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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2020-34

Title: Recommendations to the 2020-21 Senate

Sponsored by: 2019-20 ASI Board of Directors

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020
Date Approved: May 6, 2020

WHEREAS

the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has a duty to highlight the contributions of those who have demonstrated a commitment to the enhancement of the educational and social experience of the campus community at CSULB; and

**WHEREAS** 

the 2019-20 ASI Senate urges the incoming 2020-21 Senate to address issues and concerns that have arisen in the 2019-20 academic year; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** 

that the incoming Senate continues to further develop all of the efforts the 2019-20 Senate has made on the following items:

- Continue advocating for more affordable plant-based food items available throughout campus
- Develop long term plans to create healthier food options
- Advocate for inclusive food options in the dining halls that are vegan, halal, and kosher
- Continue efforts to raise awareness of the Feed a Need program
- Explore the opportunity to create transitional housing for students who are at-risk of housing insecurity
- Seek collaborations with local organizations to better understand and support any housing initiatives throughout the City of Long Beach
- Improve access to mental health resources by exploring nontraditional routes
- Continue advocating for the creation of a fee waiver or check distributed scholarship for international students
- Continue advocating for more affordable textbook options by researching different trends and resources being utilized by other CSUs and universities
- Advocate for Basic Needs information to be included on course syllabi by actively vocalizing student support in the Academic Senate
- Explore different avenues to add hot meals to the Beach Pantry
- Advocate for the representation of graduate students in ASI and other leadership positions through the creation of a "College Council" like organization that focuses on graduate student organizations
- Advocate for the institutionalization of a SOAR program for graduate students
- Take a stance on the +/- grading notation when the conversation occurs in the Academic Senate
- Support the Cultural Resource Centers and continue advocating for adequate and appropriate space to be provided for them
- Advocate for captioning of all class materials to ensure accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing students
- Ensure the creation of the Jewish Student Ally training is established in collaboration with Beach Hillel to follow through with SR #2020-16, SR #2017-48 and SR #2017-24
- Continue advocating for undocumented students, including DACA and TPS recipients, to ensure a safe learning environment and adequate financial opportunities/scholarships
- College Senators: advocate for more visibility by utilizing your College BeachBoard to

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post ASI events, vacancies, and initiatives

- Continue senator end of year reports
- Gather student feedback regarding any potential USU or ASI facility renovations
- Follow through with SR #2020-14 and implement Land Acknowledgement statements
- Follow up with administrations regarding fall 2020 in-person commencement
- Consistently seek the feedback of general students so they are informed of ASI initiatives and their input is included in all decision making processes
- Follow up with SB 493 progress and possibly write a resolution in support of it
- Continue advocating for international students to ensure a safe learning environment and adequate financial opportunities/scholarships
- Established a partnership with the Beach Transfer Transition Center (BTTC) to understand the needs of transfer students
- Explore the opportunity for additional hygienic yet sustainable practices by researching different trends and resources being utilized by other countries
- Continue building relationships with various student organizations to establish solidarity and collaborative advocacy, 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, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, the 2020-21 AS Senate, Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

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Leen Afmandi, Vice President &		
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors		
Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:  Lizbeth Velasquez	5/15/2020	
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Lizbeth Velasquez, Associated Students President	Date	

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