

Associated Students, Inc.  
California State University, Long Beach

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #24**  
**March 3, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Maythe Alderete Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Andrea Felix-Cervantes, ASI College of the Arts  
Billy Rubi, ASI College of the Arts  
Daniel Espinoza, ASI College of Business  
Mariana Duvanova, College of Business  
Shelbi Felter, ASI College of Education  
Manolo Cruz, ASI College of Engineering  
Husam Khattab, ASI College of Health and Human Services  
Salvador Marrero, ASI College of Health and Human Services  
Salvador Peregrina, ASI College of Liberal Arts (Depart 4:42 p.m.)  
Millaray Ramirez, ASI College of Liberal Arts (Arrive 3:51 p.m.)  
Jubilee Muñozvilla, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Shivam Srivastava, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Isabel Cameron, ASI At-Large (Arrive 3:50 p.m.)  
Sierra Darwin, ASI At-Large  
Jesus Gonzalez, ASI At-Large (Depart 4:44 p.m.)  
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large  
Maythe Alderete Gonzalez ASI Vice President  
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Alyssa Castrillon, ASI At-Large  
Richie Kennedy, ASI At-Large  
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative  
VACANT, ASI College of Education  
VACANT, ASI College of Engineering

Staff Present

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

**3. INVOCATION:** Dr. Marian Youssef, CSULB Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Dr. Youssef shared the classic "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou, to give encouragement during these incredibly difficult times so that we can find our own way to rise. Youssef commended the Senate as young people who are doing the work of lifting up the campus community. Youssef encouraged the board to work together and to be unapologetic about the good work that's done for the campus and community.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Kindred, Community member: relayed message from several CSULB students that they want to see ASI Government leadership involved in community issues/concerns.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Darwin (MOVED) Srivastava (SECOND) to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #24, March 3, 2021, as amended**

- Alderete Gonzalez: Item #9-E: postpone

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-0**  
**Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- OMA Director Search
  - Committee is finalizing candidates by end of this week; open forum
  - Collaborating with Cabinet to develop Open Forum questions
- Plus/Minus Grading
  - BeachFront article <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/connect/beachfront/asi-supported/557-proposed-lbsu-plus-or-minus-grading-policy>
  - Follow-up information session will be held via Zoom; information available soon
- ASI Elections Meet the Candidates: today, 5 p.m.
- Final resolutions are due April 7<sup>th</sup>
- End of Year report are due April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ASI Outreach information/templates will be sent to board members soon
- Meet the Candidates: today, 5 p.m.
- Senator reports not received by due date will not be presented at meeting

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #23, February 24, 2021

**Hossain (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #23, February 24, 2021**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-0**

**Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

- A. Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #24, February 16, 2021

**Peregrina (MOVED) Gonzalez (SECOND) to approve Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #24, February 16, 2021**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-0**

**Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

- 2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #20, February 18, 2021

**Cameron (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #20, February 18, 2021**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-0**

**Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

- B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

- 1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #19, February 15, 2021

**Hossain (MOVED) Rubi (SECOND) to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #19, February 15, 2021**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-0**

**Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Executive Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2021-07 Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**Darwin (MOVED) Gonzalez (SECOND) to approve SR #2021-07 Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**10. REPORTS**

- A. Information Item: Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI President Time Certain 3:45 p.m.
- Thanked board members that attended and engaged in the ASI Student Government Coalition meeting; follow-up meeting will be held later this month, via Zoom
  - All ASI Government leadership will be receiving their Expectations and Agreement form
  - Will be speaking with University Police Chief Solorzano to discuss enacting a Community Advisory Board, which is a key part of President Conoley's BLM report
  - University Police Department sub-station has moved from the USU
  - California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) is next week
  - Served on the Student Trustee Search Committee to identify candidates for the Governor's consideration
  - ASI Elections: encourage constituents to vote
  - Keep up with the Commissioners: Cabinet event coming soon
  - Know Your Rights: Judiciary campaign coming soon
  - Will be sending a campus-wide informational email regarding Plus/Minus Grading, events, etc.
  - Will be speaking at the fraternity/sorority Standards of Excellence Awards
- B. Information Item: Adriana Andrade, ASI Treasurer Time Certain 3:50 p.m.
- Board of Control is busy with grants
  - Working with the Business Office to create web content on grant reimbursements and to develop an online process
  - Student Travel Fund and Student Research Fund policies have been reviewed and approved
  - Working with Student Life and Development to improve grants/process for students
  - Cultural Graduation and Spring Programming grants will be coming before BOC soon
- C. Information Item: Isaac Julian, ASI Academic Affairs Officer Time Certain 3:55 p.m.
- Work completed since last report
- Online Success Program
  - Meeting with Provost
  - IG Live
  - AS Exec. Intergroup Dialogue
  - Representatives Assigned
- Goals for next two weeks
- Presentation/Training
  - Educational Campaign
  - Campus Climate Report
  - Religious Calendar
  - Policy-Palooza
- Student concerns
- Student Issues/Concerns
    - Final Grading Policy
    - BeachFront Article link
- Did you know?

