

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2020-19
Title: Bylaw Amendment to Change the Social Justice and Equity Committee into an Ad-Hoc Committee
Sponsored by: Vice President Leen Almahdi
Date Submitted: March 15, 2020
Date Approved: April 8, 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 AS Bylaws Chapter II Article I, Section 17 lists the officers of the Associated Students;¹and

WHEREAS there are many subcommittees of the Senate including Lobby Corps, Senate Audit Committee, and Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC);²and

WHEREAS that the Chapter II Article VI, Section 17 states that, "The Social Justice and Equity Committee will act as a liaison on behalf of the Associated Students, Incorporated on matters of social justice issues;"³and

WHEREAS that the intent behind creating SJEC was to have a board serve as a liaison between student organizations and the university when campus climate issue arose;⁴and

WHEREAS that over the past three years it has been challenging for the board to develop goals that are not a duplication of Cabinet's role or Senate as far as policy making; and

WHEREAS that the Cabinet was restructured in spring 2017 to have a more social justice focus, so SJEC has become a duplication of Cabinet;⁵and

WHEREAS that the structure of SJEC has served as a limitation of the board and has served as a barrier to progress; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that SJEC will be taken out of the Chapter II Bylaws and be incorporated into the Senate working rules with the following language:

The Social Justice and Equity Ad-Hoc Committee:

A. Scope

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

1. One Senate Representative elected by the Senate
2. Unlimited Students-at-Large
3. One Faculty Representative appointed by the Academic Senate

¹ <https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/asi-bylaws.pdf>

² <https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/asi-bylaws.pdf>

³ <https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/asi-bylaws.pdf>

⁴ https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-35_Bylaw_Amendment_Create_Social_Justice_Equity_Committee.pdf

⁵ https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-32%20Bylaw_Amendment_Cabinet.pdf

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- 4. One University Student Union Board of Trustee Representative/Trustee-at-Large
- 5. ASI Chief Diversity Officer or Commissioner for Cultural Affairs
- 6. ASI President
- 7. ASI Vice President
- 8. ASI Treasurer
- 9. University President or designee
- 10. One Representative from the Office of Multicultural Affairs
- 11. ASI Executive Director or designee
- C. Chair
The Chair shall be the Chief Diversity Officer.
- D. Rules and Procedures
The Social Justice and Equity Ad-Hoc Committee will provide for its own rules and procedures
- E. Duties and Powers
The Social Justice and Equity Ad-Hoc Committee will:
 - 1. Meet at least twice per academic year to discuss campus climate issues regarding underrepresented communities on campus.
 - 2. Meet additionally, as needed, when incidents occur on campus.
 - 3. Discuss and advocate for social justice issues in collaboration with the Senate.
 - 4. Serves as a board in which students can voice their concerns regarding campus climate and social justice issues.
 - 5. Develop a plan of action, programs and policies that advance social justice and equity on campus as issues arise.
- F. Meetings
SJEC will meet at least once a semester at a time and location that the majority of the board membership sees most appropriate; and be it further


RESOLVED that CSULB ASI Senate and all ASI boards are still dedicated to advancing social justice on our campus and community altogether; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution allows the Vice President the authority to reflect current changes of this resolution throughout the AS Bylaws; 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, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er and 22 West Media.

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 Leen Almahdi, 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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