# Associated Students, Inc. California State University, Long Beach

# THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #32

May 3, 2017

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Logan Vournas called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

# 2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present Annajane Murphy, College of the Arts Sofia Musman, College of Arts Monica Waldau, College of Business Administration Ka Cin Wong, College of Business Administration Andrea Alonzo, College of Education (Dp @ 4:51pm) Estefany Flores, College of Education (Dp @ 6:53pm) Oscar Beltran, College of Engineering (Dp @ 6:20pm) Jordan Doering, College of Engineering (Dp @ 6:20pm) Joe Nino, College of Health & Human Services (Ar @ 3:32pm) Leen Almahdi, College of Health & Human Services Elvia Cabrera, College of Liberal Arts (Dp @ 6:59pm) Hajer Rawag, College of Natural Science & Math Adriana Rincon, College of Natural Science & Math Yasmin Elasmar, At-Large Yasmeen Azam, At-Large Daniel Gomez, At-Large Kishan Patel, At-Large Hilda Jurado, At-Large Samuel Kim, At-Large Logan Vournas, Vice President Jeff Jarvis (CSULB Faculty Rep) (Dp@ 6:21pm) Dr. Jeff Klaus (CSULB President's Designee) (Ar @ 3:32pm) (Dp @ 6:44pm)

# Staff Present

Richard Haller (ASI Executive Director) (Dp @7:40pm) Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director, Student Involvement & Leadership)

# 3. INVOCATION: Dr. David Stout, CSULB Assoc. Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Through the eyes and complexity of life, beauty lies with the simple patterns and equations of Mother Nature. Only when we listen to her, and we open our eyes do we see the beauty that actually surrounds us. "If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut." - Albert Einstein.

Only when we listen to our peers, only when we try to understand other people's perspectives, does change ultimately occur. Dr. Stout challenges us to listen to Albert Einstein, work hard, play harder, but please listen and keep your mouth shut.

# 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VP Vournas notified the gallery that 20 minutes will be divided equally amongst the list of individuals who signed the Speakers List.

Voting Members Absent

Dale Lendrum stated the following:

- It is unfortunate that the student voices are being limited
- This body and resolution is in violation of 3 different ASI Bylaws

Joel Deas, stated the following:

- Students of all colors witnessed hate
- We know this hate is anti-Semitism (demonizing)
- Resolution is anti-Semitic
- "This body cannot claim to seek peace and at the same time challenge Israel's right to exist" – George W. Bush

Jeff Blutinger, Professor of History of Israel and Palestine, stated the following:

- Historical errors in this resolution
  - o Continued reference to the state of Israel as a colonial occupying power
    - Israel was established by the United Nations
- This resolution calls not for coexistence of Israel but it's elimination

Ari Edelman stated the following:

- References J.K. Rowling who said no to divestment
- "At a time when the stigmatization of religions and ethnicities seems to be on the rise, I believe strongly that cultural dialogue and collaboration is more important than ever before and that cultural boycotts are divisive, discriminatory and counter-productive."
- Voting no means you stand against divisiveness and discrimination, and for peace along with J.K. Rowling

Abhishek Manjulagodu Basavanna stated the following:

- How does a nation protect itself from random attacks
- The actions of Israel are not justified, but they are slowly reactions to what has happened
- Divesting from these companies will have zero effect on the companies and have a huge impact on CSULB and the community

Brandon Brawer Braedon stated the following:

- There are countries I cannot go into as a gay man
- Israel is a safe haven in the Middle East

Alfredo Carlos, Faculty in Political Science, stated the following:

- National association for Chicano Studies supports the BDS movement
- Critiquing the state of Israel is not saying it is anti-Semitism
- Want to be able to have a complex discussion
- In support of students trying to talk about this critical issue

Kazuki Okamoto, Exchange Student from Japan, stated the following:

