

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #15
November 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maythe Alderete Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Andrea Felix-Cervantes, ASI College of the Arts
Billy Rubi, ASI College of the Arts
Atazshii Austin, ASI College of Business
Albert Morales, ASI College of Education
Manolo Cruz, ASI College of Engineering
Milena Gevorkian, ASI College of Health and Human Services
Salvador Marrero, ASI College of Health and Human Services
Salvador Peregrina, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Millaray Ramirez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Jubilee Muñozvilla, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Shivam Srivastava, ASI College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Isabel Cameron, ASI At-Large
Sierra Darwin, ASI At-Large
Jesus Gonzalez, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Richie Kennedy, ASI At-Large
Maythe Alderete Gonzalez ASI Vice President
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative (Depart 4:45 p.m.)
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee (Arrive 3:40 p.m.)

Voting Members Absent

Lexleigh Harris, ASI College of Engineering
Alyssa Castrillon, ASI At-Large
VACANT, ASI College of Education

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director Government Affairs and Initiatives
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director (Arrive 3:37 p.m.)

3. INVOCATION: Jessica Pandya, CSULB Academic Senate Chair

Pandya shared the following traditional Irish blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Kindred, community member: voiced importance of student leaders getting active in the community and with local issues, and that it's critical that the younger generation learn from the older in order to carry on efforts to serve and safe the community.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hossain (MOVED) Cruz (SECOND) to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #15, November 18, 2020

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- Finishing End of Semester evaluations with senators
- Walk for Wellness Challenge: encouraged board to participate
- Parking and Transportation: requested board review the updates and reports email
- ASI Government Spring Retreat: January 15th; send retreat recommendations to Hossain, who will be serving as Senate representative on the Retreat Planning Committee

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #14, November 11, 2020

Hossain (MOVED) Peregrina (SECOND) to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #14, November 11, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-18
Oppose-Abstain-Approve

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

A. Approval of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Action Item: Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #12, October 20, 2020

2) Action Item: Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #13, October 27, 2020

Darwin (MOVED) Ramirez (SECOND) to approve Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #12, October 20, 2020, Board of Control Minutes, Meeting #13, October 27, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-18
Oppose-Abstain-Approve

3) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, October 29, 2020

Srivastava (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, October 29, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-17
Oppose-Abstain-Approve

B. Acceptance of Minutes from Subsidiary Boards

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #8, October 19, 2020

2) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #9, October 26, 2020

3) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #10, November 2, 2020

Hossain (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to accept Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #8, October 19, 2020, Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #9, October 26, 2020, Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #10, November 2, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-18
Oppose-Abstain-Approve

4) Action Item: Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #1, October 19, 2020

Darwin (MOVED) Ramirez (SECOND) to accept Judiciary Minutes, Meeting #1, October 19, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 0-0-18
Oppose-Abstain-Approve

5) Action Item: University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, November 6, 2020

Darwin (MOVED) Srivastava (SECOND) to accept University Student Union Board of Trustees (USUBOT) Minutes, Meeting #4, November 6, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

**PASSES 0-0-18
Oppose-Abstain-Approve**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Non-Legislative

1) Action Item: BOD #2021-26: Election of (1) Academic Senator

Alderete Gonzalez confirmed with Felix-Cervantes that they have meeting availability.

Hossain (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to elect (1) Academic Senator – Andrea Felix-Cervantes

VOTE ON THE MOTION

**PASSES 0-1-17
Oppose-Abstain-Approve**

10. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Jessica Pandya, CSULB Academic Senate Chair Time Certain 3:35 p.m.

- CARES funding: 2.1 million will go directly to students; will be distributed through Basic Needs Program with \$500 grants to each student, approximately 4000 students; disbursement details will be listed on Basic Needs website
- Academic Senate Retreat: canceled due to hosts are based in Atlanta, and Hurricane Zeta hit day of the retreat
- Religious holidays: working on challenge of bringing awareness to holidays whose dates move on a fixed calendar; accommodations for students are handled through Office of Equity and Diversity
- Credit/No Credit: will not be extended to this fall; accepting feedback for spring 2021 requests

B. Information Item: Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI President Time Certain 3:45 p.m.

- Campus General Elections Center: very successful
- Respect Diversity Week: very successful
- Judiciary: collaborating with Cabinet on the Know Your Rights Campaign workshops; reviewing/revising ASI Elections Handbook
- ASI Executives met with the CHHS Dean to discuss college updates and to review the Online Learning Survey results
- Will be speaking at the Academic Senate tomorrow
- Executives will be meeting with President Conoley this week
- State of the AS will be shown at the last senate meeting of the semester
- No board meetings next week, due to Fall Break

C. Information Item: Citlalli Ortiz, ASI Chief Diversity Officer Time Certain 3:50 p.m.

Work Completed

- Respect Diversity Week
- Policy Agenda on Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Meet the Commissioner
- Spring Wellness Kick off week

Goals for the Next Two Weeks

- Know your rights collaboration
- BPE Monthly cultural event planning
- Continue reviewing policy agenda

- Address campus climate issues

Student Issues/Concerns

- Campus Climate issues

Anything Else?

