

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #19**  
January 23, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:31pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Anisah Ullah, ASI College of the Arts (Ar @ 3:45pm)  
Robert Martinez, ASI College of Business  
Alejandra Aguilar, ASI College of Education  
Frances Canales, ASI College of Education  
Mathew Major, ASI College of Engineering  
Yamin Yee, ASI College of Engineering  
Michelle Fukuda, College of Health & Human Services  
Ryan Phong, ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Brianna Guzman, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Ruben Alvarez, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Amy Chan, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Justin Contreras, ASI At-Large  
Naomi Howansky, ASI At-Large  
Mateo Maia, ASI At-Large (Elected Today)  
Imani McDonald, ASI At-Large  
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI At-Large  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Dr. Jeff Klaus, CSULB President Designee

Voting Members Absent

Billy Rubi, ASI College of Arts  
Denise Soto, ASI College of Business  
Megan Kim, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Aaron Jordan, ASI At-Large  
VACANT, CSULB Faculty Representative

Staff Present

Richard Haller, ASI Executive Director  
Lindsay SanMiguel, Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives

**3. INVOCATION**

Dr. Patience Bryant, Director, CSULB Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development shared Maya Angelou's poem *Still I Rise*

*You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.  
Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.  
Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.*

*Did you want to see me broken?  
 Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
 Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
 Weakened by my soulful cries?  
 Does my haughtiness offend you?  
 Don't you take it awful hard  
 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
 Diggin' in my own backyard.  
 You may shoot me with your words,  
 You may cut me with your eyes,  
 You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
 But still, like air, I'll rise.  
 Does my sexiness upset you?  
 Does it come as a surprise  
 That I dance like I've got diamonds  
 At the meeting of my thighs?  
 Out of the huts of history's shame  
 I rise  
 Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
 I rise  
 I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
 Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.  
 Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
 I rise  
 Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
 I rise  
 Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
 I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
 I rise  
 I rise  
 I rise.*

Dr. Bryant reminded senate that they've each come from different backgrounds and journeys to get where they are, and encouraged them to continue moving through challenges and to keep rising.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

USU Assistant Director of Services, Iraida Venegas:

- Welcome to the spring semester
- ASI Conference and Events Center and the Campus Event Services merged offices (USU-211)
  - ASI Conference and Events Center Supervisor, Arlene Macavinta
  - In addition to the USU, reservations are now booked for assigned spaces such as the quad and classroom requests

Student, Jesse Luna

- Endorsed Mateo Maya, for the position of Senator At-Large

#### 5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Item #9-A-1-b: Strike
- Item #10-A: Strike

**(M) Canales (S) Major to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #18, December 12, 2018, as amended**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Welcomed senators back to campus
- Catching up on meetings
- Attending IRA hearings and Clothing Closet meetings

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #18, December 12, 2018
- Incorrect Senate meeting minutes were included in agenda packet

**(M) Aguilar (S) to table Senate Minutes, Meeting #18, December 12, 2018 until next Senate meeting**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #16, December 11, 2018

**(M) Prudencio-Gonzales (S) McDonald to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #16, December 11, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

- B. Acceptance of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

- 1) Action Item: Senate Audit Committee (SAC) Minutes, Meeting #3, October 2, 2018

**(M)Aguilar (S) Canales to approve Senate Audit Committee (SAC) Minutes, Meeting #3, October 2, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

- 2) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #7, December 7, 2018  
**(M) Canales (S) Prudencio Gonzalez to accept University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #7, December 7, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Executive Business

- 1) Action Item: BOD #2019-25: Election of (1) Senator At-Large **TC 4pm**

**(M) Prudencio Gonzalez (S) Yee to elect BOD #2019-25: Election of (1) Senator At-Large**

- a) Mateo Maya

Maya is a third year Business Economics major, minoring in French. Maya highlighted their qualifications and experience with Lobby Corps as a student at-large and with other student organizations. Maya hopes to create a campus website that allows students to sell, trade, and buy textbooks. Maya intends to advocate for DREAMers and International students.