- Working as a sound engineer with Israeli individuals
- Traveled to Israel
  - Arabs and Jews eating together, co-existing

John Motter, CSULB Alumnus and Former Marine, stated the following

- Occupation dehumanizes and alienates the subjugated people
- This does nothing to move towards the peace process
- Completely absurd that anyone would support the companies listed

Suzanne Wechsler, Professor at CSULB, stated the following:

• Saddened by the lack of constructive academic engagement around this issue

- Crucial context about the situation in the West Bank, Gaza, and state of Israel has not been provided
- One-sided focus does not give critical information
- Act with integrity, please do not pass this resolution

Jose Espinoza stated the following:

- Student voices are being silenced
- Expressed concerns about the students on campus

Chase Niles stated the following:

- BDS is purely a political stance, it has nothing to do with companies and life on campus and has no intention of creating peace
- Why is this hateful condemning of only Israel but no other countries whose government is murdering their citizens
  - Syria, North Korea, or Iran

Benjamin Goldstein stated the following:

• This campus is inclusive, but by passing this resolution will affect pro-Israel and Jewish students on campus

Adriel Cruz stated the following:

- Focusing on the minority compared to majority of campus. Why?
- Why not punish South America or the Philippines
- Campus is supposed to be an inclusive space

Tali Shaddaei stated the following:

- As a former senator, they know what it's like to be in this position as the voice of students
- Look at the effects of the resolution and it hasn't reached a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- Look at how divided we have become, is this what you imagined your leadership would bring?
- The weight your vote has on the climate of this campus

Josh Burger stated the following:

- Divestment resolution forgets to acknowledge that Israel is the only safe haven for the Jewish community
- Support the struggles of Palestinians while condemning the citizens of Israel
- Divisive language prioritizes other nationalities over others, as if one is more important than the other

Spencer Potiker, self-identified Jewish Student, stated the following:

- This is a not a religious issue of Jewish vs. Muslims
- This is a moral issue of those living in refugee camps with no rights
- These companies are perpetuating violence on the Palestinian people

Jonathan Grunin, self-identified gay Israeli, reported the following:

- Ted Cruz, creating policy for gay individuals and has the right to create them
- 36 states in the U.S. where you can be fired for being gay and certain rights and privileges taken away

Chaya Leah Surfing stated the following:

• "I have directed my Administration to strongly oppose boycotts, divestment campaigns, and sanctions targeting the State of Israel. As long as I am President, we will continue to do so." – Barack Obama

Courtney Yamagiwa stated the following:

- Does not want tuition fees to go towards Palestinian Oppression
- Your decisions today will have an impact on others tomorrow and days to come
- Be brave and call for divestment now, be part of the change before it's too late

Zainab Syeda, Student Representative from Muslim Student Assn., stated the following:

- Support the divestment resolution
- One minute is not long enough to explain the issue
- Other groups of students are here to delve into these issues

Jada Johnson stated the following:

• Black Lives Matter, not one has mentioned that Black lives also matter

Fatimah Alghnueir stated the following:

- Human rights and social justice issues taking place in Palestine
- U.S. funds military support to increase militarization

Aliyah Z. Shaikh stated the following:

- Palestinians are inferior and do not deserve the freedom of movement
- Exist between Palestinian students and their universities
- Palestinian women who have given birth at checkpoints and some have died as a result of unsafe conditions

Mosstafa Bibi stated the following:

- Over 70% of Israel's prisons are full of Palestinians
- Conditions in prisons are appalling

Kerridwen West stated the following:

- Compared this resolution to if Trump divested from Mexico to make the U.S. safer
  - Believes the resolution supports human rights only if you are not Jewish
    - o Is an attack on Jewish students of campus

Miriam Osman stated the following:

- There is a wall that stands to oppress Palestinians
- Violation of their human right to freedom of movement

Asia Gonzalez stated the following:

- Zionists have been using queer culture to try and win over LGBTQ individuals and their allies
- They have only exploited our identities
  - Pinkwashing

