

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution #2019-08  
**Title:** Mascot Referendum  
**Sponsored by:** Vice President Leen Almahdi  
**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019  
**Date Approved:** February 6, 2019

- WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI mission states, “the Associated Students of CSULB seeks to facilitate the achievement of students’ educational objectives and life goals through programs, services, and facilities that advocate student needs and interests, compel student representation in campus decision making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual, social and physical development;<sup>1</sup>” and
- WHEREAS** CSULB is an institution dedicated to promoting inclusive excellence and embracing diversity in all aspects of our community;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** on March 7, 2018, the ASI Senate passed SR 2018-07 calling for the retirement of Prospector Pete and the dissociation of our university from the Gold Rush Era;<sup>3</sup> now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the ASI Board of Directors desires to hold a referendum to decide our new mascot; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that all members of the campus community including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members will be given the opportunity to submit a proposal of what they would like to see the new mascot be; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that a committee of all stakeholders involved will then convene to condense the options on the ballot to the final candidates; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that all current students will be able to vote electronically and choose their new mascot; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that this referendum will take place during the spring 2019 semester; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that ASI will support and accept the vote from the student body in regards to the outcome of the referendum, and we urge President Conoley to stand by and support the students’ vote; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Chair of Academic Senate Norbert Schurer, Athletics Director Andy Fee, the Cal State Student Association, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.asicsulb.org/pages/asi-mission-statement>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/office-of-the-provost/diversity-and-inclusive-excellence>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-17-Retire\\_Prospector\\_Pete\\_Dissociate\\_Gold\\_Rush\\_Era.pdf](https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-17-Retire_Prospector_Pete_Dissociate_Gold_Rush_Era.pdf)

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*Leen Almahdi*

Leen Almahdi, Vice President &  
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

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