

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

CABINET MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #6
October 5, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Citlalli Ortiz called the meeting to order at 2:31p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Toni Flores, AB540 and Undocumented Students
Mya Jones, Cultural Affairs
David Weinberg, Disability Affairs
Caleb Aparicio, LGBTQ+ Affairs
Sarath Cornelio, Women and Gender Equity Affairs
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI Chief Diversity Officer
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI President (Depart 3 p.m.)

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, Pregnant and Parenting Students

Non-Voting Members Present

Chrissy Myers, ASI Government Affairs Graduate Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prudencio Gonzalez (MOVED) Flores (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Agenda #6, October 5, 2020, as amended

- Ortiz: Add Item #9-B: Respect Diversity Week

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 7-0-0
Approve-Oppose-Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #5, September 28, 2020

Aparicio (MOVED) Cornelio (SECOND) to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #5, September 28, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-0-2
Approve-Oppose-Abstain

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Ortiz: invited the board to answer "If you could work any job without having to worry about compensation, what would it be?"
- Upcoming introductory meetings with Vice President Lesen and President Conoley; please forward Ortiz any concerns/questions to take to the meeting
- Community Town Hall, hosted by Diga en Español: Oct 26th, 12:30 p.m.; topics include immigration housing, elections, health
- Will be interviewing final candidate for Commissioner for Pregnant and Parenting Students

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ASI PRESIDENT

- Executives met with Basic Needs to expand resources to Pregnant and Parenting Students

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- Chief Officers will be meeting with Vice President Lesen and President Conoley; please forward any issues/questions for them to take to the meeting
- Get Out to Vote elections campaign is in full-swing
- Encourage constituents to participate in the Ballot Bowl

8. ADVOCACY/POLICY REPORTS

A. Information Item: AB540 and Undocumented Students

Events/Programming

- Advocacy Week with FUEL
 - Advocacy Week: October 19-23
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Open Forum, Mental Health, Documentary and Discussion
 - 2 FUEL members helping run each day
 - CAPS to attend Friday

Advocacy/Policy

- Meeting with Lindsay and Chief Ortiz to determine scholarships for undocumented student community
 - Grocery gift cards and gas gift cards
- DIG en Español to help with UNDOCU Podcast

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- “There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance next time.”
— Malcolm X

B. Cultural Affairs

Events/Programming

- Planning of respect diversity week panel discussion with fellow commissioners
- Planning Meet The Commissioner
- Collaborate with Chief Government Relations Officer Maya on voting campaign

Advocacy/Policy

- Reached out to DR. James Binnall regarding an introductory meeting and opportunity to discuss any persisting issues within rising scholars or project rebound

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- I’ve underwent two brain surgeries and had 27 staples in my head

C. Information Item: Disability Affairs

Events/Programming

- Respect Diversity Week
 - Student & Faculty Panel (Sponsored by ASI Cabinet)
 - ✓ Wednesday October 26th 5:00 PM - 6: 30 PM – Zoom
 - ✓ Understanding the oppression that members of marginalized communities face at CSULB by hearing the experiences of students, alumni, and faculty
 - Ability Ally (Sponsored by BMAC)
 - ✓ Friday October 30th 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM – Zoom
 - ✓ Designed for providing ally training to CSULB students, instead of the usual faculty focus
- Meet the Commissioner
 - Disability Affairs

- ✓ Wednesday October 21st 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Zoom

Advocacy/Policy

- Meeting with Director of BMAC (DSS), Mary Nguyen
 - Discussed concerns of the disability communities at CSULB:
 - ✓ Technology accessibility (e.g., access, captioning, audio/video disruption)
 - ✓ Universal design opportunities (e.g. lecture recordings and access to resources)
 - ✓ Student complaints (e.g., faculty issues with requests and related micro aggressions)
 - Discussed the office's goals to adapt to the circumstances of COVID-19
 - ✓ MyBMAC: rolled out this fall with the goal to streamline the accommodation process
- Joint meeting with BMAC Director and ASI Student Government
 - Advocating for inclusion of additional student populations in agenda
 - ✓ ASI Policy Agenda for Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice and related discussions

