

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2020-04
Title: BOD Policy Agenda for 2019-20
Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Daniel Galindo, Jireh Deng, Citlalli Ortiz, and Stephany Triska,
Senators for the College of Liberal Arts Minoli De Silva and Daniella Hernandez, and Vice
President Leen Almahdi
Date Submitted: September 27, 2019
Date Approved: October 16, 2019

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has a duty to highlight the contributions of those who have demonstrated a commitment to the enhancement of the educational and social experiences of the campus community at CSULB; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Associated Students California State University, Long Beach mandates that the Senate shall, " ... no later than the last day of October, adopt a Policy Agenda and Board of Directors' Initiatives outlining goals, priorities and the general direction of the Senate¹;" now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the incoming Senate continues to further develop all of the efforts the 2018-19 Senate has made on the following items:

Goal 1: Increase Visibility and Outreach to Students

- Continue "Meet the Senators" posters to ensure students know who their representatives are and how they can contact them
- Focus on concerns specific to housing, graduate students, transfer students, and student athletes through the focuses of the Senators-at-Large
- Consistently table throughout the school year, visit classrooms, and club meetings to speak about ASI

Goal 2: Increase Advocacy for Housing and Food Insecurity

- Continue to support the advocacy for housing and food insecure students through the Basic Needs program and inform constituents of the various resources
- Explore programs to address food and housing insecurity for students that do not hold social security benefits
- Advocate for increased housing resources where students do not need to exhaust loans to qualify for assistance
- Establish need-based mailboxes on campus for students facing housing insecurities
- Create visibility for the Feed a Need program on campus through digital advertising, creating pamphlets and information sheets to distribute at the Beach Pantry, and connect with the CalFresh representatives to consolidate efforts
- Advocate for diverse food options for students with religious and dietary food restrictions in the residential halls
- Work with commissioners, Housing and Residential Life Coordinators, and any other stakeholders to secure transitional housing for dedicated students who are at-risk of housing insecurity
- Develop a long-term plan to create healthier and more accessible food by having nutritious foods in the Beach Pantry

¹ ASI Bylaws: <http://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/20192020-AS-Bylaws.pdf>

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- More affordable plant-based food items in various locations like the Corner Market and Beachhut

Goal 3: Advocate for More Effective Mental Health Resources

- Foster partnerships with the Student Health Services, Project OCEAN, and CAPS to advocate for increased mental health resources and to become familiar with existing resources
- Create proactive awareness around distressing events impacting students (ie. threat of a mass shooting in spring 2019 and the lockdown of fall 2019; many students were worried for their safety)
- Increase mental health resources through nontraditional avenues, including but not limited to, peer mentoring/counseling, group therapy, support circles
- Improve access to mental health resources by decreasing the wait time, hiring more counselors, raising awareness of Mental Health Awareness Month
- Improve access to mental health resources by also tracking student progress through data collected by CAPS via surveys at the end of each semester

Goal 4: Expanding Scholarship Services

- Advocate for scholarships that compensate students for unpaid internships
- Incorporate more flexible scholarship criteria and create specific scholarships for underrepresented groups
- Change the way international, graduate, parenting, and AB540 and Undocumented students receive scholarships by creating a fee waiver or check distributed scholarship
- Advocate for out-of-state fee waivers for international and out-of-state students

Goal 5: Improving Existing Services

- Collaborate with Lobby Corps and the Social Justice & Equity Committee to provide safe spaces and support for students, especially with the upcoming elections and current political climate
- Advocate for ADA accommodations and size inclusive furniture in both ASI and campus-wide facilities
- Create ADA complaint form on the ASI website to ensure we are being held accountable to making our programs, services and facilities accessible
- Contact notable textbook publishers, faculty and departments encouraging them to utilize digital textbooks to help lower the cost of attendance
- Explore the idea of creating an ASI emergency fund to assist students with temporary financial emergencies without having them exhaust all other financial avenues first; 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, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, the Cal State Student Association, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

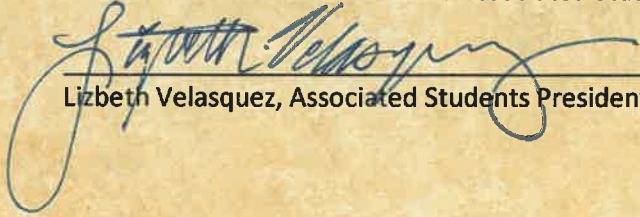


Leen Almahdi, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

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