Sarah Shammas stated the following:

- Divestment is a non-violent resistance against the occupation of Palestine
- Pushes Israel to comply with international law
- Divestment has nothing to do with the Jewish religion but the political state of Israel
- Do not abstain from this, people depend on it

Jake Alimahomed-Wilson, Professor of Sociology, stated the following:

• Stand in solidarity with the over 12 social justice organizations that support the resolution

# 5. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VP Vournas reported the following:

- Treasurer Smith and IPCDC BOT Chair Cassandra Goode will be absent.
   Item #11-B & #11-F-3
- Item #9-A-1 change from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- Item #10-C-1 referred to BOC

# 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Finish 1-on-1's
- Daily 49er Interview about ASI Reorg
- Transitioning with VP Elect Nino
- Finish executive reports and existing projects

# 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Meeting #30, April 19, 2017
- B. Action Item: Senate Meeting #31, April 26, 2017

# (M) Nino (S) Rawag to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #30, April 19, 2017 and Senate Meeting #31, April 26, 2017 VOTE ON THE MOTION

# 8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

- A. Approval of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees
  - 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #29, April 18, 2017 Sen. Rincon provided a summary.
    - (M) Kim (S) Wanless to approve Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees VOTE ON THE MOTION
- B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards
  - 1) Action Item: Cabinet #16, April 13, 2017
  - 2) Action Item: Judiciary #11, April 11, 2017
    - Create student rights workshop regarding graduation

# (M) Wong (S) Cabrera to approve Subsidiary Boards Minutes Cabinet #16, April 13, 2017 and Judiciary #11, April 11, 2017 VOTE ON THE MOTION

# 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Business
  - 1) Action Item: SR #2017-35: Bylaw Amendment to Create Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
    - Membership with board
    - Specifying their roles
    - Changing the world "marginalized" to "disempowered" throughout the resolution

# (M) Gomez (S) Almahdi to approve SR #2017-35: Bylaw Amendment to Create Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION

- 2) Action Item: SR #2017-36: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complicit in and Profiting From LGBTQ+ Oppression (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
  - Change title from "complacent" to "complicit" •

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Sen. Murphy refers to last year's resolution on Socially Responsible Investing which was sent back to Senate to be more specific. They suggested writing a single resolution instead of singling out specific divestments for each issue.

VP Vournas gave a summary of previous year's resolution which specified certain groups affected by oppression.

Sen. Murphy expressed concern over the previous resolution being confusing as it urges the University to adopt an investment policy, but not including a plan.

Sen. Nino motions for a call to question.

Sen. Cabrera objects the call to question as there are more questions from the board.

Sen. Musman asks for Line #133 to be removed which states: "the support of private prisons and aforementioned violations of international law and human rights by Israel"

VP Vournas, as a co-author of this resolution, speaks to the idea that this is an intersectional issue and are all highly intertwined. They expressed that they will not remove the clause unless the board votes to do so.

	For	Opposed	Abstain	
Sen. Murphy	X			
Sen. Musman	X			
Sen. Waldau	X			
Sen. Wong	X			
Sen. Alonzo	ABSENT		·	
Sen. Flores		X		
Sen. Beltran	X			
Sen. Doering		X		
Sen. Nino		X		
Sen. Almahdi		X		
Sen. Cabrera	X			
Sen. Wanless		X		
Sen. Rawag		X		
Sen. Rincon	X			
Sen. Azam		X		
Sen. Patel	X			
Sen. Elasmar		X		
Sen. Gomez		X		
Sen. Jurado		X		
Sen. Kim		X		
Dr. Klaus	X			
Mr. Jarvis	X			
VP Vournas			X	
TOTAL	11	10	1	

Discussion ensued discussing whether or not Line 133 should be removed.

