

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2019-14
Title: Bylaw Amendment to Removal Process
Sponsored by: Vice President Leen Almahdi, Senator for the College of Business Robert Martinez, Senators for the College of Education Alejandra Aguilar and Frances Canales, Senators-at-Large Omar Prudencio-Gonzalez and Mateo Maya
Date Submitted: April 17, 2019
Date Approved: May 8, 2019

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** the AS Bylaws Chapter II, Article I, Section 8 states that, "The Senate will declare vacant the office of any Senator who misses no less than three meetings during an academic semester, including summer and winter sessions. The proposed removal of the Senator will be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Senate meeting for deliberation and action. The Senator's removal will be subject to a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate;" and
- WHEREAS** that this language is vague and leaves room for interpretation and misunderstandings; and
- WHEREAS** that this procedure can cause conflict of interest between colleagues who sit on the same board and must decide whether or not to vote for the removal of their peer; and
- WHEREAS** that standardizing this process will universalize the officer removal process across all boards and branches in ASI; and
- WHEREAS** CSULB ASI should hold all of its members accountable to ensure those who are elected to serve the student body and to perform the tasks necessary to effectively represent their constituencies; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that Chapter II of the bylaws be edited to reflect the following changes:

Article I, Section 8 Removal from Office:

"All Boards will declare vacant the office of any member who misses three meetings during an academic semester without an approved excused absence, including any mandatory trainings or meetings in the summer and winter sessions. The removal of the member will be final; if the member wishes to maintain their position on their respective board and have a viable reason to do so, they can appeal for their reinstatement through Judiciary.

The appeal process shall be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Judiciary meeting or a special meeting called by the Chief Justice for deliberation and action. The member's reinstatement will be subject to a 2/3 majority vote of the Judiciary. If the reinstatement of the member is granted by the Judiciary, the member will remain on permanent probation for the remainder of that semester and any subsequent absences will result in their permanent removal without an option to appeal;" and be it further

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

- RESOLVED** that the excused absences be listed in the bylaws to reflect those that have been outlined in the current CSULB attendance policy:¹
- Illness, injury to the student, or medical conditions, including those related to pregnancy
 - Death, injury, or serious illness of an immediate family member. An immediate family member is defined as a close relative, or a person residing in the immediate household of the student.
 - Religious reasons (California Education Code section 89320)
 - Jury duty, military service, or other government obligation
 - University-sanctioned or -approved activities (examples include but are not limited to artistic performances, participation in scholarly conferences and presentations, intercollegiate athletic activities, required class field trips, etc.); and be it further
- RESOLVED** that an excused absence should be presented to the Chair of the board and/or ASI Assistant Director for Government Affairs and Initiatives within a timely manner at the discretion of the Chair through email, in person, or any form of documentation; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that Chapter II, Article I, Section 1K be removed and replaced with the following changes:
- “K. Remove any officer elected by the Senate who misses three meetings during an academic semester without an approved excused absence, including any mandatory trainings or meetings in the summer and winter sessions:
1. The removal of the member will be final; if the member wishes to maintain their position on their respective board and have a viable reason to do so, they can appeal for their reinstatement through Judiciary. The appeal process shall be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled Judiciary meeting or a special meeting called by the Chief Justice for deliberation and action. The member’s reinstatement will be subject to a 2/3 majority vote of the Judiciary. If the reinstatement of the member is granted by the Judiciary, the member will remain on permanent probation for the remainder of that semester and any subsequent absences will result in their permanent removal without an option to appeal;” and be it further
- RESOLVED** that this resolution allows the Vice President the authority to reflect current changes of this resolution throughout the AS Bylaws; 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.

¹ <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/policy-statement-17-17-attendance-policy-supersedes-01-01>

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



Leen Almahdi

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

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

Genesis Jara

Genesis Jara, Associated Students President

5/8/19
Date
5/8/19
Date

###

