

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

Bill Number: SR #2016-07
Title: Issues to Consider for CSULB Policy 99-24
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- 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 Associated Students 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 student self-governance; and
- WHEREAS** Policy 99-24 was "recommended by the 1999-2000 Academic Senate and approved by the President [Robert Maxson] on November 1999"¹, but section 1.000 limited instructional hour to 50 minutes lecture classes for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday was not implemented; and
- WHEREAS** the 2015-2016 CSULB Academic Senate recommends CSULB to encourage adoption of Policy 99-24 to reduce the instructional hour to 50 minutes and schedule lecture classes for Monday, Wednesday, Friday for Fall 2016 semester as a pilot program; and
- WHEREAS** California State University, Long Beach enrollment increased from 36,822 in Fall 2014 to over 37,000 students in Fall 2015²; and
- WHEREAS** enrollment is projected to increase in the next academic years and "this trend is expected to increase slightly for the immediate future"³ and will affect university's classroom space allocations; and
- WHEREAS** the renovation of the Peterson Hall 2 building is expected to begin next year, which will decrease lecture classrooms; and
- WHEREAS** over 92-96% of the lecture classrooms are being utilized between the hours of 9:30am-2:30pm on Monday through Thursday, with no additional lecture rooms available during that time, while the utilization of classroom space on Fridays is below 30%⁴; and
- WHEREAS** the demand for tutoring and other supplemental student success use is high during prime time 8am -11am; and
- WHEREAS** California State University Chancellor's office, does not allocate funding for new buildings unless classroom space is being close to or fully utilized; and

¹ California State University, Long Beach Policy Statement 99-24, November 24, 1999

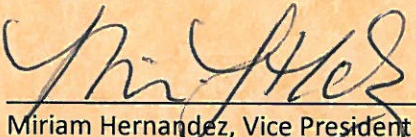
² https://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/presidents_scholars/campus_facts.htm

³ Sathianathan, Dhushy, "Pilot Adjustment to Policy 99-24, Academic Senate, September 2015

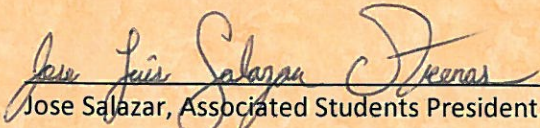
⁴ Ibid

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- WHEREAS** encouraging colleges to go from two day classes to three day classes can have a great impact on the lives of students, particularly those students who depend on Friday to work more hours to pay for tuition, books, and basic necessities; and
- WHEREAS** three day lectures will increase traffic and ultimately increase our carbon footprint defeating CSULB's promise "to reducing the energy consumption of existing buildings through on-going retrofit projects and shrinking the energy and carbon footprint"⁵; and
- WHEREAS** it is uncertain what the impact of encouraging policy 99-24 may be on the seven colleges, and it may affect students differently based on their enrollment in their respective colleges; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that we, the Associated Student Senate, strongly oppose encouraging policy 99-24 to the colleges and believe the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council should wait for the new incoming Provost to discuss and strategize for other alternatives for addressing space; and be it
- RESOLVED** that the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council should reevaluate policy 99-24 and create and implement a policy that it fully represents the needs of the students; and be it
- RESOLVED** that the CSULB Academic Senate and the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council should involve student input in the decision-making process through surveys and public forums and should continue to seek student input from the ASI Senate; and be it
- RESOLVED** that the Senate recommends the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council to prioritize other ways to implement space allocation on campus, such as offering a Mon/Friday, Wed/Friday or a one-day class and should avoid three-day lecture courses; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that, upon its approval by the ASI President, electronic copies of this resolution be distributed to the Academic Senate, the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council, the office of the Provost, the President of CSULB, the College Deans and Department Heads; the Daily 49er, and the Union Weekly.


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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⁵ <http://www.csulb.edu/sustainability/program-initiatives/energy-buildings>