(M) Musman (S) Waldau to remove Line 133 "the support of ... by Israel." VOTE ON THE MOTION

Sen. Murphy	X			
Sen. Musman		х		
Sen. Waldau		X		
Sen. Wong	х			
Sen. Alonzo	ABSENT			
Sen. Flores	х			
Sen. Beltran		х		
Sen. Doering	х			
Sen. Nino	x			
Sen. Almahdi	Х			
Sen. Cabrera		X		
Sen. Wanless	Х			
Sen. Rawag	Х			
Sen. Rincon	х			
Sen. Azam	Х			
Sen. Patel		Х		
Sen. Elasmar	x			
Sen. Gomez	х			
Sen. Jurado	x			
Sen. Kim	X			
Dr. Klaus		X		
Mr. Jarvis		Х		
VP Vournas			X	
TOTAL	14	7	1	

# (M) Nino (S) Rawag to approve SR #2017-36: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complacent in and Profiting From LGBTQ+ Oppression (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION

# **PASSES 14-7-1**

3) Action Item: SR #2017-37: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complacent in and Profiting from Palestinian Oppression (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Sen. Cabrera motioned for an additional 10 minutes of public comments prior to this resolution. VP Vournas stated there will be an additional 10 minutes of comments which will be equally divided among all speakers.

Ron Lowe, Professor of Anthropology, stated the following:

• In favor of BDS movement

Angelica Hernandez, stated the following:

- Graffiti in the restroom, failed to mention "On Friday we kill all Muslims"
  - We cannot marginalize others

Christian Reynaga, stated the following:

- In support of resolution
- If you use your queerness as a shield, make sure you use it to advocate not only for queer bodies in Israel, but also Palestine and also the United States. Advocate for everybody.

Bilal Zahren, stated the following:

- Racism holds no color, no face
- Oppression has no face
- We have a voice, we must use it

Carlos Guijarro stated the following:

- These resolutions are written as a result of a perpetual human rights violations
- This is not an attack on any student body
- Let us confront these difficult conversations by representing the students and we want a socially responsible campus

June You stated the following:

- Support and employ Palestinians in their region
- This resolution goes against our responsibility to unite our community

Matthew Taylor stated the following:

- Budgetary impact it will have on the students
- Will student still graduate on time?
- Is this creating a safe and more inclusive campus?
- Cannot support this resolution because it does not support the voice of Jewish community at CSULB

Celine Bussing stated the following:

- Connection between Israeli connection and United States
- Israeli military provides US police officers with weaponry

Huda Hermes reported the following:

• Do not allow university to invest and profit who profit from oppression of Palestinian people

Jazlyn Tabard stated the following:

• In order to address the military issues, you have to understand connections of funding that these companies have with not only Israel but also Southeast Asian countries

Gus Krider stated the following:

- We never debate issues on our campus this hotly
- We should devote this much time into other issues as well
- Senate should bring more people in to express their opinions on other issues

Nidhin Varghese stated the following:

- Zionism is a political ideology hiding behind religion
- No religion just by virtue of existing has rights to a nation state
- Listen to student body and divest from companies profiting from genocide

Geoff Trapp stated the following:

- No one is boycotting Israel because they're Jewish, we're boycotting Israel because they're jerks
- There is nothing reasonable or Jewish about a position that endorses discrimination
- There should be no place for racism on this campus
- If anyone is uncomfortable with their world view being challenged, the answer is simple, grow up

Mohammed Alazzah stated the following:

• BDS resolutions have passed all over the world, make sure CSULB is alongside in history

Kelsey Kimmes stated the following:

- How is this tangibly helping the Palestinian people
- How is this tangibly helping our campus
- It has only been sparking a hateful and divisive debate
- How such a divisive piece of legislation could cross this senate

Alejandra Hernandez stated the following:

• Look into both sides, it is complex

Jamie Steinman stated the following:

- Palestinian government directs suicide bombings and recruit children to carry out these attacks
- Families are paid by Palestinian authorities

Kashir Syed stated the following:

- BDS is a movement for freedom, justice, and equality
- Palestinians are entitled to the same rights as the rest of humanity

Sen. Cabrera states that there are a large amount of people who want to be heard. Senators should be going to the students, but now they are coming to us. They suggest making a forum to spread the word, as there are students in CLA who do not know about this resolution.