Other Business/Concerns

- Student Concerns
 - Students' rights to privacy as it relates to disclosing the reasons for their BMAC accommodations and other health-related events
 - Additionally, accommodations are not exclusively made by BMAC. Faculty at CSULB can recognize disabilities that do not "qualify"
- Daily 49er Interview (Matt James)
 - Discussed student concerns with accommodations as it relates to the COVID-19 health crisis and recent changes at CSULB to adapt

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- Disability Awareness Month - October
- "Nothing about us, without us" - Disability Rights Movement

D. Information Item: LGBTIQ+ Affairs

Events/Programming

- Gender-centric panel for OUTober
 - Due to tight October schedule, it will be the same week as Meet the Commissioners
 - Tentative date: Thursday October 22nd from 4pm – 6pm (Goal is finalize date before this meeting)
- Planning for Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Planning for Respect Diversity Week panel with other commissioners
- Commissioner Cornelio & I are with Hannah Peedikayil from Lobby Corps

Advocacy/Policy

- Waiting on a reply from Student Health Services regarding transgender health services
- Students have voiced concerns about the uncertainty surrounding the future of the cultural centers

Other Business/Concerns

- Held first LGBTQIA+ Coalition meeting Friday 10/2
- Some things that came up during TEA's conversation about Elbee: Lack of educational material offered, negative comments on social media not addressed, concern about who was consulted

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- "No one has it easy. If that were the case, if everything in this life were perfect, then there'd be no reason for being here. We were placed on this earth to love and be loved, to learn, to experience joy AND suffering. Without the bad stuff we'd never be able to appreciate how wonderful and glorious the good stuff is" - Amber Benson

E. Information Item: Women and Gender Equity Affairs

Events/Programming

- October 6th: 2pm, Instagram Live with Women and Gender Equity Affairs
- October 8th: 5pm, Women's Shelter Long Beach COVID-19: is home safer for everyone?

Advocacy/Policy

- Pregnancy and Parenting Policies with Jubilee Muñuzvilla
- Affordable menstrual hygiene act, pads/tampons are available in student center restrooms, but not all restrooms

Other Business/Concerns

- None

Quote or Fun Fact of the Week

- My Hogwarts house is Slytherin

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Meet the Commissioner Planning

Women and Gender Equity - October 19, 2020

- Introduction about self
- How I got involved with ASI
- Beach Team experience
- Vision for the role this year
- Share resources that are available for people
- Heart at the Beach presentation (Taira Ramdhani) WGEC presentation
- Kahoot game
 - Pop culture questions
 - CSULB trivia
 - Resource questions
- Open up to a Q&A
- Caption: Hello! My name is Sarath Cornelio-Duarte (she/her) and I am so excited to be this year's Commissioner of Women and Gender Equity Affairs. I am passionate about domestic/dating violence awareness, female empowerment, and racial equity. Come join me on October 19th from 5-6pm, to hear about my plans for the year, and the different resources that are already offered at the Beach to support students. See you there!

Ortiz: develop a timeline.

LGBTIQ+ Affairs

- Introduction about self
- LGBTIQ Center Director introduction and description of center's mission and services
- Interactive activity
- Question and answer/Open forum

Ortiz: develop a timeline.

Ortiz: commissioner photos have been received and were forwarded for editing; email your 30-second videos by Wednesday

B. Discussion Item: Respect Diversity Week

Meyers: board members are to email their confirmed panelist name by end of today.

Aparicio: confirmed Mlou Aquino (student).

Maya: confirmed Irene Sotelo (student), Rising Scholars; confirmation pending from Dr. Claybrook (faculty).

Weinberg: confirmed Dr. Kohfeldt (faculty); reached out to Taryn Williams (alumni) who was unavailable but recommended David Rowe (confirmed, student), Beach Hillel, to represent a safe space perspective.

Meyers: recommended board go with panelists confirmed by tonight's deadline; input all event details in Cabinet's MS Teams.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Voting Issues Campaign

Ortiz: requested board members connect/partner with a Lobby Corps member to assist with their event:

- Voting Equity (Cameron): Sept. 28th – Oct. 2nd
- Climate Change (Darwin): Oct. 5th-Oct. 9th
- Gender (Peedikayil) Oct. 12th-Oct. 16th
- Racial Justice (Hossain): Oct. 19th-Oct. 23rd
- Immigration (Prudencio Gonzalez): Oct. – Oct. 30th

B. Commissioner of the Month

Commissioner of the month was awarded to Caleb Aparicio.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Citlalli Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.