

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #15**  
November 13, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:32pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts  
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business  
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business (Ar @3:42pm)  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education  
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 (Dp @ 4:45pm)  
Minoli De Silva, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large  
Daniel Galindo, ASI At-Large  
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large  
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative  
Piya Bose, Ph.D., CSULB President Designee

Voting Members Absent

Nickolas Altman, ASI College of the Arts  
Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science  
& Math  
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large  
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large

Staff Present

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

**3. INVOCATION** – Assistant Director, University Student Union (USU) Services Iraida Venegas

Venegas shared “Your Forces and How to Use Them” by Christian D. Larson. Venegas encouraged the board to be aware of their tremendous abilities which can lead to success with the proper attitude. Venegas wished the board success on their finals and reminded them to live in the moment.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ricki McManuis, Director, Government and Community Relations: Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, Maxson Plaza, partnering with 2<sup>nd</sup> & PCH Shopping Center for a hiring event; part and full –time positions available.

Morgan Weber, Founder, Butterfly Effect: Nov 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-3pm, 24-hour sleep out event on campus to bring awareness to food, transportation, and housing insecurity among undergraduates.

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

**(M) Deng (S) Hafen to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #15, November 13, 2019**

- Item #10-B: Remove time certain as report will be presented on their behalf in their absence

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-1**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- Attending weekly meetings
- Working with senators on resolutions, such as what's to be reviewed today
- Encouraged the board to revisit their goals, as they are, as we near the end of semester; goals may change according to student needs and to better serve them
- Update on the 100 classes 100 days will be given at next meeting; each ASI Government leader is responsible for a minimum of two classes

**7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #14, November 6, 2019

**(M) Triska (S) De Silva to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #14, November 6, 2019**

**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 #13, October 29, 2019

**(M) Chiu (S) Lendrum to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #13, October 29, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, October 31, 2019

**(M) Deng (S) Hernandez to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, October 31, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

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

- 1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #9, October 28, 2019

**(M) Galindo (S) Cabading to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #9, October 28, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

- 2) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #3, October 21, 2019

**(M) Phong (S) Triska to accept Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #3, October 21, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 18-0-1**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-05: Support for the Fair and Equitable Compensation of Academic Student Employees (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Douvan (S) Deng to approve Support for the Fair and Equitable Compensation of Academic Student Employees (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Triska: As an hourly-based Academic Student employee, they'd recommend making a distinction between hourly and salary employees, especially for understanding benefits.

Almahdi: on Lines 10 and 11, are graduate assistant TA's or GA's? Please clarify for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Lendrum: GA's.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-06: Increased Support and Access for Students with Disabilities (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**10. REPORTS**

- A. Information Item: ASI President - Lizbeth Velasquez – State of the Associated Students **TC 3:45pm**  
Velasquez highlighted some of the following ASI accomplishments:

- Smorgasport: successful, highest attendance, yet
- Farmers Market: brought it back
- Wellness Week: led the charge for this campus event
- Students of Color Conference: led by VP Almahdi, provided empowering workshops
- X

Velasquez highlighted continuing pursuits for the spring semester

- Fight for issues that concern students
- Lobby Corps: voter registration efforts, voter engagements, civic engagement
- 1<sup>st</sup> year students: integration to university and encourage meaning cultural exchanges
- Legal clinics: professional advice on issues ranging from rights, to parking citations, to legal disputes
- Financial Literacy Workshop Series: topics ranging from credit/debit card, to student loans
- Accessibility: advocacy for disabled students
- Increased university collaboration: initiatives such as the university mascot search, parking, sustainability
- Student Professional Development: expanding workshop offerings
- Mental Health Initiatives: expanded Beach Balance

Velasquez commended ASI leadership for their ongoing, dedicated efforts to serving students, and encouraged them to look forward to what can and will be accomplished in the spring.

- B. Information Item: ASI Chief Diversity Officer Maythe Alderete **TC 3:50pm**

Work Completed:

- Agents of Change w/Julio Salgado & Yosimar Reyes
- Audre Lorde Day of Service
- Student Cultural Resource Board Meeting
- Social Justice Equity Committee
- Presidents Commission on the Status of Women

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Encourage cabinet to fulfill 100 days 100 classes
- Cabinet and Senate Collaboration to Table
- Continue to plan for Womxn & Queer Market and Multicultural Festival

Student Concerns/Issues:

- accessibility throughout campus
- Lack of support and services for Undocumented students
- Gender neutral restrooms and Lactation rooms on the map

Upcoming Cabinet Events:

- AB540 and Undocumented Students Commissioner Andrade
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Forum – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8pm in USU 205

- C. Information Item: ASI Chief Government Relations Officer Katherine Pham **TC 3:55pm**

Work Completed:

- Passed Policy Agenda last meeting
- Voter registration drive today
- Scheduled two legislative district visits for next week with Asm. Steven Choi and Asm. Jose Medina

#### Goals for the Next Month:

- Conducting CHES interviews this Friday
- Attending the November CSSA Plenary with President Velazquez this weekend
- Start discussion on vision for Advocacy Day next semester

#### Did You Know?

- Chancellor Timothy P. White retirement
  - Multiple open forums will be hosted for feedback regarding search for the next chancellor
  - Wednesday, November 20 from 2-4 PM @ CSU Office of the Chancellor here in Long Beach
- CSSA organizational changes
- We still have a vacancy for the Student-at-Large position, spread the word!

