

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2020-14
Title: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition
Sponsored by: Vice President Leen Almahdi
Contributions by: Dale Lendrum
Date Submitted: February 18, 2020
Date Approved: March 18, 2020

WHEREAS the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and

WHEREAS the CSULB ASI mission states, “the Associated Students of CSULB seeks to facilitate the achievement of students’ educational objectives and life goals through programs, services, and facilities that advocate student needs and interests, compel student representation in campus decision making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual, social and physical development;”¹and

WHEREAS the preservation of indigenous histories, lands, and cultures contribute to the intellectual, social and physical development of our campus community in a manner that contributes to inclusive excellence and the public good; and

WHEREAS the California Faculty Association passed a resolution in spring 2019 calling for a California State University system wide land acknowledgement and recognition;²and

WHEREAS the Academic Senate of the California State University also released a Land Acknowledgement statement that encourages other campuses to adopt “acknowledgement statements recognizing the traditional occupants of the land the campuses are on and incorporating those statements into their formal Senate meetings;”³now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI honors these resolutions and leads the effort in honoring the original inhabitants and stewards of these lands; and be it further

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI implements Land Acknowledgement ceremonies/statements to all major ASI events including but not limited to Smorgasport; and be it further

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI institutionalizes the practice of reading a Land Acknowledgement statement at the beginning of the first Senate meeting of the fall and spring semesters, during Native History Month, in March to recognize the annual Pow Wow, and any other time frames deemed appropriate;⁴ and be it further

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI’s President open their Convocation and “State of the AS” remarks with a Land Acknowledgement statement; and be it further

¹ <http://www.asicsulb.org/pages/asi-mission-statement>

² https://www.calfac.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2019-04_resolution_on_land_acknowledgement_and_recognition.pdf

³ <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/resolutions/2019-2020/3396.pdf>

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RESOLVED that CSULB ASI encourage the university to further honor this land by incorporating Land Acknowledgement statements into their meetings and major events; and be it finally

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, ASI Senior Communication Manager James Ahumada, ASI Assistant Director of Programs Taylor Buhler-Scott, all ASI Communications staff and student workers, all Beach Pride Events lead coordinators and staff, all ASI Government chairpersons, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

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Leen Almandi, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

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Lizbeth Velasquez, Associated Students President

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