

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

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution # 2017-35  
**Title:** Bylaw Amendment to Create Social Justice and Equity Committee  
**Sponsored by:** Senators-at-Large Yasmin Elasmr, Yasmeen Azam, Daniel Gomez and Samuel Kim,  
Senator for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Hajer Rawag, and Vice  
President Logan Vournas  
**Date Submitted:** April 14, 2017  
**Date Approved:** May 3, 2017

**WHEREAS** recent incidents of alleged assault and violence on campus as well as the recent national attack on disempowered communities, has resulted in fear and distress, and therefore compromise the good order of the educational environment; and

**WHEREAS** students, both those involved in Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and the general campus community, have expressed drive and dedication to the fight for social justice and a progressive push by our campus community; and

**WHEREAS** the ASI Board of Directors is the recognized voice of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) students and may establish committees as needed; and

**WHEREAS** CSULB ASI does not currently have a sub-board that would discuss and advocate specifically only on behalf of social justice issues; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the ASI Board of Directors mandates the creation of a sub-board starting during the 2017-2018 academic year where disempowered students can voice their own concerns and advocate for social justice issues through ASI; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that Chapter II Article I of the Associated Students Bylaws be amended to include a Section 13 titled "Social Justice and Equity Committee" which will state:

**A. Scope**

The Social Justice and Equity Committee will act as a liaison on behalf of the Associated Students, Incorporated on matters of social justice issues.

**B. Membership**

The Social Justice and Equity Committee will consist of the following voting members:

1. Three Students-at-Large recommended by the committee and elected by the Senate
2. One faculty representative appointed by the Academic Senate
3. Two Senate representatives elected by the Senate
4. One representative from the Office of Multicultural Affairs
5. Chief Diversity Officer or the Secretary for Cultural Affairs
6. University President or designee

The Social Justice and Equity Committee will consist of the following non-voting members:

1. Vice President for Student Affairs or designee
2. ASI Executive Director or designee

**C. Quorum**

Quorum will consist of a majority of voting members.

**D. Rules and Procedures:**

The Social Justice and Equity Committee will provide for its own rules and procedures, which will be forwarded to Senate for final approval.



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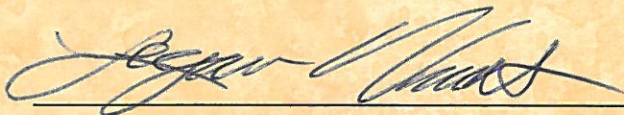
**E. Duties and Powers**

The Social Justice and Equity Committee will:

1. Meet bi-monthly to discuss campus climate issues regarding underrepresented communities on campus
2. Meet additionally as needed when incidents occur on campus
3. Serve as a liaison between the students, ASI Senate, and the University regarding social justice issues
4. Discuss and advocate for social justice issues in collaboration with ASI Senate
5. Serve as a board in which students can voice their concerns regarding campus climate and social justice issues
6. Develop programs and policies that advance social justice and equity on campus; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the ASI Board of Directors/Senate will continue to work to create a welcoming and safe campus for disempowered groups at CSULB; 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, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mary Stephens, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, the Dean of Students, the California State Student Association, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and the Union Weekly.



Logan Vournas, Vice President &  
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Marvin Flores, Associated Students President

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