

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2019-12
Title: Bylaw Amendment to the Commissioner for Environmental Justice Position
Sponsored by: Vice President Leen Almahdi and Senator-at-Large Aaron Jordan
Co-Sponsored by: Chief Diversity Officer Sean Aquino and Commissioner for Environmental Justice Evelyn Wynn
Date Submitted: April 12, 2019
Date Approved: May 1, 2019

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors 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;¹” and
- WHEREAS** in spring 2016, the ASI Senate approved a reorganization structure to increase the efficiency and intentionality of ASI boards; and
- WHEREAS** as a result, the position titles of some commissioners were revised to reflect a more social justice focus to address the concerns of communities and specific constituencies;² however, the duties of the position were not updated to reflect this focus; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the AS Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section 2: Presidential Cabinet, B3: Commissioner for Environmental Justice will be edited to reflect the following:
- “The Commissioner for Environmental Justice advises the President’s Cabinet on matters of environmental justice issues in local communities and sustainability efforts affecting the campus;” and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the duties of the Commissioner for Environmental Justice include:
- Carries out the vision and the goals of the ASI President
 - Assists in developing strategies to convey environmental justice and sustainability policies, goals, and initiatives for ASI, such as purchasing policies and practices
 - Advises the ASI President on the University’s Climate Action plan, demonstrating a thorough understanding of the plan, staying current on its progress and accomplishments and identifying ways in which ASI can contribute
 - Collaborates with the University Student Union Board of Trustees to execute the provisions of the ASI Sustainability Policy, ensuring that ASI is adhering to the policy specifically greenhouse gas emission and zero waste goals, confirm that the annual sustainability report is submitted and present findings to the Senate
 - When needed, work with Senate to develop resolutions addressing policy and systemic issues related to environmental justice

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

² [https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-32%20Bylaw Amendment Cabinet.pdf](https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-32%20Bylaw%20Amendment%20Cabinet.pdf)

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- Collaborates with Lobby Corps on coordinating informational sessions educating students on the Green New Deal, CSULB Climate Action Plan and the City of Long Beach's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
- Monitors the City of Long Beach's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, and collaborates with Lobby Corps to adopt as part of their policy agenda
- Creates educational campaigns around environmental justice issues affecting Long Beach, Los Angeles and Orange County communities, to promote dialogue, increased understanding and appropriate action. Possible programming may include speakers and film screenings
- Collaborates with the Chief Government Relations Officer on raising awareness of environmental justice issues on a CSU level through CSSA
- Build relationships with the Environmental Science & Policy student organization to promote educational campaigns and mobilize students
- Build relationships with environmental justice focused organizations in the local communities such as East Yard Community for Environmental Justice, Communities for a Safe Environment, Communities for a Better Environment, Building Healthy Communities (Environmental Health Work Group), and Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, to support local communities in the fight for a clean and healthy environment
- Serves on the Earth Week Committee and assists with the planning of Earth Week, ensuring that there is an environmental justice component to the program
- Works in conjunction with the Sustain U Committee, Sustainability Taskforce and the Recycling Center
- Serves on ASI scholarship review committees as needed; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Commissioner for Environmental Justice will attend the following meetings:

- President's Cabinet – Weekly; TBD
- Chief Diversity Officer – TBD
- Sustain U Committee –TBD
- University Sustainability Task Force (President's Commission on Sustainability)–TBD
- Earth Week Committee – TBD
- Environmental Science & Policy student organization - TBD; and be it further

RESOLVED that the definition of environmental justice defined as “the process of improving and seeking a cleaner and healthier environment for all communities. Environmental justice focuses on communities that are more prone to environmental degradation, including but not limited to, lower income, immigrant, and communities of color,” be included in the working rules and job description so all interested applicants have a clear understanding of the expectations of this position; and be it finally -

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its 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, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

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Leen Almahdi

Leen Almahdi, Vice President &
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