

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #3

August 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pro Temp Yasmin (CPT) Elasmr called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Monica Waldau, College of Business Administration
Ka Cin Wong, College of Business Administration (Ar @5:15pm)
Oscar Beltran, College of Engineering
Ashutosh Pandey, College of Engineering
Joe Nino, College of Health & Human Services
Elvia Cabrera, College of Liberal Arts
Alexandra-Grissell Gomez, College of Liberal Arts
Hajer Rawag, College of Natural Science & Math (Ar @ 3:47pm)
Adriana Rincon, College of Natural Science & Math
Yasmeen Azam, At-Large
Yasmin Elasmr, At-Large
Daniel Gomez, At-Large
Hilda Jurado, At-Large
Samuel Kim, At-Large (Ar @ 3:42pm)
Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep)

Voting Members Absent

Kelsey Kimmes, College of the Arts
Sofia Musman, College of Arts
VACANT, College of Education
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Tali Shaddaei, College of Health & Human Services
VACANT, At-Large
Logan Vournas, Vice President
Brett Waterfield, (CSULB President’s Designee)

Staff Present

Mr. Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director)
Lindsay San Miguel (Interim Asst. Director, Student Involvement & Leadership)

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was presented by Dr. Jeane Caveness, CSULB Title IX Coordinator/Associate Dean of Students. Dr. Caveness recounted the lessons learned from her summer vacation and challenged the board with this question: As an ASI leader at the beginning of your term of service and journey, are you going to be a tourist, safe and set apart in the 3rd floor Government Office, or are you going to be an intentional voyager, out there with your constituents, listening to concerns and needs and making informed decisions on their behalf for their benefit and good?

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jarvis introduced himself to the board. He shared that he’s the Director of Jazz Studies at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music and has served as the Senate university faculty representative for the past several years. He encouraged the board in the far reaching importance of their service to the campus community.

5. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Cabrera (S) Rincon to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #3, August 10, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 12-0-0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

CPT Elasmr reported the following on behalf of VP Vournas:

- Met with all college deans and much of campus administration
- ASI will be helping advertise the university skateboarding campaign
- Last USU BOT meeting approved moving the Beach Stop Pantry & Student Swap Shop in to USU-302, and the USU BOT At-Larges will be moving in to USU-311
- The Beach Stop Pantry and Student Swap Shop, will be open M-F, 10am-2pm/5-7pm, is looking for (1) student lead and (2) student assistants (contact VP Vournas)
- ASI and the university to convert all single stall restrooms into gender inclusive restrooms, with possible expansion of first multi-stall gender inclusive restroom
- ASI Executives met Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Director, Dr. Brad Compliment to discuss collaboration in serving students

CPT Elasmr noted that she will be creating a resolution calling for additional mental health counselors and invited senators to collaborate with her.

- ASI Executives met with Interim Athletics Director Cindy Masner to discuss collaboration
- Began planning Sustainability Week in October, and are looking for volunteers (contact ASI Chief of Staff Matthew Argame)
- Along with Sen. Elasmr, am revising bylaws to reflect student government reorganization, and is looking for collaborators (contact VP Vournas or Sen. Elasmr)
- 1-on-1 Meetings: only half of Senate has shown up for their selected scheduled meetings. Senators need to keep their appointments as it is critical to the foundational success of the year ahead.
- Retreat next week!
- Sen. Vanessa Coover has resigned. Senator-at-Large vacancy has been posted on BeachSync. Encourage students to apply.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Senate Minutes, Meeting #2, July 13, 2016

(M) Nino (S) Gomez to postpone Senate Minutes, Meeting #3, July 13, 2016

Senator Nino recommended postponing minutes due to the majority of Senate not receiving the agenda packet with the opportunity to review minutes.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

A. Approval of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

1) Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #1, June 21, 2016

BOC Senate Rep. Rincon reported the following:

- Black Student Union (BSU) requested a Grant Augmentation that brought to issue improving ASI's invoicing process