- "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." - Maya Angelou

D. Information Item: Isaac Julian, ASI Academic Affairs Officer Time Certain 3:55 p.m.

Work Completed

- Cares 3 Funding Final Draft
- Academic Senate Retreat
 - Rescheduling
- Reporting system through email
- Revising the Withdrawal Policy
- Committee Sign-ups

Goals for the Next Two Weeks

- Collaborating with Learning Center
- Holiday Calendar
- +/- Grading Policy
- Student Representative Training
- Ethnic Studies GE Policy
- Beach 2030 Plan

Student Issues/Concerns

- C/NC Grading
 - Students are wondering if this will be offered this semester

Anything Else?

- Campus Conversation being held on December 3rd at 11am. The topic will be on the Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) policy

E. Information Item: Chris Reese - Commencement Fee Time Certain 4 p.m.

Apply to Graduate Fee

- What the Apply to Graduate fee covers
- This fee helps cover the costs associated with the final preparation for graduation and the awarding of a student's degree.
- The fee covers the following services:
 - Degree audit and evaluation
 - Creating each student's diploma
 - Mailing each student's diploma
 - The nine annual college-based commencement ceremonies that serve 71,000 graduates and guests
- When the Apply to Graduate Fee is Paid
- The fee is paid when you apply to graduate in your MyCSULB Student Center. The fee is a onetime charge for those ready and eligible to apply for graduation.

Apply to Graduate Fee Update

- The Apply to Graduate fee has increased from \$45 to \$75 beginning in November
- 2020 for candidates applying to graduate for Winter 2022 through Fall 2022.
- The fee will increase to

- \$100 for Class of 2023 in October 2021
- \$125 for Class of 2024 in October 2022
- For subsequent years, the fee will increase annually based on the Higher Education Price Index.
- The late fee will not change from the current \$10.

Commencement Cost Drivers

- Since the previous fee change in 2009, Commencement production costs have risen due to:
 - Labor and Contractor increases
 - Venue change for student and family accessibility
 - New vendor needs:
 - ✓ Family seating / bleachers
 - ✓ Flooring & Staging changes
 - ✓ Enhanced A/V
 - ✓ Accessible Wi-Fi
- Campus funds have subsidized the commencement ceremony by up to 50% the past several years.
- The fee will cover the full cost of grad check, diploma processing, printing, and mailing, and commencement by 2024.

Comparison Campuses

School Fee - Ceremonies - Locations - 2019 Participants

- San Jose - \$132* - 7 SP/5 - FA 1 - 6,800/2,200
- Fullerton - \$115 - 8 - 4 - 12,600
- San Diego - \$100 - 8 - 2 - 10,300
- Northridge - \$47 - 7 - 1 - 11,627
- Long Beach - \$45 - 9 - 1 - 11,000

Phased Roll Out

Commencement Ceremony	Commencement 2022				Commencement 2023				Commencement 2024				Commencement 2025			
Terms	Winter 2022	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall 2024	Winter 2025	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025
Fee	\$75				\$100				\$125				\$125 + HEPI%			
Fee Implementation	October 2020				October 2021				October 2022				October 2023			

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F. Information Item: Adriana Andrade, ASI Treasurer Time Certain 4:45 p.m.

- BOC has so far awarded 4 grants

- CYUF beginning balance was \$29978
- First Foundation will be presenting soon on projected General Elections affects corporate investments
- Emailed student organizations that temporary grant funding policy will be in effect for the spring semester; events will remain virtual
- Developing Student Research Grant marketing
- Championing the Student Alternative Program
- Continuing to distribute Online Learning Experience Survey results to college deans; DSA will follow up with another end of semester survey
- Finalizing Spring Grant process
- Preparing end of year staff evaluations

G. Information Item: Mateo Maya, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

Work Completed

- Lobby Corps finished the Voting Issues campaign which was our main focus along with voter registration. Our last event was the zoom panel about civic engagement in immigrant communities.
- On Election Day, Lobby Corps prepared goodie bags with ASI souvenirs, hand sanitizer, and facemasks, to give away to students that used the campus' voting center. We also held an Instagram live to answer students' questions about voting and encouraged everyone to vote
- Ballot Bowl results: We came in 2nd place among all the CSU, UC, and CC campuses! We registered a total of 1777 students through our social media campaign, posts, and events. A great accomplishment considering that it was our first time participating.

