



California State University, Los Angeles
Associated Students, Inc.
"For the students, by the students."

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A Brief History and Purpose of A.S.I.:

Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) at the great California State University, Los Angeles was founded on April 20, 1959 for the purpose of providing programs and services of, by, and for our students. A.S.I. is a not-for-profit student run auxiliary, governed by a student Board of Directors who are elected each year by the student body of Cal State L.A. The original wisdom and vision of our founding members has led to what today is universally acknowledged as a vital, purposeful, and comprehensive student body organization that serves the broad variety of interests of our diverse body that consist of 27,000+ students. A.S.I. is the officially recognized voice of the students. A.S.I. representatives continually advocate for student issues. We strive to provide excellent and meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited campus environment.

Today, A.S.I. is much more than just a student body government. It is a recognized organization in the California State University system and is a non-profit, self-sustaining corporation that is operated by students under the advisement of professional staff. It is the function and mission of A.S.I. "to promote the establishment of, and provide the means for effective avenues of student input into the governance of the campus, provide an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, and assist in the protection of rights and interests of the individual student." Furthermore, it makes available service and programs that meet the educational, social, recreational, and culture needs of the pluralistic Cal State LA community.

- When was student government formed on campus?
- When was the incorporation of A.S.I. and do you know the reasons why?
 - Incorporated on April 20, 21, 22, 1959.
 - Under the name Associated Student of Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences.
 - 1964 changed name to 4/15/64 to Associated Students of California State College at Los Angeles, Inc. – 1428 Yes – Total Voted 1728
 - May 10th appointed first directors of the corporation 19
 - June 15, 1973 vote
 - 1953 voted in favor
 - 1932 required for quorum

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- What are the programs and services that were initially offered and how have they changed over the years, what is offered today?
- How has the staff evolved over time and what is the staffing structure/organizational chart today? Leadership structure and which are elected/appointed? Committee and council structure?
- How has the A.S.I. student fees change and were there any major increases and why?
- Were there previous strategic plans?
- What are the governing documents (
 - [By-laws](#)
 - [Articles of Incorporation](#)
 - [Operating Agreements](#)
 - [Additional Governing Documents](#)
- What are the current statements for the mission, vision, values, motto? Approved May 9, 2017.
 - **Vision statement** - *"Ignite potential and empower student voices"*
 - **Mission/purpose statement** - *Since 1959, Associated Students, Inc. has promoted the establishment of, and provided the means for, effective avenues of student input into the governance of the campus; provided an official voice through which student opinion could be expressed; provided an opportunity where students could gain experience and training in responsible political participation and community leadership; assisted in the protection of the rights and interests of individual students; and stimulated the educational, social, physical and cultural well-being of the university community.*
 - **Motto** - *"For the students, by the students."*
- What are the key milestones that helped A.S.I. evolve? (think of staffing changes, leadership changes, successful initiatives and impact on campus)
- Are there any important partnerships that exist that enables you to do your work? Do you rely on any department, agency or organization for the work you do? Are others dependent on you?
- Are there any challenges that you are currently facing that should be noted and considered in the strategic planning process?
 - See SWOT Analysis - <http://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/attachment/s/2017/05/040417-swot-exec.xlsx>

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- A search of the campus newspaper for articles about A.S.I. and the key milestones would provide some background and the campus reactions at the time they occurred.
 - https://csula-dspace.calstate.edu/handle/10211.3/130358/discover?filtertype=subject&filter_relational_operator=equals&filter=Student+Elections

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