



Cabinet of Academic Senator Meeting Minutes

Day/Date: Monday, February 22, 2021
 Time: 4:45 p.m.
 Location: Zoom
 Attendees: Cabinet of Academic Senators, General Public
 Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

a. Called to order by: Jocelyn Vargas, Vice President for Academic Governance @4:46p.m.

b. Roll Call

Jocelyn Vargas	Vice President for Academic Governance	Present
Jeovana Lopez	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Kinsley Wang	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Kyle Taing	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Cristian Flores	Graduate Academic Senator	Present
Anaid Villa	Graduate Academic Senator	Present
Anson Noland	Academic Senator At-Large	Present
Milton Joseph Han	Associate Justice	Present

c. Concerns from the Floor

i. None

d. Motion to Approve Agenda

Offered By:	Anaid Villa	Seconded by:	Anson Noland
Motion to approve agenda for Monday February 22 nd , 2021. Consensus to approve agenda for Monday February 22 nd , 2021 - Consensus Reached			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	Abstained
			Motion: Passed

e. Motion to table minutes from December 7th, 2020; January 25th, 2021; and February 8th, 2021 to next Cabinet of Academic Senators meeting:

Offered By:	Anaid Villa	Seconded by:	Jeovana Lopez
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All in Favor	All	Opposed	Abstained
			Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

- a. This time is allotted to members of the public to address the board regarding items not included on the meeting agenda. Speaker cards are available for those wanting to speak on agenda items as listed below. Those comments will be heard as the item is introduced.
 - i. **ASI President Diana Chavez addressed the Cabinet of Academic Senators during this time regarding a resolution she is working on in hopes that the Cabinet of Academic Senators can advocate for its approval once it reaches the Academic Senate.**

III. Reports: (3 Minutes each)

a. Vice President for Academic Governance:

Jocelyn Vargas, VPAG, touched upon the student turn-out at the Academic Senator Town Halls and that she expected a larger student turn-out. However, she was pleased that these events ran fairly smoothly despite the smaller number of students who were present. Several students have reached out to her and want to be more involved with ASI and she is making sure to keep them informed about how to do that. She addressed Cristian and Jeovana directly about timing of student feedback policy to come out of EPC and its second reading in the Academic Senate. Several students have reached out to Jocelyn about being able to speak at the Academic Senate and so, Jocelyn will provide Jeovana and Cristian with the names of those students in order for them to make contact with them in order for them to be able to do that. Jocelyn is also working on revisions to the ASI bylaws to make it required for Academic Senators to attend more than one BOD meeting each semester from one meeting to two meetings.

b. Academic Senators:

- i. **Kyle Taing:** Kyle discussed that the Faculty Policy Committee has been working on Personnel Accomplishments Reports which is expected to be sent to the Academic Senate soon. They are working on other policies, which includes policies related to the evaluation of permanent faculty. Kyle also talked about the possibility of allowing first-year graduate students to return on campus to continue laboratory research after proper training is held for faculty.
- ii. **Kinsley Wang:** Kinsley felt that the Undergraduate Academic Senator Town Hall was successful. She discussed about the renovations and costs of renovations to the buildings on campus being made in order to prepare for the return to on-campus instruction. Kinsley stated that the university's current focus is on safety and procedures. Her understanding is that the expected on-campus capacity for the Fall 2021 semester will be 40% capacity. According to her understanding, the university is not expecting any fiscal cuts due to the new budget proposed by California Governor Newsom which would restore the original budget back to the university.
- iii. **Jeovana Lopez:** Jeovana stated that EPC did not meet in the week prior. In AIRS, there have been issues with CurricuLog and updates to the system. With the EDI Taskforce, they are meeting Wednesday following this meeting. Jeovana stated that she met with Lauren Diana, the college representative from Arts & Letters to discuss students attending BOD meetings and sharing their feelings about having been discriminated against during in-class experiences on campus. Jeovana wants to bring up the potential preferred name change policy to the EDI Taskforce as well.
- iv. **Anson Noland:** Anson is working on bringing the Preferred Name Change policy to the Student Policy Committee. He also discussed academic dishonesty and a time certain held with Carol Roberts Corb on behalf of the Dean of Students. There has been a 300% increase in reports of academic dishonesty at Cal State LA. However, Anson stated that this is on par with other universities nationwide. He stated that there is a consensus in agreement that there need to be changes in implementation of curriculum and testing measures to be more equitable for students.
- v. **Anaid Villa:** Anaid shared that the library plans to fully re-open in the fall. She stated that the Dean of the Library hopes to collaborate with ASI in order to get feedback from students at-large. She stated that the discussion in Fiscal Policy Committee revolves around updating technology in classrooms and the expenses that are expected for that. Anaid also mentioned that one of the larger goals is to update the air circulation and HVAC of King Hall for the safety of all students and staff.
- vi. **Cristian Flores:** Cristian talked about the Graduate Academic Senator Town Hall and the concerns students brought forward regarding research courses and extension of research projects into the summer due to COVID-19. He discussed the focus in EPC to the writing of an Academic Dishonesty policy. He also gave updates on

