

**SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)**  
**Meeting #30**  
April 22, 2020

**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  
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education  
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering  
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering  
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services  
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts  
Jini Chakkalaka, 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  
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  
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business  
VACANT, ASI College of the Art  
VACANT, ASI College of Education  
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives  
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jose Espinoza, student: CSU Fullerton is planning to go online for fall semester; questioned if CSULB might be doing the same

Bose: CSU Fullerton is exploring their options, including going virtual for fall, but they haven't declared anything yet; if a decision is made early, then it might be changed later due to current unpredictable situations

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(M) Triska (S) Chiu to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #30, April 22, 2020, as amended**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

Almahdi:

- Add Item #10-C: Information Item: Administrator Vice President Mitchell: Graduation Spring 2020 TC 3:50pm
- Item #9-A-5: strike; received input from the black student community but hard to get feedback from different staff and faculty at this time so decided to resume it once school reopened normally

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Compiling Senate updates/reports for future reference
- Conducting transition meetings with incoming Vice President Alderete Gonzalez; goal is to continue meeting until fall
- Thanked everyone for submitting final resolutions

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #29, April 15, 2020

**(M) Triska (S) Torres to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #29, April 15, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

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

- 1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #29, April 7, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Felix-Mendez to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #29, April 7, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

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

- 2) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees, Meeting #10, March 6, 2020

**(M) Deng (S) Lam to approve University Student Union Board of Trustees, Meeting #10, March 6, 2020**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 19-0-0**

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-24 ASI Opposition to Plus/Minus Grading Notation Implementation (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Chiu (S) Felix-Mendez to table SR #2020-24 ASI Opposition to Plus/Minus Grading Notation Implementation (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading) indefinitely**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 13-3-2**

Hafen: requested item be tabled in order to garner student feedback.

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-25 In Support of Day 1 Digital Access and Other Cost-Effective Resources (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Phong (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-25 In Support of Day 1 Digital Access and Other Cost-Effective Resources (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-26 In Support of Incorporating Basic Needs Resources on Syllabi (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Lam (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-26 In Support of Incorporating Basic Needs Resources on Syllabi (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-27 Urge California State University, Long Beach to Commit to Recruiting, Hiring, Retaining and Supporting Latinx Faculty in Proportion to the Student Demographics of CSULB (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**(M) Deng (S) Almahdi to approve SR #2020-27 Urge California State University, Long Beach to Commit to Recruiting, Hiring, Retaining and Supporting Latinx Faculty in Proportion to the Student Demographics of CSULB (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Legislative Business

- 1) Action Item: SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Ortiz (S) Triska to approve SR #2020-28 College Student Inclusion in CARES Act and Support of S. 3489 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Ortiz: voiced concern that undocumented students will not be able to access funding, and inquired if there was any way to provide alternate funding for undocumented and international students.

Deng: regardless of what federal government provides, the emergency grant funding is still accessible.

Triska: voiced concern that international students do not receive any financial aid, as it is.

- 2) Action Item: SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Triska (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-29 Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Triska (S) Hafen to approve SR #2020-30 Financial Support for International Students at California State University Long Beach (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Triska: offered to collaborate on resolution, as the majority of the information relates to private schools; providing public system information would make the resolution stronger

- 4) Action Item: SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Hafen (S) Chiu to approve SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Deng: requested the language at the fifth WHEREAS be clarified, as it could be interpreted in a manner not intended.

- 5) Action Item: SR #2020-32 Urge CSU Long Beach to Commit to Increasing Admission and Retention of Black and African American Students (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

This item was stricken.

- 6) Action Item: SR #2020-33 ASI Recommendation to Suspend the Use of SAT/ACT for College Admission Purposes Indefinitely in the CSU System (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**(M) Lam (S) Douvan to approve SR #2020-31 Support for Sanitation Improvements (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 17-0-2**

Lam: voiced concern regarding the two requirements are SAT/ACT scores and GPA; if we remove SAT/ACT then we are only left with GPA which is a number metric; suggested adding a required statement.

Deng: we lack resources to get all the students eligible into the CSU system; even if we get rid of the SAT/ACT; problem will be now it is based on grades as various schools have different resources and grading; school is lacking resources to allow every eligible student into the freshman class.

Hafen: noted that schools throughout the county are different so the SAT/ACT standardized it which is also flawed.

- 7) Discussion Item: Recommendations to 2020-21 Senate

Almahdi:

- Will be compiling a resolution of recommendations for the incoming senate to focus on, such as initiatives, projects, anything concerns they should focus on, etc.

## 10. REPORTS

- A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President

**(M) Chiu (S) Almahdi to table Item #10-A: Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 9-0-0**

- B. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

- Working on planning for summer
- University is restricting campus events until at least August 24<sup>th</sup>; will have a big impact on ASI in terms of staff training
- Working with Bose on hosting a student forum with key campus departments to answer key questions; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 am
- Processing ASI/USU budget; will be presented to Senate next week

- C. Information Item: Administrator Vice President Michele M. Cesca: Graduation Spring 2020

- Been busy planning for Commencement 2020
- President's priority is for an in-person Commencement; tentatively looking at the weekend before thanksgiving and continue that week
- exploring virtual celebration opportunities

Chris: Looking at the virtual celebrations that are going on and talking to different people to get input; opportunity for everyone to speak using the speech component; will do a virtual calling of names; everyone would have an opportunity for it to be personalized; can put that live; share it with families

so there is a celebration experience; targeting June or early summer; wondering if a virtual celebration is something the students would appreciate.

Almahdi: an opportunity for it to be personalized; could you elaborate.

Chris: vendor provides a standard template for name, etc. we can opt to have students personalize their slides so they can put their personal photos and quotes if the students are interested; we can enhance their experience that way.

Hafen: would this be an alternative to the thanksgiving celebration or a separate event?

Cesca: No, this is for now; will continue to plan that for fall celebration along with this.

Hafen: lot of graduating students might not be available locally right now so that is a great idea.

Douvan: students pay a fee for graduation so if it is online then would that fee be reimbursed?

Cesca: We are still planning for the fall celebration apart from the virtual celebration; all which costs so we are not discussing reimbursement yet.

Triska: is it fixed for the university to plan around thanksgiving or is it flexible? Just so international students can book their tickets in prior.

Cesca: We are planning for then, but everything is unpredictable so don't recommend booking any tickets until the official announcement is out from the Chancellor.

Douvan: essential student concern; initial plan for graduation was that students would walk directly and paid for that so would this be something students can opt out of

Cesca: we have not discussed that yet but will talk about it.

Maythe Alderete Gonzalez, Chief Diversity Officer: like the concept; consider emailing the students who will graduate and get their survey?

Cesca: like that idea; will have to see how much time we have.

## 11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Bose:

- Major surveys have been sent out to students; Campus Climate survey is very important; advertisements on social media to begin April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday is Denim Day

Triska: received an email of parking refund resources and voiced concern that there are no resources for international students.

Almahdi: parking is still working on the refunds; it will take a couple of weeks because of the huge amount of refunds that need to be processed.

Almahdi: will send out the senate recommendation resolution to everyone to add to it; drafts are due by Thursday.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 5:09pm.