

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

SENATE MINUTES
Meeting #7
September 15, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lindsay Apaza called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Katherine Gonzalez, ASI College of the Arts
Chris Padron, College of the Arts
Aquila Jacquette, ASI College of Business
Jose Raya Perez, ASI College of Business
Shelbi Felter, ASI College of Education
Giselle Garcia, ASI College of Education
Maria Lopez, ASI College of Health and Human Services
Salvador Peregrina, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Millaray Ramirez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Shivam Srivastava, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Jeana Young, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Michael Ayala, ASI At-Large
Karen Galindo, ASI At-Large
Isaac Julian, ASI At-Large
Anthony Regina, ASI At-Large
Lindsay Apaza, ASI Executive Vice President
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI College of Engineering
VACANT, ASI College of Health and Human Services
VACANT, ASI At-Large
VACANT, ASI At-Large

Staff Present

Joe Nino, Interim Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Initiatives
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

3. INVOCATION: Joel Gutierrez, CSULB Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Gutierrez shared the poem *Our Greatest Fear*, by Marianne Williamson, and encouraged the board to realize their individual strength and power of light that will give strength for leadership in the year ahead. They also encouraged the board to liberate themselves from the year past and make their way into a new era.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Kindred, community member: invited ASI leaders to attend and engage in upcoming local environmental meetings:

- City of Long Beach Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Community Partners Briefing: September 22, 2021, 1:30-3 p.m.
- Long Beach Youth Climate Rally: September 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at MLK Park
- Coalition For A Smoke Free-Long Beach meeting: September 22, 3 p.m. via Zoom.
- The Long Beach Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP): resources available at <https://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/resources-forms/>
- Long Beach 350 on the Long Beach Climate Action & Adaptation Plan: September 19, 3-5pm, via Zoom

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Apaza: Item #9-B – strike

Regina (MOTION) Padron (SECOND) to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #7, September 15, 2021, as amended

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Reminded senators to attend student organization meetings to spread ASI Awareness

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #6, September 8, 2021

Young (MOTION) Julian (SECOND) to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #6, September 8, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

8. CONSENT CLANDAR/REPRORTS

A. Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Action Item: Business and Finance Committee (BFC) Minutes, Meeting #2, August 31, 2021

Srivastava (MOTION) Young (SECOND) to approve Business and Finance Committee (BFC) Minutes, Meeting #2, August 31, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #2, September 2, 2021

Padron (MOTION) Raya Perez (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #2, September 2, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

**PASSES
Approve-Oppose-Abstain**

9. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Jesus Gonzalez, ASI President Time Certain 3:45 p.m.

- Congratulated CSULB student Elaine Anne Araneta, winner of the 2021 CSU Trustee Scholarship
- CSSA updates
- Legislators can only submit up to 12 bills due to limited time, due to number of Covid-related emergency meetings
- \$30 million increase to support 2021-22 emergency financial aid grants
- \$965 million one-time add to the General Fund for various CSU projects/upgrades
- CSSA is currently developing their Policy Agenda for this year’s goals
- Will be working with Chief Government Relations Officer Darwin on ASI Lobby Corps’ goals
- Will be assisting the moderating at the Mental Health Awareness webinar
- Encouraged Senate collaboration with Cabinet

B. Information Item: ASI College Senator Reports

1) College of the Arts

Work completed since last report

- Present at Week of Welcome
 - Padron volunteered most days
- Reached out to COTA students
 - We heard about their concerns for both in-person and virtual classes

Goals for next two weeks

- Visit at least 2 classes in each department in COTA
- Work on inclusivity within the FEA Department
- Announcing COTA events

Student concerns

- Campus Wi-Fi
 - Students have been experiencing connectivity issues
 - At Beachside Village, the Wi-Fi signal does not reach all students who have to go elsewhere to attend online classes
- Some classes might become hybrid in the middle of the semester
 - Some students are nowhere near campus or can't come to campus
 - Students think it could affect their grades

Did you know?

- The Art Store has been renovated
- There is a statue of Po from Kung Fu Panda in front of the Art Store
 - A CSULB Alumni worked on the first Kung Fu Panda movie

2) College of Business

Work completed since last report

- Assisted College of Business Organizations during Week of Welcome, for them to participate online by creating an online directory, posted on COB Instagram.
- Provided support and went around tables at Week of Welcome introducing ourselves to orgs and informing them we are here to support our fellow peers

Goals for next two weeks

- Inform Organizations on what is currently occurring in the Business and Finance Committee
- Attend College of Business organization meetings and inform them of ASI events, as well as providing any support.
- Attend College Council for College of Business, Associated Business Student Organizational Council (ABSOC)

Student concerns

- During first week of school freshman students expressed concerns on areas to study at the College of Business. Worked with Center for Student Success to inform students of possible study areas.

Did you know?