Goals for the Next Two Weeks

- Civic engagement contest: Students will be able to win \$150 dollars if they answer the contest prompt with an essay, video, or any type of artwork. More information will be provided by the end of next week with all the details posted on the Student Government website.
- Prompt: What does civic engagement look like now that the election is over and voting has ended?
- Research legislation to create the Lobby Corps Policy Agenda that will be used during CHESS
- Attend CSSA's November Plenary Meeting to discuss current legislation concerning all CSU students and CHESS

Student Issues/Concerns

- Students have mainly reached out to ask about voting information prior to election day

Anything Else?

- Happy Thanksgiving! Be safe and stay healthy.
- If you have any specific bill or piece of legislation that you'd want Lobby Corps to include in the policy agenda, please reach out to me, or the Lobby Corps senators.

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

- HR Director Recruitment: interviews begin Monday, with candidate finalists participating in an open forum with ASI staff mid-December

I. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1) College of the Arts

Work completed since last report

- Met with Jasmine Belleza, Arts Council Advisor (11/10)

- Flyer for Arts Ink Council Prepared
- Recruitment Form Complete
- Student organizations are not as active as they were at the beginning of the semester
- Reached out to Design Student Association to arrange a meeting date
- Meet the Dean Event and COTA Senators (10/2) at 12pm
 - Survey Completed

Goals for next two weeks

- Promote the Meet the Dean and COTA Senators (10/2)
- Publish and Promote the Arts Ink Council Applications
- Introduction meeting with the Design Student Association Board for introductions
- Schedule meeting with dean prior to “Meet the Dean” event
 - Discuss survey responses for event
 - Arts Ink Council for 2021 Spring Semester

Student concerns

- Students felt as though some professors were not sensitive to election stress and felt overwhelmed by coursework due Election day and thereafter
 - Solution: Students were directed to CAPS Election Stress Workshop

Did you know?

- CSULB’s Dance Department is having a Fall Dance Festival. The festival will be live November 13th and November 20th at 7pm on YouTube. No admission cost.

2) College of Business

Work completed since last report

- Attended general ABSOC Meeting and got an overall update on how students are feeling about the remainder of the semester
- Emailed: COB Dean, Howard Fletcher, and Matt Cabrera to set up meetings.
- Emailed CAPS: to see how we can collaborate and work with students efficiently.

Goals for next two weeks

- Meet with Dean of COB to discuss ways to achieve goals for the rest of the semester
- Meet with Matt Cabrera and Howard Fletcher
- Attend ABSOC Meetings and get a general update with the board
- Meet with ABSOC Board to see how we can help students out accordingly.

Student concerns

- Zoom Privacy/Lockdown policies are still a concern to students.

Did you know?

- The College of Business is looking for peer tutors for the following subjects.
- This is a great way to work from home and have a schedule that fits with your school.
- You also interact with other students and get to network.

3) College of Education

Work completed since last report

- Collaborated Dean Dr. Shireen Pavri about new financial aid scholarship and grant opportunities within the College of Education
- Helped Dean Pavri and Amber Smith write emails about 2021 Student Research Awards and Golden State Teaching Grant for College of Education students

- Planned and attended the College of Education Student Assembly (COESA) Virtual Fall Mixer on 11/13

Goals for next two weeks

- Collaborate with credential program supervisors about goals for supporting their teacher candidates as more districts are transitioning to hybrid or brick and motor
- Get more enrollment numbers/attendees for College of Education student organizations
- Continue notifying students in the College of Education about different financial aid and resources including research programs, and grants that can be used to pay for program exams such as TPAs, CSET, and RICA

Student concerns

- With the rise of COVID19 positive rates in Los Angeles county, how will this affect the remainder of the semester, upcoming semester and commencement next year.
- Alternative final assessments and flexible grading for the semester
- Making sure the Teacher Preparation Advising Center (TPAC) and Credential Center respond to students' requests within reasonable timeframe

Did you know?

