

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

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution #2020-29  
**Title:** Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the MLSC and HSCI Buildings  
**Sponsored by:** Senators for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Jini Chakkalaka and Michael Lam  
**Date Submitted:** April 16, 2020  
**Date Approved:** May 6, 2020

**WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and

**WHEREAS** 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** a vast majority of the majors that fall under the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) are impacted;<sup>2</sup>and

**WHEREAS** students in the CNSM are highly encouraged to pursue research and have the option of joining the BUILD, MARC, KEMP, UROP, LSAMP, and RISE programs, which require 12-15 hours of research during the academic year, often conducted after-hours due to class scheduling conflicts;<sup>3</sup>and

**WHEREAS** student researchers in CNSM have received recognition for their research at national conferences such as ACS and ABRCMS, earning national acclaim for CSULB;<sup>4</sup>and

**WHEREAS** as of fall 2019, there were about 2,500 full-time, declared students under the CNSM;<sup>5</sup>and

**WHEREAS** the 2018-19 Common Report, of the students enrolled as full-time students, 58% self-identified as "female;"<sup>6</sup>and

**WHEREAS** after 10 p.m., the only available food and drink locations are the Beach Hut near the University Library and the vending machines near the Liberal Arts buildings, both of which are a considerable distance from the Molecular and Life Sciences Center (MLSC) and Hall of Science (HSCI), the primary buildings for student research;<sup>7</sup>and

**WHEREAS** that women ages 18-24 who are in college are three times more likely to experience sexual violence;<sup>8</sup>and

**WHEREAS** that many students, notably female-identified students, have expressed feeling uncomfortable walking around campus after-hours, but also desire food and drink to carry them through the long hours of research; and

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/resources/about-us>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/enrollment-services/fall-2019-major-specific-requirements-for-csulb-students-cnsm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://web.csulb.edu/colleges/cnsm/research/student-programs.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.csulb.edu/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/article/2019-abrcms-awardees>

<sup>5</sup> [https://data.ir.csulb.edu/t/IRA-Public/views/DailyComparativeStudentBasedEnrollmentData/StudentBasedHeadCountFull-TimeEquivalentFTESandAverageUnitLoadAULDailyReport?iframeSizedToWindow=true&embed=y&showAppBanner=false&display\\_count=no&showVizHome=no](https://data.ir.csulb.edu/t/IRA-Public/views/DailyComparativeStudentBasedEnrollmentData/StudentBasedHeadCountFull-TimeEquivalentFTESandAverageUnitLoadAULDailyReport?iframeSizedToWindow=true&embed=y&showAppBanner=false&display_count=no&showVizHome=no)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/institutional-research-analytics/cds\\_2018-2019\\_final\\_web\\_version.pdf](https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/institutional-research-analytics/cds_2018-2019_final_web_version.pdf)

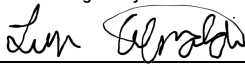
<sup>7</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/campus-maps/campus-map.pdf>


<sup>8</sup> <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

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- WHEREAS** in 2017, SR #2017-41: Vending Machines/Hydration Stations at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics called for vending machines to be installed and as of spring 2020, there are no vending machines or hydration stations in or near the HSCI and MLSC;<sup>9</sup>and
- WHEREAS** the nearest hydration station in CNSM is in the Microbiology building in an isolated, dimly lit environment that has hindered students from using it;<sup>10</sup>now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI urges the University and the CNSM to prioritize installing vending machines and hydration stations near the MLSC and HSCI buildings in order to help female-identified-students feel safer and more comfortable on campus late at night; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the vending machines and hydration stations be installed in a well-lit and accessible area around the MLSC and HSCI buildings within a year of this resolution’s approval; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that future CNSM senators prioritize the implementation of vending machines and hydration stations as a critical need of CNSM students until it is resolved; 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, Provost Brian Jersky, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, CNSM Dean Curtis Bennett, Dean of Students Piya Bose, and Director of Facilities and Planning Management Michael Gardner, and all current and future ASI Officers.

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<sup>9</sup> [https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-41\\_Vending\\_Machines\\_Hydration\\_Stations\\_CNSM.pdf](https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2016-2017/SR-2017-41_Vending_Machines_Hydration_Stations_CNSM.pdf)  
<sup>10</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/groups/campus-maps/campus-map.pdf>