

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #24
March 4, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services
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
Yvonne Arechiga, ASI At-Large
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
VACANT, ASI College of the Arts
VACANT, ASI College of Education
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives (Arrive 4:37pm)
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director (Arrive 3:36pm)

3. INVOCATION

Scott Apel, CSULB Vice President Administration and Finance

Apel shared an uplifting quote from Benjamin Hoff's Tao of Pooh, and encouraged the board in their pursuit of wisdom, happiness and courage.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kishan Patel, student: voiced concern on the challenging costs that international students pay; encouraged the senate not only to pursue inclusivity but to also address and correct exclusivity.

Adam Schwartz, Jewish organization representative: voiced their support for social justice and ethnic studies Ethnic Studies; encouraged resolution be re-written and address all the issues.

Dale Lendrum, student: spoke about their involvement and support for ingenious folks in the university and requested support of Senate Resolution #2020-14.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M) Douvan (S) Hafen to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #24, March 4, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Checked in with Vice President Apel to revisit a goal of creating alternative transportation for students with various mobility needs
- Working on Basic Needs regarding SR #2019-16, which outlines various off-campus resources for students experiencing housing and food insecurity; Basic Needs website can direct students to the off-campus resources if they do not qualify for the program on campus
- Revisiting other goals with Chakkalal to create peer counselling programs through CAPS; will be meeting with the director of CAPS next week discuss potential for our campus
- Continuing to author some resolutions which will be coming up in the next few weeks
- Reminded everyone to finalize any resolutions they want to work on
- April 6th is due date for end-of-year reports

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #23, February 26, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendez to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #23, February 26, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #23, February 18, 2020

(M) Hernandez (S) Chakkalal to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #23, February 18, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

2) Action Item: Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #3, November 15, 2019

(M) Deng (S) Hossain to approve Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees (IPCDCBOT) Minutes, Meeting #3, November 15, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #19, February 20, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Bibilonia to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #19, February 20, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

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

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #17, February 17, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendez to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #17, February 17, 2020

Deng: Going to be at Culture Fest writing poems for people so please be there

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Non-Legislative Business

1) Action Item: BOD #2020-45: Election of (1) Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Student At-Large – Bridgett England

(M) Deng (S) Chiu to approve Election of (1) Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Student At-Large – Bridgett England

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-2

B. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (1st Reading)

(M) Douvan (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-14: In Support of Land Acknowledgement and Recognition (1st Reading)

Hossain: Line 21, when discussing the resolution passed by California Faculty Association, specify the year.

Douvan: it would be beneficial to know which resolution it was, as well.

Hossain: Acknowledgement statement; worked on it with Execs or will everyone be able to access that?

Almahdi: reached out to Professor Stone to get feedback on this resolution; the university working on creating one standardized Land Acknowledgement statement; thinking of incorporating specify language but if the land acknowledgment statement changes in future it will have to change so helps being flexible

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-2

10. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

- Met with President Conoley last week along with Vice President Almahdi; discussed contributing to civil discussions; spoke discussed Coronavirus and potential campus impacts; discussed emergency procedures; installed more hand sanitizers stations; discussed how to finish semester studies if there was a campus closure.

B. Information Item: Daniel Galindo ASI Treasurer

- Spring Grant Allocation: filing period is open for student organization programs that meets the needs and interests of student body for next academic year 2020-21; deadline Friday, March 27th, 5pm
- Upcoming projects: ASI Executive Director performance evaluation; the Execs and BOC will be developing a timeline for the evaluation process and the method by which we will be conducting the evaluation; the ASI new budget needs to be reviewed by BOC and then by the Senate
- Financial Literacy Workshop: Thursday, 3:30pm, USU-304

C. Information Item: Christopher Forestiere, ASI Chief Justice

Work Completed

Grade Appeals

- Multiple cases have been assigned to Associate Justices
- Grade Appeals Outreach – Spring filing deadline Monday March 16th
- Judiciary Consultations – email asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu
- As of last Friday, we have served 20 students

ASI Elections

- Approved monitoring plan
- Completed Election Violations Hearings Training

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

Know Your Rights Campaign

- Renters Rights Workshops – week of March 23rd

ASI Elections

- Successfully monitor elections and certify vote results on March 19

Student Concerns/Issues

- How do we improve ASI Appeal Consultations and expand to include other on-campus appeals?