Graduate Studies Subcommittee and on taking back student concerns from the Town Hall back to the Graduate Studies Subcommittee.

c. Housekeeping

- i. Vice President for Academic Governance Jocelyn Vargas went over Academic Senator expectations with office hours and biweekly meetings as well as advocacy efforts while on the academic senate.

IV. Information Items

a. Senator Expectations

- i. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn Vargas discussed that she expects all senators to have their cameras on during meetings and to be actively participating in all of their committee meetings.
- ii. **Diana Chavez:** Diana stressed that it is the job of the senators to make sure that the student voices are the loudest ones in the room.
- iii. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn Vargas reiterated the expectations for committee report forms.

V. Discussion Items

a. Policy XV

- i. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn Vargas stated that she wanted to make changes to Policy XV in the ASI Bylaws in order to make it mandatory for Academic Senators to attend at minimum two Board of Directors meetings per semester instead of just one.
- ii. **Anaid Villa:** Anaid Villa stated that she had no objections to this because it would enhance everyone's collective experiences.
- iii. **Kyle Taing:** Kyle Taing also agreed with Anaid and Jocelyn.
- iv. **Cristian Flores:** Cristian stated that it would be a good way to keep the Academic Senators engaged with what was going on within ASI.
- v. **Diana Chavez:** Diana stated that there may already be something in the ASI bylaws with this requirement and that she would check.
- vi. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn Vargas stated that she could not find that in Policy XV.

b. Academic Senate

- i. **Jocelyn Vargas:** Jocelyn Vargas went over the Timing of Student Feedback policy in order to prepare the senators for the second reading in the Academic senate.
- ii. **Cristian Flores:** Cristian Flores explained the policy in detail and why it was important and answered general questions about the policy that the Academic Senators had.
- iii. **Jeovana Lopez:** Jeovana Lopez also clarified on additional questions that the Academic Senators had regarding this specific policy.

c. Resolution on Police Transparency

- i. **Diana Chavez:** Diana Chavez went over her resolution on Police Transparency with the Cabinet of Academic Senators, which she co-wrote with the Black Student Union and the Pan-African Studies department.
- ii. **Eliana Sherman:** Eliana Sherman, a student-at-large went over their concerns with this document including some of the verbiage and content and how the document could improve.

F. Adjournment:

Offered By:	Kyle Taing	Seconded by:	Cristian Flores
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm.			
Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.			
All in Favor	All	Opposed	Abstained
			Motion: Passed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Board of Directors Meeting of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on October 19, 2020, on Zoom and were approved by consensus by the A.S.I. Board of Director Committee on Thursday, February 22nd, 2021.

Prepared by:

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