(M) Rincon (S) Jurado to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #1, June 21, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 10-0-3

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) University Student Union Board of Trustees (USU BOT), Meeting #2, July 8, 2016

USU BOT Senate Rep. Elasmr reported the following:

- Elected Chair Anna Pavlova and Vice Chair Leslie Garcia

- Committee Chairs: Brian Sath, Facilities; Langston Tolbert, Services; Leslie Garcia: Programming; Natasha Romero: Campus Relations

(M) Jurado (S) Pandey to approve University Student Union Board of Trustees (USU BOT), Meeting #2, July 8, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 7-0-6

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

There was none.

B. Non-Legislative Business

There was none.

C. Executive Business

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

There was none.

B. Non Legislative Business

A. Approval of 2016-17 Presidential Cabinet Working Rules

ASI Chief of Staff (COS) Argame presented the following revisions:

- Added: Secretary for International Student Affairs
- Revised/Clarified: language and aspects of certain secretary positions

(M) Gomez (S) Cabrera to postpone Approval of 2016-17 Presidential Cabinet Working Rules

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

D. Executive Business

1) PA #2017-05: Confirmation of (6) Associate Justices

a) Justin Adofina

COS Argame presented Candidate Adofina's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in his absence.

b) Vyvy Hoang

COS Argame presented Candidate Hoang's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

Sen. Kim voiced his concern that Candidate Hoang's statement didn't provide specific job duties and position goals. President Flores replied that during the interview, Candidate Hoang gave specific ideas such expanding the Know Your Rights Campaign, bringing lawyers on campus to offer consultations, and adding a second justice representative to each grade appeal hearing. He assured the board that he, Chief Justice (CJ) Vargas and COS Argame selected the top six of a large number of applicants. Sen. Kim asked what made Candidate Hoang stand out. President Flores replied, her drive to bring awareness to the Judiciary and its services.

Mr. Haller highlighted Candidate Hoang's response to the application question "What would you like to accomplish if you are elected or appointed to this position?", which he believes is the most important question: *I don't want to be known as just a student representative, I want to be known as the person*

who fairly judges between right and wrong and acts upon it in the correct way. I do not want to make hasty decisions without knowing two sides of the story. If I am appointed to this position, I would like to create a "Know Your Rights" campaign every semester by creating new and fun ideas to get students interested. I will make the right decisions in election disputes and ensure there is no "rigging" involved. I also want to solve disputes peacefully.

c) Silvia Kirollos

Candidate Kirollos presented she is junior, double majoring in Political Science and International Studies, with a concentration in International Affairs. She shared her involvement with Model United Nations as the fundraising coordinator and later as the membership coordinator and Intl. Studies Student Assn. as co-chair. She intends on pursuing law and felt that joining ASI would give opportunity to serve students with Judiciary resources and utilize her current law office employment experience.

d) Karly Olivas

Candidate Olivas presented she is a junior, majoring in Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies minoring in Criminal Justice. She shared she enjoys taking leadership roles, being a voice for students, and wants to fixing the communication disconnect between students and ASI Government and by strengthening the Know Your Rights Campaign.

Sen. Gomez asked why she specifically chose to apply for Associate Justice. Candidate Olivas replied that she wants to strengthen her involvement on campus, inform students of grade appeal opportunities, and mediate for student needs.

Sen. Rincon asked what she noticed about miscommunication between students and ASI Government. Candidate Olivas replied that she missed out on events due to late and limited advertising of events which could be improved by utilizing other platforms such as social media.