- The Academic Senate Retreat recording is now available
- Survey for Plus/Minus Grading. Please share with others
- Campus Conversation: Impact of the Pandemic on Carers and Caregivers; will be held on March 4, 1-2:30 p.m.

D. Information Item: Greg Figueroa, ASI Chief Justice Time Certain 4 p.m.

Work completed since last report

- Continued service on the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development Director Search Committee and the University Honors Program Search Committee
- Currently organizing Know Your Rights series in collaboration with Cabinet and Judiciary
  - LGBTQIA+ Students' Rights: March 25, 5-6:30 p.m.
  - Undocumented Students' Rights: March 26, 5-6:30 p.m.
  - Interactions with the Police: April 8, 4-5:30 p.m.
  - Workers' Rights: April 28, 6-7:30 p.m.
  - Collaborating with different departments and reaching out to off-campus organizations and speakers
- Spring 2021 Grade Appeals
  - Conducting Grade Appeals Consultations with students to help assess the merits of their case and inform them of the process
  - Starting to serve and appoint other justices to different Grade Appeals Committees at the department and college level
- Academic Integrity Committee
  - Seeing an increase in amount of Academic Integrity cases involving websites like Chegg and CourseHero
- Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC) and the Plus/Minus Final Grading Policy
  - Organizing and informational campaign regarding the Final Grading policy in collaboration with Academic Affairs Officer Isaac Julian, VP Maythe Alderete Gonzalez, and Senator Jesus Gonzalez
- 2021 ASI Elections
  - Working and collaborating with Government Elections Officer Helen Rodriguez to formulate a Monitoring Plan to ensure a fair and just election

Goals for next month

- Finalize logistics and publicity for the Know Your Rights series and help the justices and commissioners with their events
- Continue working on the Educational Campaign for the Plus/Minus Final Grading Policy
- Continue serving on the Academic Integrity Committee, Curriculum and Educational Policies Council, Grade Appeals Committees, Academic Appeals Committee, and UHP Director Search Committee
- Complete all the Grade Appeals Consultation before the deadline of March 15

Student concerns

- Lack of transparency with ASI and Academic Senate and University Committees
  - Many students felt blindsided by Plus/Minus Grading Policy until we initiated the Educational Campaign
  - ASI heavily disconnected from the student body
- Plus/Minus Final Grading Policy and its impact on students
- Multifactor Authentication for Single Sign On (SSO)
- Offering Credit/No-Credit for Spring 2021 courses

Board Updates

- Justices collaborating with Commissioners from Cabinet to complete the organization of their Know

#### Your Rights (KYR) Campaigns

- Completed a Review of Judiciary's Hearing Process on February 22, 2021
- Justices have begun reaching out to organizations as part of their Meet the Justices initiative to publicize the work of Judiciary and ASI
- Selected the date for Certification of ASI Election Results on March 18, 8 a.m.

#### Did you know?

- Only members of Judiciary can serve as the ASI Student Representatives on the Grade Appeals Committees.
- If your college approaches you for a representative, please direct them to me and I will assign an Associate Justice to serve on the committee

E. Information Item: Salvador Marrero, 22 West Advisory Committee Senate Representative Time Certain 4:05 p.m.

\*This item was postponed.

F. Information Item: Kara Perkins, CSULB Associate Vice President, Budget and Operations – 2021-2011 CSULB Budget Planning Time Certain 4:10 p.m.

<http://daf.csulb.edu/budgetcentral/>

#### Governor's January Budget

- Economy beginning to recover
- January 2021 – projected \$11B deficit through 2024-25
- Unemployment – 8% January 2021
- Paying down ongoing liabilities and leaving money in the rainy-day fund
- Investing in education, healthcare, affordable housing and climate change

#### Statewide and CSU Budget Timeline

- September: Trustees, Budget Plan
- October: Student Applications
- November: Trustees, Budget Request; Finalize Fall Course Schedule; Student Applications
- December: Finalize Fall Course Schedule; Students Accepted
- January: State Budget Plan; Students Accepted
- February: Students Accepted
- March/April: State Revises Budget; CSULB Resource Planning Process; Students Accepted
- May: State Revises Budget; State Budget Revisions; CSULB Resource Planning Process; Students Accepted
- June: State Adopts Budget; Student Orientation
- July: Student Orientation
- August: Classes Begin on Campus

#### Campus Impact

- Rough Estimates of New Funding
- Statewide Advocacy
- Campus Stakeholder Meetings
- Resource Planning Process (RPP)
- Overlaid with campus repopulation planning
- COVID-Stimulus Funding

Budget Central for resources/updates: <http://daf.csulb.edu/budgetcentral>

G. Information Item: Mya Jones, ASI Commissioner Cultural Affairs Time Certain 4:25 p.m.

Work completed

- Assisting in planning of Respect Diversity Week
- Assisting in planning of Students of Color Conference
- Planning the Know your rights: Interactions with police session on April 8

Goals for next two weeks

- Schedule a Follow up meeting with the Assistant Director of outreach Terri Armstrong regarding the Recruitment And Retention of Black/ Pan African students' resolution
- Meet with Dr. James Binall the Associate Professor of Law, Criminology, and Criminal Justice to confirm speakers for the KYR: interactions with Police session
- Collaborate with Commissioner Flores and Cornelio on planning "Keeping up with your Commissioners"

Student concerns

- Students have expressed their concerns with the lack of organization from professors throughout the course, which results with them feeling stressed and lost
- Tuition Cost: students want to know why the tuition cost has remained the same when they don't have current access to all the services while learning online
- The lack of proper education and implementation of pronouns and choice of diction in the zoom classroom setting

H. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1) Athletics

There was no report submitted by the deadline.

2) Housing

Work completed since last report

- Met w/ Housing Director Corry Colona
- Met w/ Academic Affairs Officer and Academic Chair Jessica Pandya
  - Religious Calendar
- Week of Welcome (WOW) Recap with Chief Diversity Officer, Cultural Affairs Commissioner, and VP Alderete Gonzalez

Goals for next two weeks

- Basic Needs Taskforce Meeting Updates
- Reaching out to other boards regarding ASI Outreach Initiative
- Continuing working on Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) issues
- Prepare for CHESS
- Reach out to Pregnant and Parenting Commissioner about Beach Pantry food drive

Student concerns

- Plus/Minus grading
- Returning to school

Did you know?

- The Walter Pyramid is the third largest pyramid in the United States
- Has 5,000 seats
- Is 18 stories high
- CSULB is the only college campus to have a pyramid

3) Graduate/Transfer Students

#### Work Completed

- Working with ASI Communications to create a graphic to promote our “Meet the Senators Event” on March 19th.
- Reached out to Kerilyn Counter at the Beach Transfer Transition Center to schedule a meeting.
- Scheduled a meeting with Bryan Rodriguez, Director of the Graduate Student Resource Center for next week.

#### Goals for the Next Two Weeks

- Meet with Bryan Rodriguez from GSRC to work on goals for the semester
- Meet with Kerilyn Counter
- Attend the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) this weekend
- Promote our Meet the Senator’s Event

#### Student Issues/Concerns

- A lot of students we have talked to are frustrated about ASI’s response to the +/- grading policy and believe that we should have informed them earlier of the proposed policy change
- Students are concerned about vaccine distribution and are unsure if they will want to come back to campus in the fall if they cannot receive a vaccine by then.

#### Did You Know?

- The SRWC is hosting an “Outdoor Skill Sessions” series where you can learn important Outdoor Skills like Fixing a Flat Tire on a Bike, How to Filter Water, and How to Use a Map. The next class is on March 18th from 3-3:45pm.

#### I. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

- The vacated UPD sub-station space in the USU has been leased to another vendor
- Wells Fargo has eliminated their lease in the USU; ASI is looking for another banking partner for the space

#### J. Information Item: Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB Dean of Students

- Credit/No-Credit: some major courses aren’t allowed to have credit/no-credit, due to university accreditation
- Additional fall campus repopulation information will be made available, as received from Public Health Department

### 11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Darwin: Senate report did not send; will send to Alderete Gonzalez to be distributed to board.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Maythe Alderete Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.