

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #23

February 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Anisah Ullah, ASI College of the Arts (Ar @ 3:32pm)
Robert Martinez, ASI College of Business
Denise Soto, ASI College of Business
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

Alejandra Aguilar, ASI College of Education
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts
VACANT, ASI College of Arts
VACANT, CSULB Faculty Representative

Staff Present

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

3. INVOCATION

CSULB Professor of Sociology Jake Wilson shared the following quote from Howard Zinn:

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places — and there are so many — where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory."

Wilson encouraged and challenged senators to continue the important work ASI does on campus.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Wilson, Peace Corps Representative: Event on March 5th to celebrate 28 years of Peace Corps Service.

Dale Lendrum, Student: Chosen as a finalist for the Student Representative for the CSULB Board of Trustees.

Michael Constable, Student: voiced their opposition to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Jessie Rosales, Women’s foundation of California: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Genesis, Student: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Elaine Jennings, Student: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Sana Sethum WGSSSA: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Jacob Ingram: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24; questioned the Mascot Search Committee; urged Senate to consider at-large seats at the committee for dedicated students.

Autumn Durand, WGSSSA: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Alejandra Gonzalez, Student: voiced their support to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

Stacie Higgins, Student: voiced their opposition to ASI supporting Bill SB 24.

5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Canales (S) Fukuda to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #23, February 20, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Career Closet: volunteered at the successful event; many students attended
- Met with Beach Teamers, along with President Jara

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #22, February 13, 2019

(M) Maya (S) Chen to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #22, February 13, 2019, as amended

- Item #10-D-7: Correct spelling of Alvarado to Alvarez

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #20, February 12, 2019

(M) Canales (S) McDonald to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #20, February 12, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #17, February 7, 2019

(M) McDonald (S) Maya to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #17, February 7, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 18-0-1

- 3) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #7, December 11, 2018
(M) Howansky (S) Ullah to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #7, December 11, 2018
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 18-0-1**

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

- 1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, February 4, 2019
(M)Canales (S) Maya to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, February 4, 2019
McDonald stepped out of the room when voting took place.
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 17-0-1**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2019-09: California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading)
(M) Maya (S) Contreras to approve SR #2019-09: California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading)

Jordan: California Law recognizes abortion as a student need, which provides leverage for the board to take a stand on the issue.

Maya: The Focus of the discussion is not regarding the moral principles but advancing the status of women in California. Everyone should have access to reproductive rights; each university that opts in the program would receive a \$200k grant to fund the program.

Fukuda: There are resources for pregnant women on campus such as pre-natal vitamins available at the Health Center; they sit on the Health Center Advisory Committee with Phong, and they discussed the action moving forward with the program. The service would be only with medication abortion, and no surgical service.

Guzman: There are services at the Student health center such as pregnancy choice counseling, HIV Testing, workshops and referrals for services.

Canales: Reached out to the Health Center, they would not be prepared for this program at the moment. However, it will not be implemented until 2023 and there is funding for training – I have a strong believe that the time and training will be able to make accommodations for this.

Major: Wants to have more opinion from the Student At-Large population.

Martinez: Hearing students talk on the issue helps in deciding a stand on the bill.

Fukuda: Students will seek the abortion service if they want to, the bills is regarding if we want the students to go through many obstacles to achieve what they want in the first place.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-2-4

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: BOD #2019-31: Election of (1) SJEC Student At-Large – Alex Ceja
Canales: What are some projects you are interested about?
Ceja: Finding issues that students are facing to dig in and be in service for them.

(M)Jordan (S) Phong to elect Alex Ceja as SJEC Student At-Large
VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-2

11. REPORTS

A. President Genesis Jara

- New Beach teamers this week
- CSSA – Legislation Process, writing bills with legislators. Advocacy for CHES, focusing on financial aid reform.
- Resolutions for Increase in opportunities for Undocumented Students, President evaluation process procedures
- CSU Student Trustee Position
- Volunteered at the Career Closet
- Meetings with Staff
- Student Advocacy Panel

B. ASI Treasurer Jesse Luna

Status of Funds:

- CYUF Spring: \$7,929
- STF Spring: \$10,237
- Student Research Fund: \$8,465
- USU: \$3,400
- Carpenter Performing Arts Center: 4 waivers
- Athletic Fee Waiver: \$2,023
- Post Season: \$25,00

Spring Grant Allocation Update

- Call for Proposals sent out
- Deadlines: Organizations – March 18th, 2019 and College Councils – March 25th, 2019
- Spring Grant Allocation Information Website.