Sen. Jurado asked what her campus involvements were. Candidate Olivas replied she joined the Salsa Club to increase her confidence and skills.

e) Max Salceda

Candidate Salceda presented he is a senior, majoring in Kinesiology. He shared his involvements with Camp Nugget, the Boxing Club, the Wrestling Club, and as his fraternity's vice president where he oversaw their national bylaw compliance. During his first term as ASI Associate Justice, the Know Your Rights Campaign was reinstated which resulted in a noticeable increase of grade appeals, and he intends on expanding the campaign by actively targeting and engaging student groups in order to meet their specific needs.

f) Mindy Vo

Candidate Vo presented she is a third year, majoring in Political Science and majoring in Comparative World Literature, pursuing her legal certificate in the Political Science Department. She shared her participation in Moot Court, Model United Nations, and with her off-campus volunteer work at the Deukmejian Court House with the Justice Corps Program at the Legal Aid Foundation. She believes her involvements have taught her the importance of diversity, perspective and collaboration and she intends on utilizing those skills with the expansion of the Know Your Rights Campaign.

Sen. Kim noted Candidate Vo's busy schedule and asked if she had the right time management skills and would be able to prioritize everything for the position. Candidate Vo replied that her schedule is able to accommodate the required bi-monthly meetings and the required three office hours.

(M) Jurado (S) Cabrera to approve PA #2017-05: Confirmation of (6) Associate Justices

Sen. Nino voiced his concern of confirming all six candidates at once and would prefer confirming the candidates individually.

(M) Nino (S) Gomez to amend the motion to confirm PA #2017-05: Confirmation of (6) Associate Justices and confirm candidates separately
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 12-0-1**

(M) Rincon (S) Jurado to confirm Justin Adofina as Associate Justice
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 13-0-0**

(M) Jurado (S) Waldau to confirm Vyvy Hoang as Associate Justice

Sen. Gomez voiced his concern that while Candidate Hoang seems nice, she isn't present to answer questions about her application and vague statement of introduction. President Flores replied that Candidate Hoang, who was working next door in the AS Business Office, has arrived to answer any questions.

Candidate Hoang presented she wanted to be a part of ASI Government to be involved in the full experience of college, further personal development, gain leadership experience, and be a part of improving the university.

Sen. Jurado asked how being an Associate Justice can contribute to that change. Candidate Hoang replied ASI Government is already a major part of the campus, whether represented or under-represented, and being a part of the Judiciary is important in connecting with students through services such as election disputes and grade appeals.

Sen. Kim asked what makes her stand out from all the other applicants. Candidate Hoang replied her high school leadership involvement with student government and as cheer captain gave her the opportunity to develop strong skills to really connect and relate with diverse groups of people.

Sen. Rincon asked what initiatives she'd like to implement Judiciary awareness. Candidate Hoang replied that along with representing ASI wherever she goes, she'd like to table and advertise ASI Government, and continue the Know Your Rights Campaign.

Sen. Pandey asked what's the most significant change she'd like to see accomplished as an Associate Justice. Candidate Hoang replied awareness of support and services that the Judiciary provides.

VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 10-2-1**

(M) Jurado (S) Waldau to confirm Silvia Kirolos as Associate Justice
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 13-0-0**

(M) Pandey (S) Waldau to confirm Karly Olivas as Associate Justice

Sen. Nino voiced that the Associate Justice position might not be a perfect fit for Candidate Olivas maybe a cabinet position; that's why he wanted to vote on individual candidates.

VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 7-5-1**

(M) Nino (S) Cabrera to confirm Max Salceda as Associate Justice
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 13-0-0**

(M) Cabrera (S) Kim to confirm Mindy Vo as Associate Justice

Sen. Kim voiced that Candidate Vo is very qualified and what impressed him is when she said it's not what she wants from ASI but what she can give to ASI.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 2) PA #2017-06: Confirmation of Attorney General – Garrick Liang
Garrick Liang withdrew his candidacy for confirmation.

(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to postpone PA #2017-06: Confirmation of Garrick Liang as Attorney General

Sen. Cabrera voiced that she appreciated Candidate Liang's consideration to the time commitment to the position.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 3) PA #2017-07: Confirmation of Press Secretary – Emily Ayers
ASI Government Administrative Coordinator Laura Butt presented Candidate Ayer's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

President Flores informed the board that the candidates were interviewed this past Friday and Monday and were notified on Monday their appointment; however, some of them had previous engagements and couldn't attend the meeting. President Flores presented that Candidate Ayers stood out because she had a plan of action that included weekly reporting on comprehensive government accomplishments/events, she's able to collaborate with campus media due to her involvement with the Union Weekly.

