

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting #29
April 10, 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
Denise Soto, ASI College of Business
Robert Martinez, ASI College of Business
Mathew Major, ASI College of Engineering
Yamin Yee, ASI College of Engineering
Alejandra Aguilar, ASI College of Education
Frances Canales, ASI College of Education
Michelle Fukuda, College of Health & Human Services
Ryan Phong, ASI College of Health & Human Services
Augustus Krider, ASI College of Liberal Arts (inducted today)
Brianna Guzman, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Amy Chan, ASI College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Ruben Alvarez, ASI College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Justin Contreras, ASI At-Large
Aaron Jordan, ASI At-Large
Naomi Howansky, 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, 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 Chief of Staff for Student Affairs Travis Tamasese
Tamasese shared the following quote from Gloria Anzaldúa:
*"Though we tremble before uncertain futures
may we meet illness, death and adversity with strength
may we dance in the face of our fears."*
Tamasese then congratulated the board for their work at ASI.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yasenia, ASI Communications Department:

- Movies on the house: USU Beach Auditorium, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 6pm and 9pm.
- Wellness Workshops: All events will be at 4 – 4:30 pm at Beach Balance.

- Understanding your food relationship: April 11th
- Stress Less: May 2nd.
- Game Night at the Rock Wall: Every Friday night in April at the Rock Wall.
- Queer Speed Dating: April 12th, at USU Room 100, 7pm.
- Breaking Fronteras Undocu5k: April 13th, 8am-2pm.
- Coffee with the Dean of Engineering: April 16th, at ECS 312, 5-6 pm.
- Trivia Night: April 16th, at USU Sunset Lounge, 6-8 pm.
- Ken Jeong: April 30th, at Carpenter Performing Arts Center, 7pm.

5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Guzman (S) McDonald to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #29, April 10, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Met with the Chief Diversity Officer Aquino and Senator Jordan regarding the Commissioner for Environmental Justice position, and the job expectation following ASI bylaws.
- Mascot Search Committee
- Senator Augustus Krider is our new College of Liberal Arts Senator.

Dr. Bose conducted the oath of office for Senator Krider

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #28, March 27, 2019

(M) Maya (S) Prudencio Gonzales to approve the Senate Minutes, Meeting #28, March 27, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes Meeting #26, March 26, 2019

(M) Canales (S) McDonald to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #26, March 26, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

2) Action Item: Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #5, February 22, 2019

(M) McDonald (S) Canales to approve Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #5, February 22, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #22, March 14, 2019 (Fix Vacancy on Members Absent)

(M) Alvarez (S) Jordan to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #22, March 14, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-1

4) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, March 21, 2019(Fix Vacancy on Members Absent)

(M) Aguilar (S) Alvarez to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #23, March 21, 2019

Canales stepped out of the room when voting took place

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

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

1) Action Item: USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, January 11, 2019

(M) Alvarez (S) Prudencio Gonzales to approve USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, January 11, 2019

Canales stepped out of the room when voting took place

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

- 2) Action Item: USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #9, February 2, 2019 (Jesse Luna sent a designee)

(M) Guzman (S) Maya to approve USU Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #9, February 2, 2019

Canales stepped out of the room when voting took place

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Action Item: BOD #2019-35: Election of (1) University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Trustee At-Large – John Fakava

Almahdi presented John Fakava's statement in their absence.

(M) Aguilar (S) Ullah to elect BOD #2019-35: John Fakava as University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Trustee At-Large

Aguilar expressed their confidence in electing the candidate.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-2

- 2) Action Item: SR #2019-11: Bylaw Amendment to Institutionalize all ASI Boards/Subcommittee Meeting Times (1st Reading)

Almahdi: Proposed a model for ASI Boards/ Subcommittee meetings, such as Senate, to reduce turnover rates in ASI positions.

(M) Ullah (S) Fukuda to approve SR #2019-11: Bylaw Amendment to Institutionalize all ASI Boards/Subcommittee Meeting Times

Maya: If there is a change in time of the meeting, there will have to have an amendment to the bylaws?

Almahdi: Yes, the purpose is that potential candidates will know the set date and time for the meetings prior to making a commitment to be part of it.

Alvarez: Judiciary will have the option to choose its meeting time?

Almahdi: Yes.

Contreras: Highlighted that SJEC and Lobby Corps Representatives do not know if they will serve on the board prior to choosing their class schedule.

Almahdi: Chiefs are confirmed in early summer, there is enough room for them to accommodate their schedule according to meetings date and time.

Maya: How long have the Boards/Subcommittee been meeting at this date and time?

Almahdi: SJEC is in its second year, Cabinet has been the same for two years, BOC is historically on Tuesdays and Lobby Corp has always been on Thursdays.

Prudencio Gonzales: Highlighted the separation of powers between Judiciary and Legislative branches in ASI.

Fukuda: Advocated for the consistency in meeting times for students.

Major: Is not in favor of having in the bylaws the board/sub-committees date and times. Instead, they advocated for representatives having the power to choose what best accommodates them.