VP Vournas suggests Sen. Cabrera to make a substitute motion if they would not like to discuss this. VP Vournas also reminded the board that it is their responsibility to speak to their constituents on these issues.

Sen. Cabrera states that this is not an issue that needs to be rushed in the next 2 weeks

	FOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	
Sen. Murphy			х	
Sen. Musman	X			
Sen. Waldau	X			
Sen. Wong		Х		
Sen. Alonzo		ABSENT		
Sen. Flores		X		
Sen. Beltran		X		
Sen. Doering		X		
Sen. Nino		X		
Sen. Almahdi		X		
Sen. Cabrera	X			
Sen. Wanless		X		
Sen. Rawag		X		
Sen. Rincon			х	
Sen. Azam		X		
Sen. Patel	X			
Sen. Elasmar		X		
Sen. Gomez		X		
Sen. Jurado		X		
Sen. Kim		X		
Dr. Klaus			Х	

Sen. Doering noted that they are sitting on Senate in order to make these difficult decisions.

Mr. Jarvis		Х		
VP Vournas			Х	
TOTAL	4	14	4	

# (M) Cabrera (S) Waldau to substitute motion to table indefinitely VOTE ON THE MOTION

## FAILS 4-14-4

Sen. Azam, as an author of the resolution, states that the resolution discusses the divestment of companies profiting off of the exploitation of the Palestinian people and contributing to the violence. They urge everyone to read the resolution and what it states.

Sen. Musman notes that they find the language of the resolution to be marginalizing the Israeli people. If they are aiming the resolution towards specific companies that are violating Palestinian human rights then they should change the language of the resolution. More specifically, a whereas clause stating that "Israel has been an occupied state since 1948", where in 1947 the United Nations established the divide between Arab-Palestine and Jewish Palestine.

Sen. Musman also asks why the authors specifically chose companies that do business with the Jewish state, why can't they include other companies who are doing business in other countries and why they are focused on Israel.

Sen. Azam and Sen. Elasmar, co-authors of this resolution, gave responses as to why they specifically chose those companies and the area in which they do business.

Discussion ensued on whether CSULB is actually invested in these companies.

VP Vournas, a co-author of this resolution, expressed the idea that the value of those in authority should not be taken more seriously just because they have more authority.

	FOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	
Sen. Murphy			X	
Sen. Musman		X		
Sen. Waldau		Х		
Sen. Wong			X	
Sen. Alonzo	ABSENT			
Sen. Flores	X			
Sen. Beltran		X		
Sen. Doering	X			
Sen. Nino	X			
Sen. Almahdi	X			
Sen. Cabrera		X		
Sen. Wanless	X			
Sen. Rawag	X			
Sen. Rincon			X	
Sen. Azam	X			
Sen. Patel		X		
Sen. Elasmar	X			
Sen. Gomez	X			
Sen. Jurado	X			
Sen. Kim	X			
Dr. Klaus		X		

Mr. Jarvis		X		
VP Vournas	Х			
TOTAL	12	7	3	

(M) Nino (S) Almahdi to approve SR #2017-37: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Complacent in and Profiting from Palestinian Oppression (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION PAS

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4) Action Item: SR #2017-38: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Supporting and Profiting from Private Prisons (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Haller suggested an addition of a whereas to state the lease that is ongoing with Wells Fargo.

	FOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	
Sen. Murphy	X			
Sen. Musman			Х	
Sen. Waldau			X	
Sen. Wong	X			
Sen. Alonzo	ABSENT			
Sen. Flores	X			
Sen. Beltran	ABSENT			
Sen. Doering	ABSENT			
Sen. Nino	X			
Sen. Almahdi	X			
Sen. Cabrera		X		
Sen. Wanless	X			
Sen. Rawag	X			
Sen. Rincon			X	
Sen. Azam	X			
Sen. Patel			Х	
Sen. Elasmar	X			
Sen. Gomez	X			
Sen. Jurado	X			
Sen. Kim	X			
Dr. Klaus		X		
Mr. Jarvis	ABSENT			
VP Vournas			X	
TOTAL	14	1	4	

(M) Almahdi (S) Flores to approve SR #2017-38: Suggestions for Socially Responsible Investing: Companies Supporting and Profiting from Private Prisons (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSES 14-1-4

- 5) Action Item: SR #2017-34: Bylaw Amendment for Inclusivity (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
   (M) Wanless (S) Wong to approve SR #2017-34: Bylaw Amendment for Inclusivity (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
   VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSES 18-0-1
- 6) Action Item: SR #2017-39: Resolution to Support Books not Bombs (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) Sen. Patel suggests that at least of the students receiving the scholarship should be female. They also push to be inclusive of individuals in other regions who are in the same situation.

Discussion ensued on the Books not Bombs Organization for Syrian Scholarships.

#### (M) Rincon (S) Rawag to approve SR #2017-39: Resolution to Support Books not Bombs (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 15-0-3**

7) Action Item: SR #2017-40: Indigenous People's Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) Sen. Elasmar noted the addition of American Indian Student Association as co-authors who helped write the resolution.

# (M) Wanless (S) Murphy to approve SR #2017-40: Indigenous People's Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION

8) Action Item: SR #2017-41: Resolution to Support Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the CNSM (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

VP Vournas noted the edit on line #24 – 1,400 students enrolled as self-identified female students Sen. Jurado requested sources and information on self-identified female students being attacked on campus

### (M) Wanless (S) Murphy to approve SR #2017-41: Resolution to Support Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the CNSM (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSES 14-0-1

9) Action Item: SR #2017-42: Support and Acknowledgement for Middle Eastern Studies (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) Sen. Patel recommended adding other courses in South Asian studies.

Sen. Elasmar summarized the resolution and how it is a response directly towards the Ethnic Studies Report

# (M) Wanless (S) Murphy to approve SR #2017-42: Support and Acknowledgement for Middle Eastern Studies (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION

- B. Non-Legislative Business
- There was none.

# C. Executive Business

1) Action Item: Associated Students (AS) 2017-18 Operating Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) Sen. Wanless expressed concern over the amount of senators currently present.

Sen. Gomez expressed concern over meeting quorum during this meeting and special meeting.

#### (M) Wanless (S) Gomez to motion to move AS 2017-18 Operating Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) to Special Meeting VOTE ON THE MOTION FAILS 1-11-1

Haller commented that if there is something you want to see funded, speak to them.

#### (M) Elasmar (S) Gomez to approve Associated Students (AS) 2017-18 Operating Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 15-0-1**

# **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Legislative Business
  - 1) Action Item: SR #2017-43: Resolution in the Upliftment of Moratorium on Dances(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) Sen. Wong suggests that the authors find a more recent source for universities who have moratoriums.

**PASSES 11-0-4** 

**PASSES 18-0-1** 

# (M) Wong (S) Rawag to approve SR #2017-43: Resolution in the Upliftment of Moratorium on Dances (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSES 15-0-1

B. <u>Non-Legislative Business</u> There was none.

mere was none.

- C. Executive Business
  - 1) Action Item: Annual IRS 990 Information Return Filing (CONFIDENTIAL) \*Item was tabled.