(M) Nino (S) Cabrera to approve PA #2017-08: Confirmation of Press Secretary – Emily Ayers

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 4) PA #2017-08: Confirmation of Secretary for Academic Affairs – Author Yao
President Flores presented on Candidate Yao's behalf that he was uniquely qualified as an analyst who can provide feedback on what's needed which is crucial to this particular position, especially since this will be an executive position next year. What stood out is how he identified how to improve the position to be more efficient and effective.

(M) Rincon (S) Pandey to approve PA #2017-09: Confirmation of Secretary for Academic Affairs – Author Yao

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 5) PA #2017-09: Confirmation of Secretary for Cultural Diversity- Victoria Villa
President Flores presented Candidate Villa's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

(M) Nino (S) Gomez to approve PA #2017-10: Confirmation of Secretary for Cultural Diversity- Victoria Villa

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 6) PA #2017-10: Confirmation of Secretary for Internal Affairs – Courtney Yamagiwa
President Flores presented Candidate Yamagiwa's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

(M) Nino (S) Waldau to approve PA #2017-11: Confirmation of Secretary for Internal Affairs – Courtney Yamagiwa

Sen. Nino voiced that she's presented before, she's very well spoken, and that she'll do well wherever she goes.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 7) PA #2017-11: Confirmation of Secretary for Sustainability Affairs- Amanda Martinez
President Flores presented Candidate Martinez's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to approve PA #2017-12: Confirmation for Sustainability Affairs – Amanda Martinez
VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 8) PA #2017-12: Confirmation of Secretary for Veterans Affairs – Marc Guest
President Flores presented Candidate Guest's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in his absence.

Sen. Gomez asked President Flores if he asked Candidate Guest about his time commitments if he could do it. President Flores replied, yes.

(M) Gomez (S) Nino to approve PA #2017-13: Confirmation of Secretary for Veterans Affairs – Marc Guest
VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 9) PA #2017-13: Confirmation of Secretary for Women's and Gender Equity Affairs- Jacee Cantler
Candidate Cantler presented that she is majoring in Philosophy, in Philosophy Honors Program and will begin writing her thesis on Philosophical Literature Through a Gendered Lens. She believes students should feel safe, represented and included on their school campus; unfortunately, this is not often the case for women and people who identify with non-traditional genders. She intends on working hard to include and represent those students and promote policies that will benefit them. She will utilize her speech and debate experience and skills to speak to issues such as these.

Sen. Gomez noted that he's familiar with the time involvement with speech and debate and a thesis, and asked how she'll combine all three and do well in them. Candidate Cantler replied that it is very much doable combining things she's passionate about and that build off each other; her honors thesis is about women and gender issues, in debate her favorite arguments relate to gender issues, and this ASI position will give her field work to help put her learning into practice.

(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to approve PA #2017-14: Confirmation of Secretary for Women's and Gender Equity Affairs - Jacee Cantler
VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-0

- 10) PA #2017-15: Confirmation of Secretary for AB540 & Undocumented Student Affairs – Kenia Duarte
President Flores presented Candidate Duarte's prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in her absence.

(M) Gomez (S) Rawag to approve PA #2017-14: Confirmation of Secretary for AB540 & Undocumented Student Affairs – Kenia Duarte

Sen. Gomez voiced that she sounds very fired up and excited about the position.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-0

- 11) PA #2017-16: Confirmation of Secretary for Government Recruitment – LaKeisha Jeanmarie
Candidate Jeanmarie presented she is a fourth year, majoring in Health Science with an emphasis in community health. She shared her summer involvement in AmeriCorps serving at the Center for Latino Community Health, her work with BUIlding Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD), and her service as a campus tour guide, trainer and coordinator. She intends on developing Beach Team to include building leadership, building school spirit, helping freshmen make CSULB their home, and provide volunteer opportunities.

