

**THE SENATE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #16**  
November 20, 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  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education (Ar @ 3:31pm)  
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  
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science & Math  
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large  
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

Voting Members Absent

Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business  
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

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

**3. INVOCATION – Dr. Patience Bryant, Director, Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development**

Bryant shared American filmmaker Ava DuVernay’s acceptance speech for the Glamour’s 2019 Women of the Year award on what success means to them. To DuVernay, success means interrogating, understanding, and relearning the rules and systems that we’ve been taught. Bryant encouraged the Senate to “Keep bringing the truth with you. And the truth is, you are excellent.”

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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

**(M) Triska (S) Chakkalakal to approve the Senate Agenda, Meeting #16, November 20, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 20-0-0**

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Self-care, especially during Finals Week
- There will not be a Senate meeting next week due to Fall break
- President Velasquez and I met with University Police Chief Solorzano; discussed campus safety issue of the classroom locks, as well as that campus officers now have body cameras that document all interactions
- Campus Planning Focus Group: yesterday; great feedback and discussion
- Last Senate meeting for the semester is Dec 4<sup>th</sup>
- Notify by tomorrow, 12pm, if you cannot attend subcommittee meetings next semester so that position can be filled at the next Senate meeting

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #15, November 13, 2019

**(M) De Silva (S) Lam to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #15, November 13, 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 #14, November 5, 2019

**(M) Torres (S) Triska to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #14, November 5, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 20-0-1**

- 2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #11, November 7, 2019

**(M) Altman (S) Cabading to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #11, November 7, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 20-0-1**

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-05: Support for the Fair and Equitable Compensation of Academic Student Employees (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Lendrum: reviewed the suggested revisions and requested the following additional changes:

- line 10: add designation of salaried to GA
- line 11: add designation of hourly to ISA's

**(M) Deng (S) Douvan to approve Support for the Fair and Equitable Compensation of Academic Student Employees (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading), as amended**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-2**

De Silva: do the TA's and GA's also receive benefits like medical benefits?

Lendrum: no they only receive a paycheck.

San Miguel: Student from another board asked if this would impact a tuition increase down the road.

Lendrum: Don't think it would have an impact great enough for tuition increase.

Triska: Do you think providing those benefits would impact the number of people hired for this position going forward? Preference is given to TA's and ISA's are only hired if there are open spots?

Lendrum: Lot of it has to do with what the department's budget is, the number of students they are enrolling into these programs that are assisted by them.

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

Triska reviewed the proposed revisions:

lines 55: ASI *continues* to add

line 56: *adds closed captioning*

**(M) Hossain (S) Lendrum to approve Increased Support and Access for Students with Disabilities (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-2**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-07: Lock Installations for All Classroom Doors and Building Facilities (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Douvan to approve Lock Installations for All Classroom Doors and Building Facilities (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-2**

Deng: can we add language requesting professors include some safety tips at the beginning of the semester.

Almahdi: mandating trainings is out of our jurisdiction; however, we can include language that tells the university that it is something the students want.

Ortiz: at Campus Planning Focus Group, the director of facilities mentioned that classrooms with a 60-seat minimum would be completed first; requested that the finalized resolution be sent to the person in charge of the locks as well.

Lendrum: Question for Jarvis, are faculty mandated to take training for these kind of situations?

Jarvis: We receive emails notification of training opportunities but they are not mandatory.

Phong: per an update from University Police Chief Solorzano, 38 of 235 spaces have had completed; Physical Planning and Facility Maintenance (PPFM) plans on completing an additional 38 rooms by the end of fall semester.