- College of Education Graduate Student Assembly held a Trivia Night on Sunday 11/15
- Meet with Dean. Dr. Shireen Pavri of College of Education on 11/18 from 2-3pm
- College of Education Virtual Coffeehouse on 11/16/20 from 4-5pm
- Graduate Peer Mentors office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 2-3:30pm

4) College of Engineering

Work completed since last report

- College of Education Graduate Student Assembly held a Trivia Night on Sunday 11/15
- Meet with Dean. Dr. Shireen Pavri of College of Education on 11/18 from 2-3pm
- College of Education Virtual Coffeehouse on 11/16/20 from 4-5pm
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Goals for next two weeks

- Promote Coffee with the Dean.
- Provide information about withdraw policies to student.
- Work towards collaboration with IPCDC for new Children's Playground.

Student Concerns

- End of semester activities, approaching finals.
- Thanksgiving break schoolwork load.
- Lock-Down Browser makes students anxious during tests

Did you know?

- Deadline to withdraw for fall 2020 November 20th.
- Spring 2021 Semester registration has begun for many students

5) College of Health & Human Services

Work completed since last report

- Met with Armenian club to work on the resolution
- Met with Dean to plan Lunch with the Dean Event

Goals for next two weeks

- Execute lunch with the Dean event
- Attend Student Council meetings

Student concerns

- Class registration and timely graduation

6) College of Liberal Arts

Work completed since last report

- Met with Vice President Alderete-Gonzalez to discuss ways in which we can help the student population.
- Met with Senator Gonzalez to brainstorm ways to help the undocumented community on campus.
- Met with the college council

Goals for next two weeks

- Meet with the College of Liberal Arts social media team to discuss more ways to inform the student population what ASI is.
- Schedule a meeting with Senator Gonzalez and Chief Diversity Officer Citlali Ortiz

Student concerns

- Students are feeling overwhelmed as the semester starts to come to an end. They have started to feel worn out and tired and are trying to find the motivation to keep going.

Did you know?

- This semester the college of Liberal Arts hired Dr. Samiha Rahman who will be a part of the Department of Human Development. Her education history includes a bachelor's degree at Columbia University in history and ethnicity and race studies, as well as a doctorate in education and Africana studies. She's teaching the approaches to Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood.

7) College of Natural Science & Math

Work completed since last report

- Senator Muñozvilla spoke with CNSM faculty
- Senator Srivastava and Muñozvilla will be meeting with Dean Bennett, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Slowinski
- Senator Muñozvilla set up meeting with OED, WGEC, and Commissioner for Pregnant and Parenting Students, commissioner for women and gender equity, and Senator Gevorkian.
- Senator Srivastava attended a training hosted by BPE

Goals for next two weeks

- Talk with BUILD on sharing list of PIs (principal investigators) that are accepting students for research projects
- Meeting to write handbook for pregnant and parenting students
- Meet with individual senators to pitch syllabi collaboration
- Meet with Maryanne for fundraising, hydration stations
- Meet with Krzysztof Slowinski, Valerie Bagley, and Carole Duffis
- Work with Dr. Taylor in order to create a petition to ease regulations on labs

Student concerns

- Incoming students are worried about unavailable research and volunteering opportunities
- Students taking lab this semester are worried about possible COVID-19 exposure
- Professors worry about their ability to help students and lack of interaction.
- Struggles with exam allotted time, maybe not enough?

Did you know?

- This week is Hunger & Homelessness awareness week!

- BPE will collaborate with Student Health Services, Basic Needs Program, CalFresh, and the Beach pantry. To hold virtual events throughout this week.
- Events such as...
 - Basics Needs/ Cal Fresh Presentation
 - Grocery Games
 - Shopping on a Budget CalFresh Healthy Living
 - Real Conversations on Homelessness and Hunger
 - Basics Needs Student Panel
 - ASI Beach Pantry Drive-thru Pop-up

J. Information Item: Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB Dean of Students

- Strongly encouraged COVID safety, especially during holidays
- Shared the following link for the Health and Wellness Wheel
<http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/wellness/servicespage.html>
- Working on centralizing resources for graduating students

11. CLOSING COMMENTS

Gevorkian: encouraged board to submit their comments to Academic Affairs Officer regarding Plus/Minus grading to present before the Academic Senate.

Gonzalez: will be meeting with Dr. Lesen to discuss the Student Alternative Assistance Program that provides assistance to undocumented students.

Alderete Gonzalez: encouraged board to stay safe; no Senate meeting next week.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Maythe Alderete Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.