

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**Meeting #20**

January 30, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:30

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Anisah Ullah, ASI College of the Arts  
Robert Martinez, ASI College of Business  
Denise Soto, 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  
Aaron Jordan, ASI At-Large  
Mateo Maya, ASI At-Large  
Imani McDonald, ASI At-Large  
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI At-Large  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, CSULB Faculty Representative  
VACANT, ASI College of Arts  
Megan Kim, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

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

Staff Absent

**3. INVOCATION**

➤ Sylvana Cicero, University Student Union and Student Recreation Wellness Center Director:

- Welcomed student leaders with the poem If by Rudyard Kipling

*If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:*

*If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;*

*If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!*

- Cicero advised the student leaders to stay calm when encountering stressful challenges and to remember to trust themselves in these situations. At the end, she thanked them for their service as leaders.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Yesenia: Weekly event announcements:
  - ASI Elections Information Session: The first will be January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Beach Balance events
  - Chess deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - February Mini Challenge Series
  - ASI night at the Walter Pyramid is February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Advanced screening: Happy Death Day 2 is February 5<sup>th</sup>

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

**(M) Aguilar (S) Yee to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #20, January 30, 2019  
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- Congratulations on finishing your first week of spring classes
- The Recording machine is broken, please speak louder so it can be recorded.
- Week of welcome will be canceled tomorrow, January 31<sup>st</sup>, due to the rain.
- Spread the word about current ASI vacancies.
- Attended 49er shop BOD, IPCDC BOT meetings.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #18, December 12, 2018 v

**(M) Soto (S) Guzman to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #17, December 5, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

B. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #19, January 23, 2019 v

**(M) Canales (S) Fukuda to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #17, December 5, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

- Dr. Klaus was not present in the meeting.
- Senator Maya's name is spelled wrong.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS**

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

1. Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #17, January 22, 2019 v

➤ Prudencio Gonzalez:

- Granted \$697 to the Pilipino American Coalition.
- Granted \$3,000 to the Spanish Student Graduate Association
- Tabled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on the Policy on Investment
- Approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on Policy on Accounts Payable

**(M) Canales (S) Prudencio Gonzalez to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #17, January 22, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

2. Action Item: Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC) Board of Trustees Minutes, Meeting #3, November 16, 2018 v

➤ Aguilar:

- Trustees at-large were elected
- Discussed fundraising efforts
- Went over financial reports
- Update on the status of finals week drop off care: Probably will not happen this semester due to logistics.

**(M) Maya (S) McDonald to approve Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC) Board of Trustees Minutes, Meeting #3, November 16, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

3. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #11, November 8, 2018 v

➤ Contreas:

- Discussed the results of the election night
- Reviewed results of the survey sent out to analyze the most important issues for students. The result was financial aid and college affordability.
- Discussed policy agenda for lobby corps.
- Established college affordability as issue #1

**(M) Jordan(S) Maya to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #11, November 8, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

4. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #12, November 15, 2018 v

➤ Canales:

- Discussed and finalized policy agenda.
- Student at-large reports.

**(M)Prudencio Gonzales (S) Aguilar to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #12, November 15, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

5. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #13, November 29, 2018 v
- Canales:
    - Discussion and planning on CHES.
    - Discussion on the CSSA presentation.

**(M)Jordan (S) McDonald to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #13, November 29, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

6. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 6, 2018 v
- Contreas:
    - Finalized policy agenda
    - Student at large reports.
    - Approved debt free college and college for all act.

**(M) Prudencio Gonzales (S) Aguilar to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 6, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-1**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Executive Business**

1. Action Item: BOD #2019-27: Election of (1) Senate Representative to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) v
- VP went ahead the obligations and meetings detailed for the meeting
  - Senator Contreas nominated Senator Fukuda, Fukuda rejected the nomination
  - Senator Ullah nominated Senator Canales, Canales rejected the nomination.
  - Senator Guzman nominated senator Yee, Yee accepted the nomination.
  - Senator Ullah nominated senator Martinez, Martinez rejected the nomination.
  - Senator Prudencio Gonzalez nominated themselves.
  - Senator Yee: highlighted their capacities for the role, as they used to be the representative to the Academic Senator and spend most of the time at the USU. Senator Yee is also interested in gaining knowledge in the recycling program and beach pantry.
  - Prudencio Gonzalez: was a previous designee to the board and already attended some USUBOT meetings.