## 11. REPORTS

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

- Met with folks from Chancellor's Office regarding the importance of faculty development in understanding diversity in order to better educate and support students
- Requested that everyone share with their constituent that campus police are now wearing body cameras
- Texting to 9-1-1 will go directly to University Police
- Thanked those who joined them at the open forum at the Chancellor's Office to provide input on what's needed in a new chancellor; there's a search committee touring the CSU campuses to gather feedback
- CSSA student representation: CSSA Student Trustee Juan Garcia serves on the Chancellor Search Committee, and CSSA President Michael Wiafe serves on the Special Advisory Committee
- Attended CSSA this past weekend,
  - deliberated the new CSSA constitution put forward by the Internal Affairs Committee which had an amendment of the removal of the SJEC and Sustainability officers; an amendment was made to keep those officers within our constitution
  - discussed the need to support AB1460 which is an Ethnic requirement Bill; a stance has not been taken, yet, but discussion was begun on how it would affect students in the future

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

- Thanked everyone who attended the Campus Planning Focus Group
- Two weeks ago, Sen Galindo presented recommendations on the ASI Scholarships rubric; will be moving forward in creating a rubric prototype to be approved by BOC before winter break
- The BOC meeting recently reviewed a program grant for a certification course; the board discussed funding eligibility when an event targets a specific student population; while the board agreed on an appropriate

funding amount, they discussed adding language to the application that certification courses will not be eligible for funding

- Congratulated Lam, who received an award at Annual Biomedical Research Conference last week

C. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for Women and Gender Equity Affairs Hayli Antoniewicz **TC 3:55pm**

Work Completed:

- Ongoing: "How-to-Series" with the Women's & Gender Equity Center
- Office of Equity and Diversity - Title IX Peer Advocacy/RISE@LB Program
- General student advocacy

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Continuing collaboration efforts with the Office of Equity and Diversity as well with the Women's & Gender Equity Center
- Collaborating with Beach Pride to plan the upcoming Womxn & Queer Market on December 4th
- PCSW Subcommittee: Equity & Access Survey

Student Concerns/Issues

- Concerns with triggering displays on our campus & how to protect our students.
- Concerns with free speech that comes across as hate speech

Did You Know?

- August 18th, 2020 will mark the 100th year anniversary of the 19th Amendment, allowing womxn the right to vote.

D. Information Item: ASI Beach Pride Events Lead Leanne Meyers **TC 4pm**

Past events

- Dia de los Muertos: the successful Oct 31<sup>st</sup> event featured live music, cultural food, and students brought photos of a passed loved one for the ofrenda
- Students of Color Conference: the successful Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> featured workshops and keynote speakers
- American Indian Heritage Kickoff: the successful event featured live performances, basket weaving activity, and cultural food
- Homecoming: the successful Nov 9<sup>th</sup> event featured crafts, free pizza; first time event was indoors in the Pyramid.
- An Evening with: the successful event last night at the Carpenter Center featured Rainn Wilson and Shabnam Mogharabi touched topics like mental health, empathy, and the importance of joy

Upcoming events

- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: this week
- Project Thrive Resource Fair; Nov 21<sup>st</sup>; 12-2pm; USU Southwest Terrace; will be making supply kits for Finals Week, to be distributed at the Beach Pantry.
- Poet's Lounge: Nov 21<sup>st</sup>; 8-10:30pm; USU Sunset Lounge; Matthew Cuban Hernandez will be there.
- Noon Time Event: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>; will feature a live band
- Farmer's Market: canceled today due to weather and moved to Dec 4<sup>th</sup>; 10-2pm; last market for the semester.
- Pre-Kwanzaa Event; Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm, USU Ballrooms, featuring Dr. Karenga
- Belmont Shore Parade: Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; float is being planned
- Finals Week programming: every day of the week will have different variety of crafts and relaxation activities around the USU

De Silva: will we have the farmers market next semester?

Meyers: Yes, every other week, 10am-2pm.

E. Information Item: ASI Commissioner for International Student Affairs Debbie Catayong **TC 4:05pm**

Work Completed:

- Meeting with Senator-at-Large Stephany Triska, Senator-at-Large Daniel Galindo, Kishan Patel and Kiran Kumar about international student scholarships.
- Discussed all financial opportunities available for international students and brainstormed ideas on how more financial opportunities can be created

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Have a meeting with Center of International Education and discuss financial opportunities for international students
- Research financial opportunities for international students that have been done at other educational institutions
- Research free birth control options for international students
- Have a meeting with the Student Health Services
- Have a meeting with the Resident Assistants of International House

