

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2016-05
Title: Resolution in Support of Licensure for Athletic Trainers in the State of California
Sponsored by: Senator for the College of Health & Human Services Jesus Martinez
Date Submitted: November 12, 2015
Date Approved: January 20, 2016

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students of the university; and
- WHEREAS** the ASI Senate serves as the Board of Directors for the corporation, and implements its authority as the legislative branch, voicing students' needs and interests to fulfill the mission of students self-governance; and
- WHEREAS** the Department of Kinesiology at CSULB currently offers an athletic training program for students which "delivers professional instruction and clinical experiences in athletic training/sports medicine"¹; and
- WHEREAS** 20 or more students are expected to graduate each year from the athletic training program; and
- WHEREAS** on January 21, 2015 Assembly Member Chau introduced bill AB161 which was passed by the legislature but subsequently vetoed by the governor; and
- WHEREAS** Bill AB161 was intended to "make it an unfair business practice to use the title "athletic trainer," "certified athletic trainer," or other specified terms that imply or suggest that the person is an athletic trainer if he or she does not meet the requirements"²; and
- WHEREAS** by doing so, California would be the only state currently not "regulating the practice of athletic training"³; and
- WHEREAS** CSULB Alumni that have gone through the athletic training program will be negatively impacted because the state of California does not regulate athletic training; and
- WHEREAS** Athletic training revolves around the "prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute, and chronic medical conditions involving impairment, functional limitations, and disabilities"⁴; and
- WHEREAS** "3 to 5 million injuries occur on student athletic fields in competition, practice, and recreation"⁵; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Associated Students' Board of Directors strongly supports the Athletic Training Program and the Sports Medicine Club at CSULB for their desire to bring awareness to an issue currently affecting athletic trainers in the State of California; and be it further

¹ <https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/kin/athletic-training/general-information/>

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB161

³ <http://www.bocalc.org/state-regulation/state-regulatory-news>

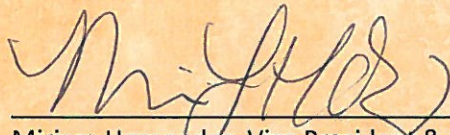
⁴ http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/AT_Facts.pdf

⁵ <http://injuredathletes.org/about-us/a4ia-quick-facts/>

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RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to California State Student Association (CSSA) for potential endorsement on this issue since it not only affects CSULB students but also athletic trainers state-wide; and be it finally

RESOLVED that upon its approval by the ASI President, electronic copies of this resolution be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, Head Athletic Trainer Jarrod Spanjer, Associate Professor Mimi Nakajima, Associated Students, Inc. Lobby Corps, the Daily 49er, the Union Weekly, the Press-Telegram, the Long Beach Post, and the Long Beach Register.



Miriam Hernandez, Vice President & Chair
Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Jose Salazar, Associated Students President

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