**(M) Jordan (S) McDonald to elect BOD #2019-27: Election of (1) Senator to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT)**

- Jordan: How many committees senators Yee and Prudencio Gonzalez participate?
  - Yee: serves in one committee
  - Prudencio Gonzales: serves in two committees
- Ullah: Senator Prudencio Gonzalez, if elected to sit on the USUBOT, can you drop one of the committees you serve?
  - Prudencio Gonzalez: The times of my committees don't conflict, so I would not drop one of the committees I am in if elected to sit on USUBOT.
- **Prudencio Gonzales rescinded his nomination.**
- **Original motion is withdrawn**

**(M) Prudencio Gonzalez (S) Fukuda to elect BOD #2019-27: Election of Senator Yee to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT)**

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

18-0-2

### Elected Senator Yee as the Representative to the University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT)

#### 2. Legislative Business

##### 1) Action Item: Action Item: SR #2019-08: Mascot Referendum (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) ✓

#### **(M) Major (S) Jordan to approve SR #2019-08: Mascot Referendum (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

- Senator Martinez: Asked who the stakeholders are.
  - VP Almahdi: Athletics, Administrators, Students and Faculty.
  - VP Almahdi: Students vote and the university president decides.
- Senator Jordan: does the referendum have to go through the academic senate?
  - VP Almahdi: No, but they will have the opportunity to engage in choosing the mascot.
- Senator Major: In the unlikely event that students vote in a troll mascot, what would be the procedure?
  - Haller: The University President has the final saying.
  - VP: We are developing criteria to follow for the mascot.
- Senator McDonald: Do student athletes have a stronger saying on the mascot?
  - VP: All stakeholders have equal value?
- Alvarez: If the president rejects the most popular choice, will the president goes for the second most popular choice?
  - Haller: It will be up to the president decide.
- Maya: Will all stakeholders have a vote?
  - VP Almahdi: Everyone will receive the opportunity to vote online

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-2

## 10. REPORTS

#### A. Genesis Jara, ASI President

- Attended 49ers shop BOD
- Executive director search
- participated a young women empowerment event related to higher education,
- part of the search for a University AVP HR and Administration
- Continuing the work in the executive's goals.
- Working on filling appointed vacancies.
- ASI night is Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### B. College Senators

##### 1) College of the Arts: Sen. Ullah

#### **Work completed since last report**

- Retreat

#### **Goals for next two weeks**

- Email Dean Cyrus
- Reach out to Arts Inc.
- Speak to classes
- Promote USU Art Gallery
- Talk to commissioners

#### **Student concerns**

- still talking to students about concerns
- safety
- supply costs

##### 2) College of Business: Sens. Martinez and Soto

**Work completed since last report**

- Met with Dean Solt to discuss plans for Spring semester: monthly focus, plans for growing social media followers for College of Business and ABSOC (college council), usage of BeachBoard
- Attended Conscious Collections
- Attended ASI Winter Retreat
- Attended Beach Team Holiday Potluck
- Helped organize and attended College Council Holiday Potluck
- Discussion with Senator McDonald about promotion of athletics to College of Business council

**Goals for next two weeks**

- Work with College of Business IT to implement plan to begin Instagram page and cross promote with college council social media pages. Promote College and ASI events/resources
- Marketing campaign to grow social media followers to improve awareness to students
- Volunteer for Week of Welcome
- Begin tabling week of February 4<sup>th</sup> (bi-weekly) with monthly focus for each month to coincide with social media outreach
- Reach out to relevant parties in regard to food options (food trucks) in College of Business

**Student concerns**

- No extended hours for computer lab during Finals.
- Students continue to be unhappy with food options in College of Business. Time constraints to get to USU, Outpost, Beach Hut, etc. for hot food.