Did You Know?

- Judiciary Exists! Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 12:30
- General questions/consultations: asi-studentgovernment@csulb.edu

D. Information Item: Michael Do, ASI Commissioner for Cultural Affairs

- Culture Fest: tomorrow, March 5th, 6-8pm, at the USU north lawn; event will feature 16 participating organizations, variety of foods, art show, live performances, and music.

E. Information Item: Larisa Hamada, Assistant Vice President, Equity and Diversity - Title IX

Office located in Student Health Services, open Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm; walk-in appointments available; staff provide crisis intervention and advocacy, especially if academics are affected; Confidential advocacy, psychiatric therapy, and trauma counseling available; April is Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Events

- March and Speak Out: April 15th, 5pm; Maxson Plaza; begin at Maxson Plaza, end at the Anatol Center for an evening of discussion and resources.
- Take Back the Night: April 22nd; 10am-2pm, Speaker's platform

Deng: does the bill mean that the Federal Standards will not affect us as much anymore?

Hamada: confirmed that they were asking clarification on how the Federal impact would be on CSULB; our guidance comes from chancellor's office; there is a Title IX team; they will create an updated policy that answers all the questions; still waiting for the guidelines to come out properly; creating a system wide policy; advocates are still going to be available.

F. Information Item: Joe Phillips, ASI Chief Academic Officer

Updates & Concerns

- Need sign-ups for remaining university committee roles. Still around 15% left vacant.
- There is talk at CEPC (the Curriculum & Educational Policies Council) of a move towards "+" or "-" grading.
 - -What are ASI's thoughts?

The Next 2 Weeks

- Send out additional vacancies emails to ASI Government
- Keep attending and speaking up at meetings
- Continue work on training PowerPoint for next CAO

G. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

- Beach 2030 update: very long strategic process continues; looking at specific action zones; seeing what specific actions will be taken in the next 10 years; includes how we can be student ready;

workshop last week included students from ASI and was very productive

- IPCDC: looking at all the government systems in ASI and making sure everything is working well; making updates; planning to make the IPCDC an advisory board so it can meet more often; include more student parents and focus more on fundraising
- Consolidated operating budget: BOC will review it first; reviewing budgeting process and making some changes; ensuring that spending money to support students and not just legacy programs.

H. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1. College of Education: Sen. Douvan

Updates

- Pizza with the Dean: Tuesday, March 24 4-6pm
 - still figuring out flyers and how the purchasing of pizza works, but both of those are in the works as we speak.
- EdWeek is coming up April 20th through April 24th
- Continued discussion about AB-1460 in the College of Education across all members of the College

Notes

- We will miss Dale Lendrum as a part of the Senate and all that he brought to our campus.
 - Dedication
 - Persistence
 - Patience
 - Strength
 - one of the biggest hearts and moral compass I've ever been blessed with coming across.
- I know Lindsay is currently working on a workshop to help Senators who are willing and able to attend to work through some of the issues that have been brought up through the discussions of the resolution of and about AB-1460
 - Regardless of whether you are able to attend, reach out to your fellow senators. There is a feeling of tenseness and I have heard countless voices expressing anxiety about even walking into their office hours. Treat others with respect. Treat others will empathy. Thank you.

2. College of Engineering: Sens. Chiu and Sajjan

Work Completed

- Scheduled Coffee with the Dean Event on March 26th 4-5 pm.
- Academic Senate committee:
 - Presentation on GEGC and GEEC
 - guidelines
 - Ongoing debate on AB1460.
 - University awards with amendments in debate.
- PCS - Green generation showcase - April 22, 4-7 pm @ EBM Japanese garden

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Investigate avenues of international student scholarship possibilities.
- Publicize on the upcoming Coffee with the dean event.
- Collaborating with Senator hafen to work on resolution to improve grade system.

Student Concerns/Issues

- International student concerns about elevated student tuition fees and related expenses.

Did You Know?

- Engineers apply the principles of science and mathematics to develop economical solutions to

technical problems. Their work is the link between scientific discoveries and the commercial applications that meet societal and consumer needs.