Fukuda: Suggested having in the bylaws the option of voting for a different time.

Phong: This resolution will bring less confusion for future boards.

Contreras: Institutionalizing times and dates for representatives will not assist in lowering turnover rates and will disqualify students at-large that are great fits for the positions.

San Miguel: As an example, from fall to spring semester 2018-2019, three commissioners were lost because of meeting time conflicting with their class schedule. Currently, students do not know meeting times prior to applying to these positions.

Haller: There are not high turnover rates for Senate Meetings because of the consistency of the meeting time.

Fukuda stepped out of the room.

Jordan: Advocated for standard meeting times.

Maya: Echoed Senator Fukuda and Major's idea of having a clause in the bylaws that allows flexibility on meeting times.

Yee stepped out of the room.

Haller: Having 2/3 of the board holding power to change the meeting's time can be a conflict of interest.

Fukuda returned to the meeting.

Yee returned to the meeting.

Haller: Highlighted that Cabinet is under the Executive branch and the president needs to be in accordance with the meeting's date and time.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-2-2

10. REPORTS

A. President Genesis Jara

- Congratulated the new ASI elected students.
- Attended CSULB Hill Day at Washington D.C. to lobby for students' needs.
- Jara will be attending the CSSA meeting this week.
- Attended occurring meetings with the Administration and the last "Take a Sec with the Execs" will happen next week.
- State of the A.S will be happening next week.

B. ASI Commissioner for Women & Gender Equity Affairs Kyla Sazon

Work completed since last report (In collaboration with CSULB's Women and Gender Equity Center)

- Designed preliminary posters/banner/flyers for work orders for upcoming events
- Worked alongside Pam Rayburn to facilitate various events such as the AAUW Start Smart: Negotiating Your Salary Event
- Assisted in the set-up and running of the grand opening of Student Success Center/ new location of Women & Gender Equity Center

- Sat in for CSULB Huddle Discussion regarding Intersectionality (its use as a term/framework & its origins)
- Goals for next two weeks
- Continue Outreach/Marketing for Conscious Collection
 - (previous outreach methods include: filming promotional videos for ASI Comm's IG, tabling, email blasts to faculty/staff, social media posts, etc.)
 - Continue to be present for WGEC's and WGSSSA's events

Student Concerns

- Discussion @ PCSW in Access & Equity Committee: Facilitating workshops for both student population and administrators regarding macroaggressions' & their effects (similar to the one presented at retreat)
- Possibility for UC & CSU campuses to administer the abortion pill

Upcoming Events:

- Take Back the Night (April 10th, 5:30 PM in USU Alamos Room)
- Live Your Life Day w/ Project OCEAN (April 16th, 11 AM in Central Quad)
- Conscious Collection (April 18th, 6 PM in USU-100)

C. ASI At-Large Senators

1) Senator Maya

Work completed since last report

- Met with Stephanie Torres to discuss the tech rental project
- Lobby corps meeting
- USU Campus relations committee designee

Goals for next two weeks

- Keep working with commissioner Triska on the Global Ambassador Program
- Meet with the USU director to discuss the tech rental project
- Advocacy day

2) Senator McDonald

Work completed since last report

- Mascot Search Working Group
- Met with Kelli Gill → follow up for College Competition
- Together We Rise panelist
- Academic Senate

Goals for next two weeks

- Attend Academic Senate
- One on one with VP Almahdi

Anything Else:

- Upcoming Games:
 - MVB v Hawaii, Friday, April 12, 7pm, Pyramid
 - WBVB v Cal Friday, April 12, 11:30, Sand VB Courts
 - BB v CSUN, Fri. April 12, 6pm, Sat. 6pm, Sun. 1 pm
 - SB v CSUF, Sat, April 13, 1 & 3pm, Sun. 4 pm
 - Both Saturday games can be streamed online ESPN3

3) Senator Prudencio Gonzales

Work completed since last report:

- Attended Board of Control Meetings
- WASC Subcommittee
- Gathering more information
- Scholarship Review

Goals for next two weeks:

- ATI Meeting
- Spring Grant Allocation Hearings
- 1-1 Vice President Almahdi
- HRMC Meeting
- Meet with Senators-Elect

4) Senator Contreras
No report was submitted.

5) Senator Jordan
No report was submitted.

6) Senator Howansky
No report was submitted.

11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Dr. Bose: Residence Hall Week of Wellness will happen from April 15 – 18th.

Guzman: Invited students to attend the Breaking Fronteras Undocu5k.

Jordan: Met with VP Apel and Students At-Large regarding Skateboarding Project.

Aguilar: Invited the board to attend Ed Week.

Ullah: Inequality in Public Education Event, April 16th, 5-7pm, USU-253

Senator Alvarez awarded Senator of the Week to Senator Chan.

Almahdi: Spread the word about Conscious Collection, and the final date to submit resolutions proposals to Senate will be April 18th.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5pm.