# 11. REPORTS

- A. Marvin Flores, ASI President TC 3:45pm
  - Academic Senate Meeting discussing parking and solar panels in Lot 14
  - Administration is leaning towards two days of class as opposed to a whole week of Fall Break.
     President Conoley will have the final word on this issue
  - Thank you all for being so calm and civil about this resolution. Please listen to all of your students with civility and we are all here to represent the student body.
- B. Giovanni Smith, ASI Treasurer **TC 3:50pm** Speaker was absent.
- Danny Helmy, ASI Secretary for Veterans Affairs TC 4pm
   Speaker was absent. VP Vournas presented on Secretary Helmy's behalf.
   Work completed since last report:
  - Attended Vet Net Ally Training
  - Met with President of Veterans Network (Gustavo Orozco)
    - o Attended Vet Net meeting
      - Helped plan Pizza for Patriots meeting.
      - Helped with Vet net elections.
      - Started making plans for Vet 5k in the Fall Semester.
      - Got to know some Veterans and constantly inquired their opinion about what they want to see on campus.
  - Planned Book and Supply Drive with Meg Workman (Sustain-U) and Gustavo Orozco (Veterans Network)
    - Met with Iraida Venegas (Beach Pantry Coordinator)
      - Adding a Text Book Rotation permanently to the Swap Shop
        - Working on developing a Check out system for the books (BeachSync?).
        - Contacted faculty and Staff on Campus to advertise the event (College of Engineering, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Etc.)
        - Added Additional Drop Off locations all throughout Campus.
  - Attended GWAR Committee Meetings:
    - Discussed issues with passing rates of nonnative speakers
    - Developed an electronic version of the GPE
      - Discussed how to properly select students to take the exam electronically
    - The committee is working on an FAQ page to facilitate GWAR information
      - Targeting transfer students, so that they can take the exam before
    - Registering for classes.
  - Goals for next two weeks:
    - Book and Supply Drive:
      - The main drive dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Brotman Hall) and 4<sup>th</sup> (Library Walkway) from 12-3pm.
      - Organize the materials received

- Create a method where we can ask the students donating the books to label the class and semester they used the textbooks.
- Label and organize textbooks
- Any Textbooks and Supplies that the Swap Shop will not utilize will be donated to the VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America and other Veteran groups).
- Attend Veterans Network Final Meeting s of the semester]
  - Develop a strategy for next semester
  - Discuss future events (VET 5K, etc.)
- Attend GWAR Committee meeting
  - Finalize the FAQ page
  - Help the committee develop a survey that students will actually take.
- Finalize work with ASI
  - Ensure that the Book and Supply drive becomes something that is done every Semester.
  - $\circ~$  Plan out advertising for the Textbook rotation so that students know that the new feature is available for them.
  - Attend any finale meetings
- Student Concerns:
  - Veteran Students want to feel incorporated into the campus community.
  - Properly address some of the stereotypes that follow student Veterans.
    - Not all Veterans suffer from mental health issues. Although it is a problem amongst the community making assumptions can lead to the isolation of individuals.
    - Not all Student Veterans feel comfortable sharing that they have served. They aim to transition from actively serving to being a student citizen.
    - They aspire to be a helping hand in the community, thus planning events that will benefit the college community as a whole.

Anything Else:

- Please Come and Support the Book and Supply Drive if you have not yet: Tomorrow in front of the Library from 12-3pm!
- D. Augustus Krider, ASI Secretary for Women's & Gender Affairs **TC 4:05pm** Work completed since last report:
  - Appointed February 22, 2017
  - Take Back the Night
  - Brave Miss World Screening
  - She's Beautiful When She's Angry Screening
  - PSA on Teacher Evaluations
  - Training for ASI leaders on Sexual Assault (tomorrow)
  - Health Fair with Victoria Villa and the Dean's office
  - Plenty of meetings

Student Concerns:

- We are launching a survey that will poll ASI employs and other large groups of student employs on their work this academic year, and gauge the state of gender equity on campus.
- E. Cassandra Goode, Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDC BOT) Chair TC 4:15pm Speaker was absent. VP Vournas presented on Chair Goode's behalf. Work completed since last report:
  - Reviewed the Parent Enrollment Manual. As a board, we made several edits, addressing the concerns of the parents and of the center.
  - Proposed Registration Processing fee for each returning family each semester.
  - Hired a new Director for IPCDC, congrats to Alec Colchico!
  - Elected a new parent representative, Kaya Aoun

• Discussed several important topics on admissions priorities, application processes, and continued enrollment.