(M) Rincon (S) Cabrera to approve PA #2017-15: Confirmation of Secretary for Government Recruitment – LaKeisha Jeanmarie

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-0

- 12) PA #2017-17: Confirmation of Secretary for International Students Affairs – Serawit Embaye-Yenie
Candidate Embaye-Yenie presented she is an international student from Sweden and has been in the US for three years, she’s majoring in Political Science with a concentration in global politics. She shared her current employment as a student assistant for International Student Services at the Center for International Education (CIE). Her experience as an American Language Institute (ALI) Specialist provides opportunity to interact with international students on a daily basis and hear their concerns and needs, which she can relate to. The highest ranking concern she has found is financial hardship and employment, and she would like to develop an international student scholarship and workshops that prepare intl. students for post-graduation. She believes her good relations with administration at the CIE will benefit in a partnership with ASI.

(M) Cabrera (S) Jurado to approve PA #2017-16: Confirmation of Secretary for Veterans Affairs – Serawit Embaye-Yenie

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-0

- 13) PA #2017-18: Confirmation of Secretary for LGBTIQ Affairs – Paul Fernandez
President Flores presented Candidate Fernandez’s prepared statement of introduction and goals/vision in his absence.

Sen. Cabrera voiced that Candidate Fernandez was her SOAR advisor and his Beach Pride is very evident and that he loves to be here, which she feels is a quality important to a leader.

(M) Cabrera (S) Wong to approve PA #2017-17: Confirmation of Secretary for LGBTIQ Affairs – Paul Fernandez

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-0

11. REPORTS

A. Marvin Flores, ASI President

President Flores reported the following:

- Just met with Housing Resident Assistants on collaboration efforts
- Along with VP Vournas have met with all the college deans who are excited to meet with their respective senators
- Along with COS Argame and CJ Vargas interviewed Cabinet and Associate Justice applicants and confidently made their selections
- Composing his Convocation speech for this Friday as well as the State of the ASI speech for a date to be determined

- Establishing a scholarship series
- CSUnity at CSU San Marcos tomorrow
- Met with the Skating Campaign Committee last Friday. Citations will be pushed back to the spring semester unless the issue arises in November then it will be revisited.
- Has sat on numerous committee meetings this month
- USU BOT will be moving in to USU-311 and their old office will be converted into the Beach Stop Pantry & Swap Shop, with a soft opening on the first day of classes
- The License Plate Recognition system goes live August 15th
- Will meet with Sharon Taylor to discuss approved ASI leadership parking location discrepancies
- Programming Board and Program Council have combined and are now known as Beach Pride Events

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Flores thanked the board for confirming their support and notified them that they will be receiving a few more confirmations within the next month.

CPT Elasmr thanked President Flores, COS Argame and CJ Vargas for their efforts in providing their candidate selections, and thanked everyone in the gallery for staying the duration of the meeting.

Mr. Haller apologized for the technical system failure to electronically deliver the agenda packet and assured that it'll be rectified. He advised the board to notify Ms. Butt if they haven't received the agenda packet within 48 hours of the meeting. He coached the board that when they make a motion to use the language "I move" and "I second" rather than "I motion". He also notified the board that the Non-profit Learning Lab is holding an institute on Thursday, September 1, 2016, and that the CEO is a former CSULB graduate who provided 5 student passes. Contact him if you're interested.

CPT Elasmr encouraged the board to recruit for the vacancies of Senator at-Large and Senator for Education, and for the Beach Stop Pantry student assistants.

Ms. San Miguel encouraged the board to recruit for a Recording Secretary/Office Assistant for Senate and Board of Control: application link available on the ASI corporate webpage under Work/Jobs.

Ms. Butt reminded the board to confirm their @student.csulb.edu email addresses. She'll be emailing senate report templates which will begin with on September 7th with the At-Larges.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Pro Temp Elasmr adjourned the meeting at 5:35pm.