

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #21**  
February 12, 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business  
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education (Arrive 3:38pm)  
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering (Arrive 3:33pm)  
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering  
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services (elected today)  
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Daniella Hernandez, 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  
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large  
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large (Arrive 3:32pm/Depart 5:04pm)  
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large  
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative  
Dr. Trace Camacho, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts  
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education  
VACANT, ASI College of the Arts  
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
VACANT, ASI At-Large

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives  
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director (Arrive 3:36pm)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kishan Patel, student: spoke about a student who was facing financial challenges due to their guardian passing away, and not receiving financial aid, as they were an international student. Patel voiced concern that while 30% of the fees that international students pay goes for grants like these but very few of them are available for international students.

Allison, Student Health Services: Arrive Alive Tour, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm, Beach Circle.

Morgan, founder of the Butterfly Effect Movement: Sleep Out, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-3pm, Central Quad; tents will be provided.

Michael Do, Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, and Justin, Erik and Nick from the Inter-fraternity Council: voiced concern that first year students are not allowed to join Greek letter organizations; that was a big

issue for incoming freshmen in the semester

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**(M) Triska (S) Hernandez to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #21, February 21, 2020, as amended**

- Almahdi: Item #9-B-1: table

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 16-0-1**

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Dr. Beth Liston was chosen for Vice President for Student Affairs; will begin in July
- Last opportunity to submit a resolution is by March
- Complete your required 3 office hours
- End of Year Report: deadline April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Advertise ASI Elections
- Advertise current vacancies

#### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #20, February 5, 2020

**(M) Triska (S) Ortiz to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #20, February 5, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 15-0-1**

#### 7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #20, January 28, 2020

**(M) Hossain (S) Ortiz to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #20, January 28, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 14-0-1**

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, January 23, 2020

**(M) Chakkalakal (S) Douvan to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, January 23, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 15-0-1**

3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #16, January 30, 2020

**(M) Hernandez (S) Lam to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #16, January 30, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 15-0-1**

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

4) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #14, January 27, 2020

**(M) Phong (S) Chakkalakal to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #14, January 27, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 15-0-1**

5) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #6, December 2, 2019

**(M) Chiu (S) Deng to approve Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #6, December 2, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 16-0-1**

6) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, January 10, 2020

**(M) Torres (S) Ortiz to approve University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #8, January 10, 2020, as amended**

- Chakkalakal: change date year from 2019 to 2020

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## 1) Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-08: Resolution in Support of H.R. 2168, The Restoration of Pell Grant Access for Prisoners (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
Revisions: style and grammar.

**(M) Douvan (S) Deng to approve SR #2020-08: Resolution in Support of H.R. 2168, The Restoration of Pell Grant Access for Prisoners (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-09: Resolution in Support of California State University, Long Beach Offering Face-to-Face, Postsecondary Education Programs to California State Prisoners (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)  
Revisions: style and grammar.

**(M) Chiu (S) Lam to approve SR #2020-09: Resolution in Support of California State University, Long Beach Offering Face-to-Face, Postsecondary Education Programs to California State Prisoners (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-10: Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Hossain (S) Williams Monterrosa to approve Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-11: Bylaw Amendment to Requirements for Running and Holding Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Chakkalal to approve Bylaw Amendment to Requirements for Running and Holding Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

## A. Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-12: Positions on the California State Legislature Bills of Interest (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Chiu (S) Triska to approve Positions on the California State Legislature Bills of Interest (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

Almahdi: This is going to be one of the bills that Lobby Corps will be taking to CHES.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-13: Support of AB 1460 CSU Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Triska (S) Douvan to approve Support of AB 1460 CSU Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

VOTE ON THE MOTION

FAILS 7-9-2

Lam: a 3-unit course will be added as a part of the curriculum for California State Universities. ASI

mission is to facilitate students' achievements, intellectual social and physical improvement. AB 1460 Ethnic Studies Course will be very beneficial to Long Beach's diversity. The CSU system can benefit from this as well.

Discussion ensued regarding the Academic Senate opposition to the bill due to 2020-21 time-line implementation and how that can affect curriculum selection, and gathering faculty feedback.

Discussion ensued regarding some student feedback on how it may take away right to choose classes, push out core required courses, and delaying graduation.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and importance of developing and broadening students' world view.