- There are an approximate total of 40 types of engineering

Almahdi departed chambers at 4:37pm; Phong assumed the role of chair.

3. College of Health & Human Services: Sen. Hafen and Felix-Mendez

Work Completed

- Attended AB 1460 Open Forum
- Met with CHHS Advising to discuss student concerns
- Took ASI headshots with ASI Comm
- Got in contact with FCS Department Chair regarding NUTR course offerings (updates to come!)

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Tabling Event: Monday, 16 March 2-3:45 pm on Friendship Walk
- Meeting with Dean: Monday, 23 March 2-2:30 pm
- Senate Resolution on the implementation of “+/- “grading notation
- Senate Resolution on textbook affordability
- Meet with advising (again!) to give student feedback

Did You Know?

- The brain's storage capacity is virtually unlimited with over 86 billion neurons.

4. College of Liberal Arts: Sens. Hernandez

Work Completed

- spoke with constituents about their opinions regarding AB1460
 - a lot of them saw no issue since the units required for graduation wouldn't be affected
 - addresses ignorance

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Continue planning the open forum at I-House!
- Set up a meeting with Dean Wallace to discuss how AB 1460 would be implemented
 - how it would work in CLA

Student Concerns/Issues

- Issues getting into BeachBoard even though they've already changed their password
- construction near Bellflower has changed people's commutes to school

Did You Know?

- The only places where you can't buy Coca Cola are North Korea and Cuba

Almahdi returned to chambers at 4:44pm and resumed their role as chair.

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

Work Completed

- College Council: Photoshoot Event
- Officialized Nobel Laureate Event
- Hydration Stations

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Review Committee for Dean
- Meeting with Dean
- Meeting with CHEM Professor

- Senate Resolutions
 - Hydration stations
 - Paid internships
 - Textbook

Student Concerns/Issues

- Food Options
- Parking Concerns:
 - Space
 - Accidents and lack of cameras

Did You Know?

- “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it’s called the present.”

6. College of Business: Sens. Torres and Williams

Work Completed

- Met with Dean Solt to discuss
 - Budget for COB Calculator Loan Program
 - COB Computer Lab extended hours
 - Lighting concerns
 - Adding microwaves for student use
- Reached out to Napur Shaw, Director of the COB Computer lab, to initiate R&D regarding:
 - Which calculators are found on faculty syllabi
 - Obtaining a bulk purchase discount from Texas Instruments

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Make purchase for COB Calculator Loan Program
- Follow up with 49er Foundation about our outreach regarding new scholarships
- Finish writing Food Equity Resolution with Senator Hossain
- Continuing conversation with 49er Shops about food options

Student Concerns/Issues

- Food options available near COB
- Having access to the building to later hours

Did You Know?

- The Port of Long Beach is the second busiest sea port in the United States? (after Los Angeles)
- 1.4 million jobs throughout the U.S. are related to trade generated by the Port of Long Beach.

7. College of the Arts: Sens. Bibilonia

Work Completed

- Continued planning Art with Dean event
- Met with Dean
 - Discussed spreading word on vacancy on a larger scale
 - Idea of hosting smaller tabling events alongside department ambassadors
 - Making COTA BeachBoard active

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks

- Art with Dean event on 3/18
- Continue working on making COTA BeachBoard active
- Contact department coordinators in regards to spreading information about ASI
- Contact department student ambassadors

Did You Know?

- Germany introduced the idea of Daylight Saving Time in 1916. The rationale was to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Lam: shout out for Deng for being an amazing MC at the TEDx Conference.

Deng: shout out for Felix-Mendez for getting items to help us stay safe from the coronavirus when we go to the state capitol this weekend; Census is coming up, make sure to count everyone.

Bose:

- Coronavirus: best thing to do is wash hands all the time; Student Health Services is available to address any concerns; President Conoley has been sending out emails
- Vacant 49ers position
- Match 13th; E Sports Association is hosting GG at the beach; USU Ballrooms; all afternoon and evening; did an incredible job putting up this event;
- Match 14th and 15th is the 50th annual Pala; incredible event; largest university run Pala west of Mississippi; can come by for short time if not the whole event

Phong: beginning fall 2020, Student Health Services will require immunization records for freshmen, irrespective of religious and personal reasons.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 4:59pm.