Goals for next two weeks:

- Hold our next meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm in the USU Farber Senate Chambers. Our last meeting was canceled due to specific circumstances.
- Attend ASI Awards banquet on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Anything Else:

- I, Cassandra Goode, have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of IPCDC for the past 2 years and am grateful for making connections within ASI as well as being able to be a represent the parents and children of the IPCDC.
- F. Information Item: 2016-17 ASI Executive End of Year Report (draft)
  - 1) ASI President Marvin Flores
  - 2) ASI Vice President Logan Vournas
  - 3) ASI Treasurer Giovanni Smith
  - 4) ASI Chief of Staff Matthew Argame

# **12. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Rachel Kaplan reported the following:

- Hearing Senate say they are voting on whether you want to marginalize one group over the other
- Trying to understand how this creates inclusion
- Divestment does not allow pro-Israel to support pro-Palestinian
- Open to building a community with social action process but it is not what divestment does
- Anti-Semitism is defined as hostility towards or discrimination towards Jewish people
  - Telling me that this is not an issue about Jews, tells me how to identify with Israel as a homeland
- Singling out Israel as the only Jewish homeland is anti-Semitism

Dale Lendrum reported the following:

- 3 violations of bylaws taking place
  - Not a single individual expressed concerned over it
- How many have gone to colleges with vote or resolution stating their support or not support of this resolution
- They elected you to be their voice to vote for what they believe in, not what you believe is best on their behalf
- The board should table this item and allow the true voice of students to come out

Tali Shaddaei reported the following:

- Before the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was passed, one of the speakers for the resolution, called another student, who was opposing the resolution, a terrorist.
- If this isn't a rise of hatred on campus, then what is
- They feel that walking across campus they do not feel safe
- Cannot have open dialogue with anyone
- Passing the resolution takes away from open discussion between different religions, race, and beliefs

Javeria Syed reported the following:

- Thanks the senate for passing
- Anti-Zionist is not anti-Semitic
- Please listen to our pleas, our lives matter

Bryana Olmeda reported the following:

- As a former senator, they were met with opposition when writing non-discrimination resolution
- To speak as an ally to support the needs and voices of Palestinian people

- Read what the resolution is stating and what the authors are trying to divest from
- It is not going to be comfortable and it's not going to be easy but it is necessary

Spencer Potiker reported the following:

- Thanks the Senate for taking a stand against global injustice
- Thanks the Senate for the dialogue on delinking anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric
- Does not want to be associated with apartheid state
- Hope that it sets a president with other injustice

Fatima Aldelhateez reported the following:

- Thanks the senate for voting to pass the resolution
- Important for the student body to decide if we are going to be socially responsible investing
- Divesting companies from the companies who are not socially responsible

Jonathan Grunin reported the following:

- Pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli
- Resolution harms Palestinians, where companies provide homes to Palestinians and employ them

   Soda Stream, Caterpillar

Geoff Tripp reported the following:

- Thanks Senate for voting for what you want to see in the world
- There is a set of international laws
- Everyone has told Israel they are in violation, but they are ignoring them

VP Vournas addressed their vote and why they decided against abstaining.

Please email John Jost about comment boxes including the location of where you want it set up.

Sen. Elasmar, a co-author of the Socially Responsible Investing resolution, expressed personal experience as a Palestinian-American individual regarding statements on social media on the resolution.

# **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection Chair Logan Vournas adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.