Discussion ensued regarding representing all CSULB students and not just board members' personal views.

B) Non-Legislative Business

1) Action Item: BOD #2020-37: Election of (1) Senator At-Large – Sandra Ortiz  
\*This item was tabled.

2) Action Item: BOD #2020-38: Election of (1) Senate Representative to Lobby Corps  
Torres: nominated themselves.

**(M) Chiu (S) Phong to elect BOD #2020-38: Election of (1) Senate Representative to Lobby Corps – Stephanie Torres**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 16-0-1**

**10. REPORTS**

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

- Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) has been selected; Dr. Beth Liston; will start July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Thanked board and students for their VPSA input
- CHESS training was this past Friday;
- Student Advising Committee; Consumer Press Index (CPI) was approved by the board for ASI
- Shot a video for the upcoming Census

B. Information Item: Joe Phillips, ASI Chief Academic Officer **TC 3:50pm**

Work Completed:

- Been working on filling vacancies left from Winter
  - 88% of University Committee roles are filled
- Updating reporting software to enable the collection of all Spring data
- Qualtrics survey on student rep experiences on university committees – reviewing results

Goals for the Next Month:

- Review Qualtrics data
- Use data to inform better practices for training student reps
- Create training PowerPoint and/or introductory emails that future CAO's can use

Did You Know?

- About 700 grapes go into one bottle of wine.

- That’s approximately 2.6 pounds, if you’re wondering how much “fruit” you get when you uncork your favorite red.

C. Information Item: Andy Fee, CSULB Athletics Director **TC 4pm**

Use of ASI Funds:

- The ASI funding allocation allows us to preserve a competitive DI athletics program by maintaining student-athlete scholarships, Cheer Team operations, and Pep Band operations.
- Long Beach State continues to sponsor nineteen NCAA Division I intercollegiate sport teams (11 women’s, 8 men’s). All programs have remained consistent with no significant changes to participation numbers or budget allocation.
- Athletics’ vision is to cultivate leaders and champions and we do that by providing the best possible experience for our student-athletes in the classroom and on the field of competition, building and sustaining winning programs, and by doing things the “right way.”

The Mission of Long Beach State University Intercollegiate Athletics is to cultivate Leaders & Champions. In the classroom. On the field of competition. In the community. Comprehensive excellence is our goal at ‘the Beach’.

Department of Athletics - Three Core Values:

1. Provide the best possible experience in the classroom and on the field of competition.
2. Build and sustain winning programs and compete for championships.
3. Always Do ‘the right thing’.

Role of the Spirit Team:

- The Spirit Team’s role in our athletic departments has five main responsibilities: Crowd Leader, Spirit Raiser, Ambassador, Athlete and Entertainer. As Crowd Leaders, the spirit team is the connection between the fans and the athletic team. The energy and enthusiasm produced by the crowd can rally our sports teams to play better and boost overall morale. It is the spirit team’s task to unify the crowd in its efforts.
- As crowd leaders, spirit leaders know the sports they are cheering for and understand how to choose an appropriate sideline chant. As a group, they begin sideline chants and also make organic chants from the crowd stronger by yelling the words in unison with fans. They preserve school traditions and come up with new ways to improve fan involvement.
- As Spirit Raisers, they promote and spread school pride throughout the year. Leading up to game day, they help with campus engagement with student-athletes, decorate hallways and doors with flyers and support the sports team playing that week. They encourage fellow students to show their spirit by setting a good example of Beach Pride themselves. On game day, their responsibility as spirit raisers is more emphatic. When a goal is scored or a basket is made, they display their enthusiasm by waving poms, yelling and celebrating. If spirit is low, they use tactics to increase excitement, including starting a sideline chant, and executing stunts, jumps, tumbling or pyramids (where permissible).
- As Ambassadors, the spirit teams are implored to be model students, both in and out of the classroom. Minimum GPA standards emphasize the importance of classroom performance. Many spirit team members are involved in other campus activities and programs and leadership positions and/or hold a part-time job. With service projects and community appearances, they become the recognizable faces of our university. This year they attended the Long Beach Marathon and cheered on runners passing through campus. They brought toys to the annual Stuff- A- Bus toy drive for the community and made care baskets for a local women’s shelter.