C. ASI Government Relations Officer Reyaly Villegas

Work completed since last report:

- Lobby Corps Policy Agenda
- CHES Preparations
 - Scheduling legislative visits
 - Conducted interviews
 - Bills of Interest Resolution

Goals for next two weeks:

- Continue CHES Preparations
 - CHES Orientation
 - CHES Saturday Training
- Launch Financial Aid Reform Efforts, consists of:
 - Discuss with the Lobby Corps board about gathering student stories

CSSA Meeting Recaps:

- Will be filming February recap this or the following week.
 - Information about resolutions passed
 - Legislative bills that CSSA decided to support/sponsor

D. CSULB Director of Operations for Financial Management Robyn Ames-Woodyard - Parking Roadshow

- The Parking at CSULB is leading the CSUs in sustainable parking and other innovative measures.
- However, the department is suffering three problems. Number one is spending more than it has, the second being reserve requirements not being met, and third is regarding \$25 million in deferred repairs.
- Overall Parking outlook: Expenses continue to exceed revenues, using savings to cover the difference.

- The solve the current problems, our department will create a list with proposals and present to the University President.

E. ASI At-Large Senator Reports

1) Contreras

No report was submitted.

2) Howansky

Work completed since last report

- Parking committee meeting
- Generosity Feeds Event Update
- SJEC

Goals for next two weeks

- Follow Up with Generosity Feeds Event
- Attend SJEC Meeting
- First Aid Kits Map?

Student concerns

- Beach Hut Hours

Anything Else:

- Mentor High School Students - If interested, visit You Run This Town Foundation website.

3) Jordan

Work completed since last report:

- Academic Senate Meeting 2/7/19
- Tabling for student concerns 2/11/19
- Met up with Senator Yee 2/14/19
- RHA meeting 2/13/19
- Turned in 3 class presentation verification forms
- Attended men's basketball game against UCI 2/2/19
- Attended men's basketball game against Hawaii 2/7/19
- Attended men's volleyball game against Ohio State 2/9/19
- Contacted Sustain U
- Researched bills to add to the Bills of Interest Resolution
- Amendment to the GE policy

Goals for next two weeks:

- Finish drafting EJ resolution
- Turn in more ASI presentation verification forms
- Reach out to Senator McDonald to address student athlete concerns
- Contact donors for Beach Pantry

Student's concerns:

- financial insecurities
- Cracked ceilings
- need outlet sockets near the pool tables in the USU
- GR
- Cramped space for multiple clubs after being kicked out (addressed by Senator Yee)

4) Maya

Work completed since last report

- Went to campus relations committee and gave Sylvana the idea to put trashcans close to the cleaning stations.

- Went to BOC meeting
- Lobby corps:
 - Resolution to support state bills that affect students
 - Gathered more details and information about the bills that we are supporting
 - Conducted CHES interviews
- Passed my Bylaws exam

Goals for next two weeks:

- I have a meeting with the director of the CIE to talk about international students' issues and ideas for improvement
- Keep training and planning for CHES
- I'm trying to organize a food drive with a collaboration of IFC and Panhellenic organizations, so we can provide more food to Beach Pantry

Student concerns:

- From student worker: The outdoor and rock-climbing budget is not enough because all their equipment needs to be replaced and they want to provide more activities for students

5) McDonald

Work completed since last report

- Get ready for #SameHere event.
- Discussion with Senator Martinez regarding for larger student outcome at games
- Attended academic senate
- Met with Kelli Gill, Assistant AD, Marketing regarding larger student outcome.

Goals for the next two weeks:

- Promote Big West Coin Drive at Athletics Events and throughout campus.
- Academic Senate

Student Concerns:

- Escalators

Anything else:

- MBB v CSUN, Tonight 7pm
- WBB v CSUN, tomorrow 7 pm
- Baseball v Nevada, Friday 6pm
- V USD, Tuesday Feb 19th 6pm.
- If you have any ideas to promote BW Coin Drive, reach out to me.

6) Prudencio Gonzales

Work completed since last report

- Attended Board of Control Meetings 18 and 19
- Reminded students and Organizations about upcoming elections
- WASC: Reading and analyzing of evidence
- Scheduled 1-1's with the Vice President

Goals for next two weeks

- HRMC Meeting
- Help promote career closet event
- Contact Student Org Presidents At-Large
 - Attending Basketball Game tonight
- Continue to try to recruit students to fill ASI Student Government Vacancies

Student concerns

- KIN Building Locker rooms (Discussed w/ Senator Fukuda)

12. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Michael Constable: Urged Senators to research abortion procedures and think wisely before taking a stand on the bill.

Jessy Rosales: Abortion is legal in the U.S. and California; the bill is about access to students.

Villegas: Appreciate the discussion in the resolutions, it is geared towards student's needs.

Dr. Bose:

- Call Fresh outreach will be on Feb 27th - Residents from LA county can be approved on site.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Student Success Center on March 15th from 9:30 - 11 am.

Jordan: Asked Executive leaders on updates regarding the Mascot Search Committee.

Almahdi: The process is to have student representatives who were elected in the committee.

Jara: There are many parties involved, we are waiting for approval from the University Administration. All different constituents will be represented.

Maya awarded Senator of the Week to Senator Guzman.

Almahdi: Asked senators to spread the word about current ASI Vacancies and the application for Elections are due on February 22nd at 4pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.