- b) Louis Williams

\*This item was stricken

- c) Justin Woolfolk

Woolfolk applied for the position because he wants to give back to the university. As a History major, Woolfolk hopes to focus on eliminating or lessen some fees to the USU building amenities. In addition, Woolfolk wants to advocate to reduce CSU fees on students. Woolfolk highlighted their qualifications as a student who is able to connect with peers from all different backgrounds.

d) Stephany Triska

Triska is a Brazilian, international, transfer student from Santa Monica College, who has past student government experience focusing on a variety of student engagement projects. Triska hopes to advocates for engagement opportunities and inclusion for both transfer and international students.

	TRISKA	MAYA	WOOLFOLK
Sen. Ullah			X
Sen. Martinez		X	
Sen. Aguilar		X	
Sen. Canales		X	
Sen. Major	X		
Sen. Yee		X	
Sen. Fukuda	X		
Sen. Phong		X	
Sen. Guzman	X		
Sen. Alvarez		X	
Sen. Chan	X		
Sen. Contreras		X	
Sen. Howansky		X	
Sen. McDonald			X
Sen. Prudencio Gonzalez		X	
Dr. Bose	ABSTAIN		
VP Almahdi	ABSTAIN		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

**Mateo Maya Elected Senator At-Large**

Dr. Bose administered the Oath of Office.

- 2) Action Item: BOD #2019-26: Election of (1) Academic Senator  
**(M) Canales (S) Prudencio Gonzalez to elect BOD #2019-26: Election of (1) Academic Senator**

Yee nominated Major; Major accepted.

Ullah nominated Maya; Maya declined.

Ullah nominated McDonald; McDonald accepted.

Contreras nominated Phong; Phong declined.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**Major-4/ McDonald-11/ Abstain-2**

**McDonald Elected Academic Senator**

- 3) Action Item: BOD #2019-27: Election of (1) Senate Representative to Lobby Corps  
 Prudencio Gonzalez nominated Maya; Maya accepted.

Contreras seconded the nomination of Maya.

**(M) McDonald (S) Prudencio Gonzalez to elect BOD #2019-27: Election of (1) Senate Representative to Lobby Corps – Mateo Maya**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION****MOTION CARRIES**

- 4) Action Item: BOD #2019-28: Election of (1) Senate Representative to the Senate Audit Prudencio Gonzalez nominated themselves.

Contreras nominated themselves.

Prudencio Gonzalez rescinded their nomination in support of Contreras.

**(M) Prudencio Gonzalez (S) Fukuda to elect BOD #2019-28: Election of (1) Senate Representative to the Senate Audit – Justin Contreras**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION****MOTION CARRIES****10. REPORTS**

- A. Information Item: State of the ASI - ASI President Genesis Jara TC 3:45pm

\*This item was stricken.

- B. Information Item: ASI Beach Pride Events TC 3:50

Sabrina Ware:

- Week of Welcome: January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>
- ASI Night at the Pyramid: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm.
- #Samehere Mental Health Awareness Event: in partnership with Athletics, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, free for students.
- USU Art Galleries: Student artists can submit application on BeachSync; approved artwork will be showcased for three weeks.

**11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

McDonald:

- Women's Basketball: Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Men's Volleyball: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Women's Waterpolo: Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am & 3:30pm
- Women's Basketball: Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm
- Men's Basketball: Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Prudencio Gonzalez: welcomed back board; successful spring retreat; reminded board of former Senator Mejia's comments that by contributing differing opinions work is moved forward; offered support.

Maya: thanked board for their support.

Fukuda: Taste of the Campus, March 11<sup>th</sup>, USU Ballrooms.

Bose:

- Student Life and Development advisors have moved offices
- Feed A Need: Feb 4-6; encouraged board to recruit meal donations
- Need volunteers for
- Championship Banner: unveiling Jan 25<sup>th</sup>; first 1000 students at Pyramid receive a commemorative banner

Almahdi

- College reports next week
- Office hours resume next week
- Encouraged senators to participate in next week's Week of Welcome

- Wear ASI polos on Wednesdays
- Senator of the Week will resume next week
- Congratulated newly elected Maya

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.