

Ortiz: Commended Almahdi and the board for their work.

Almahdi:

- Appreciated the whole board and hope to main friendships
- Will be working until June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Commended Vice Chair Ortiz for their dedication, support, and friendship
- Commended Government Elections Officer Helen Rodriguez for their efforts
- Board members of the year:
  - Cabinet: Commissioner Adriana Andrade
  - Judiciary: Associate Justice Ryan Smith
  - Lobby Corps: Senator At-Large Jireh Deng
  - IPCDCBOT : Chair Sophia Ruiz
  - SJEC: Maythe Alderete Gonzalez
  - Senate: Senator At-Large Jireh Deng
  - USUBOT: Katherine Khiev

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.