

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2016-09
Title: Feras Morad Initiative
Sponsored by: Senator-At-Large David Kling
Date Submitted: January 22, 2016
Date Approved: February 24, 2016

- WHEREAS** Over 36,800 students attend California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)¹, and work within the guidelines of the Higher Education Act to prevent drug use on campus²; and
- WHEREAS** transfer student Feras Morad planned on attending CSULB in the fall of 2015 and was going to join the Beach Forensics team as an avid parliamentary debater;³ and
- WHEREAS** after falling from a two story window while experimenting with drugs, Feras Morad was in need of medical attention, but his friends were unaware of what services to request when they called 911; and
- WHEREAS** upon their arrival on the night of May 27, 2015, the police found Feras wandering and confused, and while what happened next is still being disputed, after a scuffle Mr. Morad was fatally shot by a LBPD officer;⁴ and
- WHEREAS** CSULB is an institution that supports student success, but the Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs (ATOD) Program on campus does not provide students with prominent information on experimental drugs, their effects, and how to behave when seeking medical attention;⁵ and
- WHEREAS** CSULB does not have a program to inform students about interactions with police officers and other law enforcement divisions; and
- WHEREAS** in cases of drugs and alcohol, students should be provided with information and workshops to learn how to deal with erratic behavior while under the influence; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that, in dedication to Feras Morad, CSULB ASI create a subcommittee that works with ATOD, SOAR, CAPS, University Housing, and University Police to educate the entire

¹ https://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/presidents_scholars/campus_facts.html

² http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/financial_aid/eligibility.html

³ <http://www.latimes.com/local/crime/la-me-long-beach-ois-folo-20150607-story.html>

⁴ <http://www.latimes.com/local/crime/la-me-long-beach-ois-folo-20150607-story.html>

⁵ <http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/atod/about.htm>

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student body on how to seek help when a friend or peer is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and what rights protect them during this process in the city of Long Beach, including the following:

When seeking help for someone who is behaving erratically and does not have control of their own senses

1. Call the Paramedics first, and ask for *medical assistance*.
2. Ask to have the Long Beach Police Department Medical Corps, also known as the Doc Squad to be present, instead of LBPD, because they are trained to deal with individuals who are mentally incapacitated⁶; and be it further

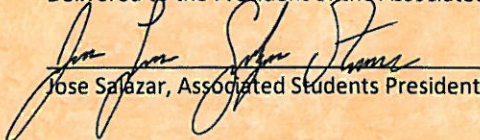
RESOLVED that CSULB ASI work with the City of Long Beach to amend policy, requiring dispatchers to question the mental state of potential suspects or victims; and be it finally

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President, be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, all CSULB and ASI Organizations, all current and



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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⁶http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_arch&article_id=1389&issue_id=102004