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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2016-18

Title: Support of Ally Trainings for ASI Senate

Sponsored by: Senator from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Yasmin Elasmar and

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WHEREAS California State University Long Beach (CSULB) seeks diversity through "multiple dimensions

including race, ethnicity, language, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation,

religion, ability, socio-economic circumstances, cultural identities, and experiences<sup>1</sup>; and

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 of CSULB mission statement is to "compel student representation in campus decision

making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual,

social and physical development"2; and

WHEREAS the Senate serves as the Board of Directors for the corporation and, voices students' needs and

interests to fulfill the mission of student self-governance; and

WHEREAS the Senate, a board of the students, for the students, is tasked with representing the general

students' needs at CSULB; and

WHEREAS to accurately represent the student body at-large, the Senate must be informed about the

history, struggles, culture, and lives of the different constituency groups of the students it has

been given the privilege to represent; and

WHEREAS there are currently six different ally trainings available on campus that are meant to provide

participants with the knowledge, awareness, and skills to become an ally to that specific

community; and

WHEREAS ally trainings provide the following benefits:

Information about the reality of being part of that community

Information about how values and beliefs about that community impact participants

own and others' lives

• Information on how to become less likely to stereotype the community and perpetuate

the continuation of those stereotypes

• The opportunities to learn from, teach, and have an impact on a population with whom participants might not otherwise interact

<sup>1</sup> https://web.csulb.edu/depts/oed/policies/faculty-staff-diversity-plan.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.asicsulb.org/pages/asi-mission-statement

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- Opportunities to share with others what participants have learned, and have a positive impact on the climate in their school
- Empowerment of participants to take an active role in creating a more accepting world by countering prejudice and discrimination with understanding, support, and caring; now therefore, be it
- That the 2016-2017 CSULB ASI Board of Directors and all future ASI Boards of Directors will RESOLVED attend at least one ally training during each semester of their term in office; and be it
- RESOLVED that all officers shall participate in this initiative, and by doing so will be granted the satisfaction of their own personal growth, and their growth in being more diverse student leaders; and be it
- RESOLVED that each officer will report back to the Board of Directors about what they gained from their experience during the training, and be it finally
- **RESOLVED** that, upon its approval by the ASI President, electronic copies of this resolution be distributed to California State University, Long Beach President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, the California State Student Association, all current and future ASI officers, the Daily 49er, and the Union Weekly.

Vice President & Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on: