

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2016-10
Title: Urging the University to assist Student Life and Development towards finding a Greek Advisor
Sponsored by: Senator-at-Large Marvin Flores
Date Submitted: January 28, 2016
Date Approved: February 17, 2016

- WHEREAS** the Student Life and Development (SLD) department has a “mission to develop and implement out-of-classroom programs and services that educate CSULB students about ethical leadership, cultural awareness and positive social change;”¹ and
- WHEREAS** currently the Director of SLD oversees the Greek community while also overseeing “Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and USU Program Council, Alternative Spring Break, Faculty and Staff Advisor Orientation, Men’s Success Initiative, LBUSD/CSULB Urban Math Collaborative Mentoring, and Residential Summer Enrichment Program;”² and
- WHEREAS** the SLD Director has to prioritize his communities efficiently and fairly, possibly not allowing him to fully deal with situations that arise in the Greek; and
- WHEREAS** members of a Greek letter organization participate in numerous activities including social events, date functions, philanthropies, Greek Week, Homecoming, Kaleidoscope, etc. and participation in these events is encouraged because it gives members the opportunity to meet men and women within the Greek community as well as on campus; and
- WHEREAS** CSULB’s Greek community offers scholastic assistance, hands-on leadership experience, the chance to help others, and the lasting bonds of friendship;”³ and
- WHEREAS** “Each Greek chapter is self-governing, allowing many opportunities for participation in committees as well as elected and appointed offices. The governing councils are also student-led, with policy, planning, financial and facilitation opportunities;”⁴ and
- WHEREAS** “Each chapter has its own college cumulative GPA requirement ranging from 2.3 - 2.5;”⁵ and
- WHEREAS** over 1,800 students at CSULB are currently active members of some Greek letter organization; and
- WHEREAS** SLD currently is limited in helping the Greek community effectively due to a lack of having a full-time employee dedicated to the needs of these students; and
- WHEREAS** a Greek advisor serves as the liaison between the Greek community, the administration of the school, and the national headquarters of each Greek chapter organization on campus; and
- WHEREAS** a Greek advisor helps organize many of the big events in the Greek community, including Greek 101 and recruitment during the Fall and Spring semesters; and

¹ <http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/sld/about/>

² https://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/sld/contact/staff_profiles/

³ <http://web.csulb.edu/greek/faqs/>

⁴ <http://web.csulb.edu/greek/values/>

⁵ <http://web.csulb.edu/greek/faqs/>

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- WHEREAS** currently, all Greek Councils are doing their respective jobs as council members as well as the job of a Greek advisor; and
- WHEREAS** the stress of having to take care of over 1,800 students without the support of a full time Greek advisor can affect these students' academic careers at CSULB; and
- WHEREAS** Alexander Astin researched and developed the "Theory of Involvement" where he presented the idea that students who are involved on campus do better in academia, "the results strongly support the importance of involvement as a powerful means of enhancing almost all aspects of the undergraduate student's cognitive and affective development. The three most potent forms of involvement turn out to be academic involvement, involvement with faculty, and involvement with student peer groups;"⁶ and
- WHEREAS** not advising the Greek community could tarnish the connections between respective students that wish to come to CSULB based off their perception of Greek life on campus; and
- WHEREAS** members of the Greek community become attached to the campus and after becoming alumni members, they may be more inclined to support the campus when donations are solicited from them; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that ASI and SLD urge the university to look into providing the proper assistance in finding an effective Greek advisor immediately; and be it
- RESOLVED** that lifting this weight off of students would ensure that all council members have the energy and time to complete their duties as a student first, while having a Greek Advisor provide the necessary complement of administrative duties; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the position of Greek Advisor be open to candidates that wish to work for SLD and oversee the Greek community; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that, upon its approval by the ASI President, electric copies of this resolution be sent to CSULB University President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Student Jeff Klaus, Director of Student Life and Development Brett Waterfield, 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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⁶ <http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/?Page=v21/freeman.html>