**Anything else**

- College of Business signage should be up soon. All social media, online-information/maps, letterhead, business cards have already been updated.
- Follow-up on next steps regarding online SPOT evaluations

## 3) College of Education: Sens. Aguilar and Canales

**Work completed since last report:**

- Meeting with the Dean, talked about Ed Week, future projects, and addressed student issues.
- Meeting with ASSA in regard to Social Justice Event in February.
- Lights in EED 2 where fixed!
- Assisted Grad program with collecting incoming applications. All applications have now been closed.

**Student concerns**

- Student asked about "TASK Stream" and whether it is really necessary due to the extra cost of the program.
- Students choosing tracks want more transparency on when they should apply and when they should be taking exams such as CBEST.

**Goals for next two weeks:**

- Keep working with ASSA on planning Social Justice Event.
- Get more information about BeachBites and promote CED staff to use it more regularly.
- Promote CED Scholarships to Liberal Studies students and emphasize professionalism.
- Continue attending Ed Week planning meetings.

**Anything else**

- Ed Week: April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Student at Large for Lobby Corps needed.
- CHES Application had been extended!! Let anyone who is interested know.
- LBSU Women's Rugby will have a home game this Saturday at 11am.

## 4) College of Engineering: Sens. Major and Yee

No report was submitted.

5) College of Health & Human Services: Sens. Fukuda and Phong

**Work completed since last report**

Senator Phong

- Attended Student Council meeting
- Attended Week of Welcome

Senator Fukuda

- Attended Student Council Meeting
- Attended Senate Retreat
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**Goals for next two weeks**

Senator Phong

- Meet with Internship Coordinator for finalizing the internship competition
- Work with Student Council to help with spring grant allocations in March
- Interview candidates for the Associate Dean position on Friday, February 1st

Senator Fukuda

- CHHS beach pantry competition starts Feb 6!
- Learn about the steps for Cal Fresh - understand it more so I can be of service to people who have questions

6) College of Liberal Arts: Sens. Guzman and Kim

**Work completed since last report**

- Sen. Guzman went to winter retreat
- Career closet
- Sen. Kim had the Audit Committee meeting prior to winter break

**Goals for next two weeks**

- Week of Welcome participation

**Student concerns**

- Student ID fee
- Students being dropped from their classes without prior notice
- Graduation update:
  - Several graduating seniors are frustrated that there are lack of updates regarding commencement

**Anything Else:**

- I truly apologize for not being able to go to the meetings. There were some personal conflicts to resolve –Sen. Kim

7) College of Natural Science & Math: Sens. Alvarado and Chan

**Work completed since last report**

- Began planning for Nobel Laureate Speaker to come present on campus
- Met with Joe Nino to help me formulate a plan of attack for some of my goals

**Goals for next two weeks**

- set up meeting with Career Development Center
- set up meeting with CNSM faculty about using Beachboard as a platform for student outreach Associate Dean Slowinski
- finalize Nobel Laureate Speaker event

**11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

- Fukuda: How long will be the campus construction?
  - Haller: There is a campus construction website that gives estimated completion dates.
- McDonald:
  - Men's Basketball: Saturday night, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Invite other students.
- #samehere event, it is open to all students and just need to sign up before the event.
- Senator Jordan:
  - Encouraged other senators to participate in the basketball games.
- Dr. Bose:
  - Next week, feed the need, donate one meal for the semester
  - Residential students want to create a mental health campaign
  - Indicated room changes in the USU
- VP Almahdi :
  - Senators- at large reports are due on Friday
  - Reminded senators to schedule their meetings with Laura.
  - Week of welcome is officially cancelled tomorrow.
  - Let students know about current ASI vacancies
  - Application for CHESS is due on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm.
  - Loop me in any projects or resolutions you are working at
  - Wants to start senator of the week again.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection** Chair Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.