

THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
Meeting #14
November 6, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Nickolas Altman, ASI College of the Arts
Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education (Ar @ 3:38pm)
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering
Cassie Cabading, College of Health & Human Services
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services
Minoli De Silva, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Daniel Galindo, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee (Ar @ 3:32pm)

Voting Members Absent

Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large

Staff Present

Miles Nevin, Ed.D., ASI Executive Director
Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives

3. INVOCATION – CSULB Nutrition and Dietetics Faculty Dr. Gail Frank

Frank spoke on the importance of mental health, mental wellbeing, and being aware of our emotions. Frank referenced UCLA colleague Dr. Leiberman’s research findings that show that when we define the emotion to ourselves (i.e. “I’m feeling anxious”), the thinking portion of our brains become activated which allows us to control the emotion and move forward. Frank encouraged the board to be aware of and name our emotions, so that we can maintain a healthy mental wellbeing.

Almahdi departed chambers – Ortiz assumed position as chair.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Chiu (S) De Silva to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #14, November 6, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 19-0-0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE VICE CHAIR

- 100 Classes 100 Days: 61 classes completed; an email was sent out today for those who haven't completed their assignment; initiative's goal must be reached.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #13, October 30, 2019

(M) De Silva (S) Lendrum to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #13, October 30, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-0

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #12, October 22, 2019

(M) Triska (S) Cabading to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #12, October 22, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-0

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #9, October 24, 2019

(M) Altman (S) Torres to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #9, October 24, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-0

3) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #3, October 8, 2019

(M) Hafen (S) Chiu to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #3, October 8, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-0

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #8, October 21, 2019

(M) Galindo (S) Phong to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #8, October 21, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 20-0-0

9. REPORTS

A. Information Item: ASI President Lizbeth Velasquez **TC 3:45pm**

Villegas presented Velasquez's report on their behalf.

Villegas called for a moment of silence for CSULB student Raihan Dakhil and their family who were struck and killed by a drunk driver on Halloween night.

- Encouraged board to use the support resources of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Attended USU/SRWC services focus group for student leaders
- ASI Government leadership input and participation, especially with focus groups, is valuable and crucial
- Met with Chancellor White and staff to discuss 4th-year qualitative reasoning; looking forward to the possibility of forming a task force to include K-12, CSU, students, and stakeholders; vote will be on Tuesday, Nov 19th; please come to meeting to voice opposition
- Commended Almahdi on their dedicated efforts to a successful Students of Color Conference

B. Information Item: ASI Treasurer Reyaly Villegas **TC 3:50pm**

- Financial Literacy Workshop, Student Loans: turnout wasn't as large as previous ones; marketing needs to happen more ahead of time

- Financial Literacy Workshop, Scholarships: due to their own planned workshops, the Scholarship Office did not express interest in collaborating with our workshop
- Board of Control (BOC), Student Travel Fund: discussing implementing a \$200 limit, once a year, for conference attendance only
- Scholarships: now open; will be a discussion item at next week's BOC meeting
- Intercollege Beach Pantry: College of the Arts is the first college to participate
- 15% reserves: now accessible to all college councils

C. Information Item: ASI Chief Academic Officer Joe Phillips **TC 3:55pm**

Work Completed:

- Committee reporting software almost fully updated
- Only 4 more committee vacancies to fill (94% filled)
- Met w/ Provost and discussed graduation requirements, student safety concerns, etc.
- Attending all meetings: CEPC, GEGC, Acad. Senate Exec., Cabinet, etc.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Fill remaining 4 committee vacancies
- Keep following up on year-long goals
- Start extending reporting software to spring-time dates/times

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Student safety continues to be an ongoing concern particularly in regards to faculty being trained on how to handle situations such as shelter-in-place procedures
 - How can we push for more faculty to receive trainings on these sorts of emergencies?

Did You Know?

- "...after his tour of the Galapagos Islands, Charles Darwin brought back a five-year-old tortoise he named Harriet. She outlived her adopter by 124 years, ultimately making it to a whopping 176 years old. Harriet lived out her final years as part of the family of Steve "Crocodile Hunter" Irwin in Australia, until she passed away, in 2006." <https://bestlifeonline.com/crazy-random-facts/>

D. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Reece Renninger **TC 4:05pm**

Work Completed:

- Attended Week of Welcome, Engineering Week of Welcome, and the Welcome Back Event hosted by Vet Net to conduct outreach.
- Visited outside veteran services offices to see what was provided and how we could improve.
- Researched grants applicable to Veteran Service Office to gain additional funding.
- Collaborated with Veteran Services Office for the Game Night at the Nugget.
- Set-up the framework for the Veteran 5K to be reestablished, however Vet Net has decided as of 10/28/2019, that they want to go with a different event.
- Did outreach through 22 West radio show, A Mindful Moment, for events and commissioner role.
- Collaborated with Vet Net for the Meditation Week event, and we are continuing to work on the Social Event and Alumni Mixer.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Identify a new event for Vet Net to begin working on before the start of next semester.
- Continue collaborating with the ptsdusa.org representatives to acquire space on campus for their peer group meetings.
- Outreach for the Meditation Week event for veterans.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Ptsdusa.org representative on campus has been trying to establish an on-site meet up for a peer group.
- Lack of resources through Veteran Services Office (I have reached out to several resources off campus, unfortunately with no results)

Did You Know?

- There are almost 600 veterans on the CSULB campus!
- The United States Marine Corps will be celebrating its 244th birthday, since creation on November 10th.

E. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Pregnant and Parenting Students Joelle Bobadilla

Work Completed:

- All campus shuttle employees have been informed that children are able to ride on the campus shuttles alongside their CSULB student parent/caregiver
- Teamed up with IPCDC to advertise events and create future events with one another
- On November 14th, there will be the event for a family friendly Zumba exercise class
- Began the student study hours at the Family Friendly Study Center in the Library (this is where parents can take their children into the library with them and have certified students who have volunteered help watch their children while they study)
- Worked with Jeff Klaus to submit a form that will allow a Family/Pregnant Parent Student resource center to be considered if a space opens up on campus

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Planning and scheduling upcoming events for the spring semester. One being a family socializing event at the bowling alley and the other being a family friendly movie night to see Frozen 2
- Updating the website for Pregnant and Parent students to be up to date and be easier to navigate.
- Creating consistent exercise classes that are child friendly at the rec. center and a waiver that allows children to go into the recreation center with their parent/caregiver.
- Meeting to ensure the continuation of the parent and child supported study session in the library for the upcoming semester.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Lack of general understanding of their rights and the fact that they do not have one location they can go to get their questions answered. Currently pregnant and parent students are redirected all over campus to get their questions answered. The WGEC is the location supporting pregnant and parent students however, this location is one that some fathers feel uncomfortable going to. The lack of general information for their resources can be fixed by updating the pregnant and parent student website. The lack of an area to get questions answered and to be inclusive to all parents can be addressed by creating a Family resource center.
- Senate did create a resolution in 2018 to support and help aid in the creation of a Family Resource Center (Bill number 2018-28). I would like to get together with some of the senators to find ways we can support this and ensure it is continually being worked on.
- Interactions with counselors on campus have left pregnant and parent students feeling discouraged, unsupported and misunderstood. Some have been told they have to be “realistic” or “choose” between their families and school.
- Many students feel there is a negative stigmatism about being a parent student (specifically younger parent student) and are hoping to find ways to educate the campus on what being a parent student is like to fight against this.
- No support groups specifically set up for fathers (will be working on this in the upcoming month)
- Students who are not parents are often using the Family Friendly Study Center and they will take up large spots at the table. These students also make the parent/pregnant students feel uncomfortable when they bring their children with them. So although this space was created for pregnant/parent students they do not feel it is for them. They do not feel comfortable utilizing the space and bringing their children with them.

Did You Know?

- 4.8 million Undergraduate students are raising dependent children.
- Of the total student parent population: 71% Women (3.4 million), 29% Men (1.4 million).
- 43% parenting students are single mothers (2 million); 11% are single fathers (533,000).
- 32% of college women are raising dependent children.
- 13% of students are single parents.
- Almost 5% of students have a child under the age of 1.

- 12% of students have at least 1 child under the age of 5
- These statistics were collected by Institute for Women's Policy Research, *4.8 Million College Students are Raising Children*, <http://www.iwpr.org/publications/pubs/4.8-million-college-students-are-raising-children>

F. Information Item: ASI Executive Director Dr. Miles Nevin

- Thanked ASI staff for their dedicated efforts to planning and holding a thoughtful vigil for the Awaida family that were struck and killed by a drunk driver on Halloween night; the IPCDC has been very affected by this incident.
- Finalized the submission on all items on the IPCDC annual audit
- Provided first financial statements for USU/ASI to Board of Control
- Happy to meet with all of you 1 on 1 at any time
- Starting budget planning thought next cycle does not start until July 2020
- ASI Feeds adjustment; tied to Inflation
- Continuing with wage increases which has huge impact on the organization because of huge number of students and staff employed
- On the Human Resource side, we have two new staff this week; Digital Media Coordinator and new school teacher at IPCDC
- Next two recruitments coming up; Fitness Coordinator at Rec Center and the Assistant Executive Director
- Former student leader Mary Zendejas was elected to city council; she is the first person in a wheelchair elected on City Council Long Beach; significant time for the city

G. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1. Sen. Deng and Sen. Hossain - HOUSING

Work Completed:

- Audre Lorde Service.
- RHA Mtgs and Halloween Maze Tabling.
- Jody Cormack Review.
- Meeting with Parking.
- Focus group.
- Bi partisan talk attended with Lobby Corps.
- Mtg with Corry.
- Completed ASI-CSULB Scholarship Review
- President Scholar outreach - interest in ASI

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Please sign up to help with Lobby Corps' **Voter Registration Drive November 13th** alongside the Farmers Market 10 am - 2 pm
- Collaborate with Commissioners Hayli and Heather on Resolution.
- Meet with VC of Academic Senate
- Attend Academic Senate

Student Concerns/Issues:

- There is little to no lighting on the bus stop across the street from the library.
- The bike racks outside the rec center have low lighting.
- The rec center has inconveniently placed outlets for students doing work.
- Where did the \$5 menu in the Dining Plaza go?

Did You Know?

- Free Minds Poetry Event; Read a Poem. React to a Poem. Spread Humanity; 11/5/19; UHP, 5th Fl., LIB 5:30-7:00pm
- Perl Poetry functions as a poem and also as an archaic form of coding. It is amazing that there is so much beauty in the intersection of disciplines!

2. Sen. Galindo and Sen. Ortiz - ATHLETICS

Work Completed:

- Met with Faris Babineaux and Naomi Hunt ASI Officers and SAAC co-presidents
 - They would like to be included in our monthly meetings with Dr. Andy Fee
- Financial Literacy Workshop
- CSULB women's soccer vs. Riverside

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Future meeting with Dr. Ortiz (LFSA)
 - To discuss lack of Latinx Faculty
- Voter Registration Drive 11/13
- CSULB Homecoming Basketball games 11/09

Student Concerns/Issues:

- La Raza having trouble with Dia de los Muretos event; Competing events with Beach Pride.

Did You Know?

- 2nd Annual Open Forum Night; AB 540 and Undocumented Students; November 21; 6:30-8:30pm; USU-306

Almahdi returned chambers and resumed their position as chair.

3. Sen. Phong and Sen. Triska - GRADUATE & TRANSFER STUDENTS

Work Completed:

- Visited the Graduate Studies Resource Center (GSRC) as an effort to establish a relationship with them.
- Pizza with the Police – 10/24/19

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Start a conversation about creating a SOAR for graduate students
- Visit the Beach Transfer Transition Center
 - Find out how National Transfer Week went
- Ryan – work with USUBOT Chair, Xan Balayan, to add CSO/Police business number on back of IDs
- Stephany – Continue to work with Commissioner Schmoll and Vice President Almahdi on Resolution regarding Student Life inclusivity for Students with Disabilities

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Students were complaining about long wait times for drop-in advising
- Degree Planner tool on MyCSULB is not really effective to track students' progress towards graduation.

Did You Know?

- When CSULB was established in 1949, in the first fall semester, classes were held in an apartment building on Anaheim Road!!

H. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Affairs Greg Figueroa **TC 4:10pm**

Work Completed:

- Created and led a coalition for LGBTIQ+ student organizations composed of student leaders and faculty
- Accepted into the Condom Collective and working with the organization to get more free condom dispensers on campus
- Collaborated with the Career Development Center and moderated the OUT at Work Panel for OUTober
- Worked with Beach Pride Events to publicize Queer Speed Dating and Drag Bingo

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continue my work on behalf of the coalition to ensure our next meeting on November 25th runs smoothly
- Work with BPE and Chief Diversity Officer Maythe Alderete Gonzalez and Commissioner Hayli Antoniewicz on Womxn and Queer Market
- Meet with Queers and Allies about possible event to publicize the LGBT Students Resource Center

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Lack of publicity about resources available to LGBTQ+ identifying students
- All gender restrooms not being as available and easily accessible
- Contraceptives, i.e. condoms and dental dams, not available or free

Did You Know?

- California State University - Long Beach has been given a 4 out of 5 stars on the Campus Pride Index, classifying it as a very LGBTQ+ friendly campus!

10. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Almahdi:

- Senate reports are due by Fridays, 12pm.
- All ASI government leaders need to fulfil their responsibility to complete the 100 Classes in 100 Days initiative.

Sajjan awarded Senator of the Week to Deng.

San Miguel: commended Ortiz for stepping up and chairing a successful meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:28pm.