## Incorporating the Spirit Team to Athletics

- Just as we hold our student –athletes to a standard that far precedes what is happening on the playing field or court, it’s preparing them with skills necessary for life after college. This includes: Character Development, Academics, Excellence and Community.
- *Character Development* - Character development flourishes when coaches teach their athletes more than just the sports or activities in which they are participating. Well-rounded student-athletes look to their coaches and peers for examples on how to act and respond in tough situations. Good sportsmanship is one behavior that directly involves our spirit team on the sidelines. As crowd leaders during sporting events, they set a visible example to fans, students and athletes. If there is an injury, they take a knee. If there is a questionable call from a referee, they encourage the team to keep their chins up by starting a positive chant. They can also help squash inappropriate fan behavior. Their outward display of respect during games epitomizes character development.
- *Academics* - The most important element of being an athlete is being a student first. School spirit weaves through all aspects of school, including the classroom. Even during class, they can continue to motivate others and set a good example.
- *Excellence* -Excellence in athletics covers everything from learning new skills to bringing home a victory. As crowd leaders and spirit raisers, the spirit team is the team behind the team. They root for individual players, entire sports teams and athletic departments. They know and understand that school spirit is a driving force that can motivate a team to play the best game possible. During games, a sports team’s goal is to perform its best, and our spirit team is a piece of that puzzle.
- *Community* - Athletics can bring a community together physically and emotionally. Our athletic department is committed to filling seats at games because it is a key component for an energized atmosphere, this can sometimes be a difficult task. As ambassadors for the university and representatives of student-athletes, they rally students, alumni and community members to attend games. When the spirit team engages with the campus community and city of Long Beach they connect students to the game and players by physically interacting with them. Positive experiences turn reluctant students into engaged fans, and engaged fans can influence others to attend games and we all win!

All CSULB students have free admission to all Athletic Events.

### D. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

- Welcomed new VPSA Dr. Beth Liston

### E. Information Item: ASI At-Large Senators

#### 1. Sen. Deng and Sen. Hossain

##### Work Completed:

- Resolution for Lobby Corps Bills of Interest
- Meetings with Census 2020 Complete Count Committee
- CHESS Training
- Assisted two applicants for the positions of Associate Justice and Commissioner for International Students
- Advocacy Day (April 23rd 11am to 2pm)
- Meeting w/ HRL Director

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

- Senate Resolution on SB-493 Education: Sex Equity
- Senate Resolution on Food Equity

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Students have a cap on the number of times they can visit CAPS counselors.
- Ethnic Studies course as CSU grad requirement

Did You Know?

- The BCCM has music events almost every week!
- Some events are FREE
- Support CSULB musicians

2. Sen. Ortiz

Work Completed:

- SJEC:
  - Social Justice Training
- Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - ASI Fee increase
  - COTA \$45 fee
- Athletics

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Resolution in support of financial opportunities for Undocumented students.
- Resolution for a call to action with the lack of representation within Faculty and Admin.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- The lack of Latinx representation in search committee & candidates for the position of VP of student affairs.

3. Sen. Phong and Sen. Triska

Work Completed:

- Met with the University Police Chief (01/22/20)
  - Flyers for new striped lines
  - Violations regarding skateboards & scooters
- Attended the USUBOT meeting (02/07/20)
- Attended Week of Welcome
- We both researched the different Graduate Students Councils present in other CSU campuses

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Work on the University Graduate Orientation
- Finalize research on “Graduate Student Association”
- Continue communication with the GSRC and Beach Transfer Transition Center
- Work on scholarship efforts.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Students are concerned about the Day 1 Digital Access and how they did not know to “opt out” until it was too late.

Did You Know?

- If you download the Pulse app, you will never have to login to BeachBoard again and it also keeps track of all your assignments on a calendar!

## **11. CLOSING COMMENTS**

Torres: Beach Pantry received extra funding and is now open on Saturdays

Hossain: voiced concern over failing to pass the Ethnic Studies resolution, as it not only affects students but a myriad of communities.

Phong: encouraged board to keep disagreements professional.

Douvan: believes they voted in representation of their constituents and the diversity on this campus.

Williams: believes there's a better way to fulfill the requirement for ethnic studies, such as making a writing intensive course also be an ethnic studies course, thereby fulfilling the requirement for both.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:14pm.