#### D. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Wellness Affairs Janet Chung **TC 4pm**

##### Work Completed:

- Week of Wellness 10/21-10/25
  - Outreach
  - Planning with Wellness Committee (gave feedback and ways to improve participation)
- Mental Health Townhall 10/21
  - Attended as one of the panelist
- Segment on “A Mindful Moment” with 22 West Radio Show 10/30/2019
  - Bring awareness to mental wellbeing & promoted various programs & resources our campus provides
  - Promoted Project OCEAN’s Light the Night with Hope
- Attended meetings with SHAC, MHAB, Wellness Committee, LTNWH

##### Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continue planning Project OCEAN’s Light the Night with Hope
  - Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
  - Location: CSULB at Friendship Walk.
- Work with Melissa Soto (Campus Planner) to be a part of the conversation on increasing resting stations for students and different ways to beautify the campus
- Assisting Health & Wellness Associate Interview Committee with interviewing their next candidate for Health & Wellness Outreach Coordinator.
- Work with CAPs and ASI Communications to refine appearance of the CAPs webpage.

##### Student Concerns/Issues:

- Increasing visibility of CAPs office and reconditioning the appearance of Brotman Hall
- Improving the advertisement for Wellness Week for next year
- Students are still unaware of resources available on campus and also ways to get involved with ASI
- Putting CAPs signs and QR code in more visible spaces and make the signs more eye catching

##### Did You Know?

[http://www.gazettes.com/news/csulb-project-prevents-student-suicide/article\\_8c655d06-9bcc-11e6-bf50-2791aa5e26bc.html](http://www.gazettes.com/news/csulb-project-prevents-student-suicide/article_8c655d06-9bcc-11e6-bf50-2791aa5e26bc.html)

- Project OCEAN - Prevents CSULB Student from Suicide  
“When she was in sixth grade, Katherine Boeckmann said she began having anxiety symptoms. The panic attacks started a year and a half ago, she said, during her first two years at California State University, Long Beach. The 25-year-old is doing well now, she said, thanks to the school’s suicide prevention program — Project OCEAN (On-Campus Emergency Assistance Network). The program recently had its Light the Night with Hope event, which included lighting candles to support someone with mental illness.  
But she said she never thought she’d make it this far.”

#### E. Information Item: ASI Executive Director Dr. Miles Nevin Nothing to report.

F. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1. College of Education: Sens. Lendrum and Douvan

Work Completed:

- USU/SRWC Focus Group
- Res. to support the fair and equitable compensation of Academic Student Employees at CSULB.
- Met with Lindsay San Miguel
- Academic Senate - Lengthy GR debate
- Pizza with the Dean - (43 Students/90 minutes)
- Assigned to Dean's Review Committee

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Academic Senate
- Increase org. part. in COESA
- College of Ed walk!
- Schedule next Pizza with the Dean
- Follow up on COED specific student concerns raised at PWTD

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Lack of empathy faced by parenting students
- absences due to parenting confictions

Did You Know?

- The College of Education recently awarded over 240 scholarships worth over \$500,000!

2. College of Engineering: Sens. Chiu and Sajjan

Work Completed:

- Submitted GR information piece to the Engineering College Council
- Academic Senate Committee
  - a. CSGR is yet in debate and many amendments to be resolved.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continue to showcase ASI and school resources to all engineering intro classes.
- Planning the 3rd Coffee with the Dean event on Nov 18th.
- Collaborating with Senator Triska, Senator Williams and Commissioner for international student affairs to work on scholarship smart goals.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- A concern regarding online college class registration technical issues for transfer students.
- Issue regarding class registration with instructors switching out.
- There is no healthy food available on vending machines.
- Giving lot of interviews during final semester. 3 to 4 hour-interviews so requesting a private room which has a white board.

Did You Know?

- A Billionaire Intends to Buy 15% of the Planet to Protect It -
  - Hansjörg Wyss has pledged to donate a billion dollars toward environmental conservation.

3. College of Health & Human Services: Sens. Cabading and Hafen

Work Completed:

- Scheduled meeting with CHHS Dean to discuss possible collaboration
- (Sen. Cabading) 1:1 with Lindsay
  - Discussed resignation
  - Discussed further details for Mental Health Event

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Distribute flyers throughout CHHS buildings
- Finalize a tabling event for CHHS students to bring their concerns to us

- Work with Glennys Rubio on election for Spring semester

Student Concerns/Issues:

- No Microbiology course offered in Spring semester specifically for pre-nursing students

Did You Know?

- The first Pan-African holiday, known as Kwanzaa, was founded and created by CSULB professor Dr. Maulana Karenga, who is currently a professor of Africana studies.

4. College of Liberal Arts: Sens. Hernandez and De Silva

Work Completed:

- Meet with Chicano and Latino Studies Professor Dr. Anna Sandoval (former Chair)
  - Always good to have more professors on staff
  - Process of hiring two new Profs for Fall 2020

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Meet with Dr. Gasior (UHP director)
  - gain a faculty member's perspective on mental health on campus
  - she has previous experience
- Collaboration for Bike to School Week
  - Meet with Parking for marketing
  - In talks with Senator Hafen & Sajjan - President's Commission on Sustainability
- Meeting with Dean Wallace
  - Discuss possible tabling
  - other concerns

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Study Abroad Application's final steps was too rushed
  - only had two days to acquire & complete several documents, letters of recs, Visa photos, and personal statement

Did You Know?

- Since it's getting colder, time to check our air quality
  - 0-5- AQI is good
  - LB has been around 122 AQI lately

5. College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Sens. Chakkalakal and Lam

Work Completed:

- CNSM Communication v.2
- Study areas
- Proposal draft for hydration/ water-filling station
  - Research
- Dr. Bill
  - Connecting with transfer students
  - ✓ SOAR?

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- In-progress Movie night
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft for hydration/ water-filling station
- Figuring out the best way to students to voice out concerns/issues
  - Beachboard?

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Thanksgiving break

Did You Know?

- Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

6. College of Business: Sens. Torres and Williams

#### Work Completed:

- Attended Academic Senate Retreat
  - Discussed creating an information system to strengthen the relation between compassionate behavior and community building
- Rolled out ABSOC Org guest speaker parking budget

#### Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continue proposal with ASI USUBOT Chair Balayan regarding potential collaboration for campus-wide Calculator Loan Program
- Continue working on College of Business Calculator Loan Program and improved lighting
- Ensuring organization are respectful of their space within the space they've been granted from COB.

#### Student Concerns/Issues:

- Supply Chain students concerned about the lack of offerings of required coursework
  - has led to some students to major changes and/or delayed graduation
- Reserved seats for classes
  - Graduating seniors are confused as to why they can't register when they fit the requirements

#### Did You Know?

- You could receive a one or two-year fellowship for any UC MBA Program?
  - ✓ Apply for the UC SIEML Program
    - All-expenses paid trip to UC Davis for 11 Days to learn about the UC MBA Experience

### 7. College of the Arts: Sens. Bibilonia and Altman

#### Work Completed:

- Connected with Student Ambassador
- Scheduled meeting with the Dean
- 100 Classes 100 Days in progress
- Senator pictures
- Reached out to DSA regarding portfolio workshop

#### Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Having all clubs become active members of community.
- Continue compiling list of alumni contacts.
- Reach out to all COTA Ambassadors.

#### Student Concerns/Issues:

- Concerns over the sanitary conditions of the bathrooms at BCCM.
- One concern over the lack of accessibility for CAPS services.

#### Did You Know?

- L'Apres-midi-d'un Faune is an art installation in the dance departments building that combines facets of various arts and outlines choreography to the piece.

## 11. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Brandon Ha, student and Homecoming royalty: shared the following quote from Confucius "Study the past if you would define the future"; Ha stated that We as humans have always made mistakes in terms of discrimination but if we're open to learn from those mistakes we can move forward; Ha offered their assistance and support.

Deng:

- Supreme Court currently deliberating DACA, which has a huge effect on students; encouraged the board to show solidarity and compassion
- Attended Honors Conference In Louisiana; there was much discussion on recruiting people of color; reminded board that advocacy can put us in uncomfortable situations but it's necessary.

Deng awarded Senator of the Week to Hossain.

Lendrum:

- voiced concern over recent personal experiences with ageism on campus; was advised to look more young in election publicity photos, and was asked to leave and reenter facility at Homecoming
- Commended Beach Pride Events and Athletics for a successful Homecoming event
- Commended Williams, a fellow formerly incarcerated student, for their support and inspiration

De Silva: received CSULB Alert regarding carjacking incident; encouraged board to be aware of surroundings.

Bose:

- Individuals working with the campus with physical masterplan will be on campus next week to gather student feedback; invited the board to join focus sessions
- Thanked ASI for having a Farmer's Market; very beneficial not only to students but faculty and staff, as well
- Encouraged everyone to self-care especially with the coming finals and holidays

Deng: thanked ASI leaders for participating in the Voter Registration Drive; encouraged self-care; offered personally written poems at the Farmer's Market.

Almahdi:

- One Lobby Corps Student At-Large vacancy
- Complete your 100 Classes/100 Days responsibility
- Focus Group, Campus Planning: Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-2pm
- Show up to meetings to represent the students who elected us

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:02pm.