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

- Expanded on Beach Pride Events' Homecoming accomplishment in undertaking the challenge of the university moving the event from the parking lot to inside; commended BPE on a successful and enjoyable event
- Women and Ally Night: first-time event held at SRWC had over 70 participants
- Human Resources: adopted an updated policy which was approved by the BOC; full-time ASI employees can take free stateside courses during the fall and/or spring term; updated to 12 units per year.
- Facilities: replaced all lightings on the Southwest terrace; upcoming projects include the scheduled maintenance of re-plastering SRWC pool (pool to close Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>), and updating the USU fire dampers
- Recycling Center: has been closed or a few days due to the bailer breaking
- Have the privilege of serving on the CSSA Executive Director search committee; began interviewing the 6 finalists this week.

G. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

1. Sen. Deng and Sen. Hossain - Housing

Work Completed:

- Meeting w/ Dr. Gasior, Senators Chakkalakal and Hernandez
- Resolution for Lock Installation
- Complete Count 2020 Meeting
- CHESS Delegation Selection

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Last meeting w/ Corry for the semester
- Collaborate with local Census efforts to have students learn about employment opportunities and how to count themselves in.
- Meet the Housing Senators Posters

Student Concerns/Issues:

- FINALS (and grades)
- BSU feeling disconnected from campus.

Did You Know?

CSU Motto → Vox Veritas Vita (1985)

- Voice, Truth, Life
- Speak the truth as a way of life

2. Sen. Galindo and Sen. Ortiz - Athletics

Work Completed:

- Met with Dr. Ortiz (LFSA)
- Attended DACA hearings and rallies at SCOTUS

- Meeting with Athletics Director Andy Fee
- Meeting with CSULB V.P. for I.T. Min Yao
- Voter Registration Drive at Farmers Market
- CSULB Sports!
- Meeting with Senator Triska and Senator Sajjan

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Meet with other administrators regarding lack of Latinx faculty members
- Get in contact with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo ASI regarding the resolution in support of undocumented students.
  - "A Taste Around the World" Event
  - Assist Senator Triska and Senator Research avenues for International Scholarships

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Finding ways to support people facing housing insecurities and homelessness on campus

Did You Know?

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

3. Sen. Phong and Sen. Triska - Graduate & Transfer Students

Work Completed:

- Finished working on Senate Resolution regarding Support for Students with Disabilities
- Attended the PCSW Meeting
  - Discussed having focus groups to understand the overall experience of being a woman at CSULB through different perspectives (students, faculty, and staff)
- Met with Dr. Rodriguez at GSRC
- Attended the USUBOT Facilities meeting

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Re-visit our goals and efforts to help Graduate and Transfer Students
- Continue communication with the GSRC and Beach Transfer Transition Center
- Meet with the University Police Chief

Student Concerns/Issues:

- At the career fair, only one employer was accepting CPT students aka international students

Did You Know?

- According to the USU Facilities, the escalator has been working without stopping!!

**12. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Hossain awarded Senator of Week to Senator Torres.

Lendrum:

- Ageism continues to be a campus issue
- Voiced concern that after they notified [alert@csulb.edu](mailto:alert@csulb.edu) after their school/personal emails were compromised last week, they didn't receive a response and it was determined that the reporting emails went to spam
- Will be working on a two resolutions
  - Support of HR2168 - Restore Pell grants for prisoners
  - Calling for all CSU campuses to deliver degree content in all of the state's prisons;
- Beach vs. Fresno Basketball: Friday
- Men's Volleyball Ring Ceremony: Friday, during Men's Basketball game half-time
- LBSU Diversity and Inclusion Committee: met this morning to discuss increasing support of CSULB athletes; discussed expanding seats on Cabinet

Nevin: requested the board to encourage their constituents to participate in the campus-wide USU/SRWC needs assessment survey; participants will be entered an opportunity drawing to earn one of twenty gifts, which include

iPads, air pods, bookstore gift cards, and more; there will be one final survey in the spring with an opportunity drawing for one free tuition for a year.

Almahdi: encouraged the board not only to enjoy the fall break, but most importantly to honor the legacy of the indigenous people, who are the founders of this nation.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm.