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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution, SR #2021-17

Title: Commemorate 2020-21 ASI Vice President Maythe Alderete Gonzalez

Sponsored by: Senator-at-Large Sumaiyah Hossain

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Date Approved: May 5, 2021

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 Board of Directors wishes to recognize those who have advocated for issues

affecting our campus and our community; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors wishes to recognize the many contributions to CSULB made by

Maythe Alderete Gonzalez during her years of service to the campus community as a

past ASI Chief Diversity Officer and current ASI Vice President; and

WHEREAS that Vice President Alderete Gonzalez first began her service to ASI in fall 2019 as Chief Diversity Officer where she accomplished the following:

- Oversaw, guided, and worked closely with ASI commissioners in their advocacy, projects, and programming efforts
- Advocated for increased resources for undocumented and AB540 students in her efforts to fight for immigrant rights
- Served on the President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW)
- Served on the Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC)
- Planned and organized the Womxn and Queer Market
- Helped and participated in the Agents of Change: Undocuqueer Narrative
- Helped organize the first Students of Color Conference
- Successfully organized Respect Diversity Week
- Organized the Vice President for Student Affairs open forums
- Successfully organized the first annual CultureFest, an event that saw over 300 participants and celebrates different cultures of student orgs at CSULB
- Helped plan new cultural welcomes for incoming students
- Supported and co-sponsored a Senate resolution that urges the university to recruit, hire, retain, and support Latinx faculty in an effort to appropriately reflect CSULB's student demographics; and

WHEREAS that Maythe's exemplified student engagement and advocacy for marginalized communities led to her being elected as the 2020-21 ASI Vice President; and

WHEREAS that as the ASI Vice President, Maythe continued her advocacy work by:

 Continuing to advocate for an increase in resources and scholarship opportunities for undocumented and AB540 students

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- Working closely with the ASI Senate to guide them in their advocacy efforts, projects, and resolutions
- Advocating for increased mental health resources
- Creating and passing the ASI 2020-21 Policy Agenda on Equity, Inclusion and Racial Justice to address equity, inclusion and racial justice issues within ASI's policies, procedures, programs, and services
- Sponsoring a resolution that established ASI's stance on select California statewide ballot measures and providing educational summaries of each measure being addressed
- Sponsoring a resolution in support of the Philippine Human Rights Act that calls on local legislators to pursue action on this bill
- Attending the 2020-21 CHESS conference and lobbying with the ASI Lobby Corps for increased mental health funding, support for an Election Day holiday, and support for social justice related legislation
- Establishing support for the Black Lives Matter movement and holding conversations on the importance of supporting Black students at CSULB
- Establishing support for international students who were required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to leave the country if their campus were to conduct classes virtually that next year
- Continuing to work towards the goals of SR 2017-22 Affordable Menstrual Hygiene Act by signing on to the Free the Period coalition as an advocate for feminine hygiene products
- Helping create and promote an online learning survey to gage the response and needs from students as they settled into remote learning
- Working with Student Health Services (SHS) to discuss COVID-19 testing protocol
- Sponsoring a resolution that amends current ASI Bylaws to update language to be gender neutral, clarifies position titles and responsibilities, and amends the process to proposing future changes to the Bylaws
- Served on the Student Fee Advisory Committee and provided recommendations on increased commencement fees, parking fees, and housing fees
- Meeting regularly with Academic Senate Chair to continue working towards the goal of SR 2020-26 to have Basic Needs information on all syllabi
- Advocating for the Credit/No Credit option for students in the Spring semester
- Serving on the Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Search Committee
- Updating students regularly on vaccine information and distribution at CSULB
- Developing an educational social media campaign and sponsoring a resolution to oppose and address issues of the Final Grading policy that includes a proposed Plus/Minus grading option
- Sponsoring a resolution that seeks to defund the University Police Department (UPD) and reallocate those fund to mental health services that students are in more need of, like Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS); and

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WHEREAS that Vice President Alderete Gonzalez led the ASI Senate and the organization through an unprecedented pandemic with compassion, determination, and integrity, modeling for and guiding other ASI officers how to lead and advocate for all students; and WHEREAS that Vice President Alderete Gonzalez, despite the difficulties of the virtual environment, spent countless hours attending meetings, fostering important conversations, drafting statements and resolutions, advocating for marginalized communities, and working closely with student leaders and stakeholders; and **WHEREAS** that Vice President Alderete Gonzalez began her advocacy and leadership service long before her time in ASI and will continue as she embarks on a new journey after graduating from her undergraduate career; now therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that California State University, Long Beach Associated Students, Inc. congratulates and honors ASI Vice President Maythe Alderete Gonzalez for her service and dedication to ASI and the CSULB community; 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, Vice President for Student Affairs Beth Lesen, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Dean of Students Piya Bose, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media. 5/7/2021 Omar Prudencio Gonzales Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, Associated Students President Date

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