- College of Business Scholarships are open until September 30.
- Black Business Student Association (BBSA) made a return as a student organization. Give them a follow on Instagram @bbsa.csulb

3) College of Education

Work completed since last report

- Sent emails to all CED student orgs
- College of Education student assembly first meeting

Goals for next two weeks

- Set up meetings with Dean Pavri
- Attend a CED student organization

Student concerns

- Students not completing observation hours in person

Did you know?

- 25 Academic Degree and Credential Programs Offered
- Students are well supported by specialized advising centers; Teaching Preparation Advising Center, Graduate Studies Office and the Credential Center
- Scholarships are now open! Deadline to apply Sept. 30

4) College of Engineering

There was no report.

5) College of Health and Human Services

Work completed since last report

- Attended Academic Senate Meeting
- Met with College Student Council
- Volunteered for Week of Welcome (WOW)

Goals for next two weeks

- Meet with College Student Council
- Attend Student Nursing Association fundraiser
- Share office hours availability with students

Student concerns

- Student housing
- Food court variety
- Recall election

Did you know?

- There is a basketball court in the U.S. Supreme Court building located on the top floor. This basketball court is known as the “highest court in the land”

6) College of Liberal Arts

Work completed since last report

- Emailed Jessica and Norma who are a part of the Dream Success Center.
 - We are working alongside them to create a scholarship.
- Emailed the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).
 - Our first meeting is on the 21st of September.
- Emailed Leila Gonzalez who is the president for this year's college council.
- Emailed Michelle Chang who supervises the CLA social media team

Goals for next two weeks

- Create a set of goals that we want to accomplish with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts .
- Meet with President Gonzalez to discuss the scholarship we want to create with the help of the Dream Success Center.
- Create a ASI awareness week on all CLA social media platforms with the help of the CLA social media team

Student concerns

- Students were unsure if there would be a drop box location on campus for the upcoming election. We informed them that there will not be one, but they can drop off their vote-by-mail ballot at the vote center which will be at the Walter Pyramid.

Did you know?

- Did you need help with time management?
 - The College of Liberal Arts is having a workshop on September 23rd from 3:30 - 4:30 pm to help students with time management. To RSVP go to the College of Liberal Arts social media page and click on the linktree.

7) College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Work completed since last report

- Met with concerned student about their issue with the library closing earlier than it used to
- Communicated with CNSM student council and found out the meetings are Wednesdays at 4pm
- Attended Multicultural Affairs Latinx Heritage Month Kickoff and participated in giving a speech
- Talked to student in regards to their issues with the gym and food vendors

Goals for the next two weeks

- Set up monthly meetings and introduce ourselves to Dean Bennett
- Meet with Krzysztof Slowinski, Valerie Bagley, and Carole Duffis
- Try and work with CNSM Student Council to come up with a new meeting time or find a separate time where we can mutually fill each other in on reports/ the happenings of our college
- Set up a meet the Senators event!
- Meet with students in OH

Student concerns

- Students are unhappy with the lack of dining options and convenience stores open on campus
- Students are also unhappy with the library closing earlier than usual
 - A student expressed that with work and other extracurricular it is hard to make it in the library before it closes. This quiet study space is essential for students now that the campus and community are repopulated again!
- Students taking lab this semester are worried about possible COVID-19 exposure
- Students are upset that aquatics is open, but not the Basketball Courts in SRWC

Did you know?

- Join students, staff, and faculty for fall 2021 Cultural Welcomes! We'll be getting folks connected to individuals around campus, resources, and more. There will be opportunity drawings and giveaways. Attend the Cultural Welcomes to come find your people!
 - [RSVP Here](#)
 - Where: Online
 - When: 09/13 to 09/17 from 4-6 pm

C. Information Item: John Barcelona, ASI Vice President of Finance Time Certain 3:50 p.m.

This item was stricken.

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D. Information Item: Joe Nino, ASI Interim Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Initiatives

- RSVP to Executives' Social
- Will be setting up joint Senator 1-1s
- Recommended College Senators connect with their Student Life and Development (SLD) advisors
- Spread word regarding vacancies

- E. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director
 - We are unable to open the SRWC’s basketball court due to it being an indoor space with close proximity for participants
- F. Information Item: Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB Dean of Students
 - SLD has 4 vacancies
 - Covid updates and information: <https://www.csulb.edu/covid-19>
 - Beach masks available in Dean’s Office

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

Nino: offered to hold a resolution writing workshop.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Lindsay Apaza adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Recorded by:

 Laura M. Butt, ASI Government Affairs Administrative Coordinator _____
Date

Approved by:

 Lindsay Apaza, ASI Executive Vice-President _____
Date

Veto or waive vetoes by:

____ Waive veto

____ Veto

Items: _____

 Jesus Gonzalez, ASI President _____
Date

 Dr. Piya Bose, Dean of Students _____
Date