



## A Resolution in Support of Student Representation at Cal State LA

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Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of the California State University, Los Angeles Associated Students, Incorporated  
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**Whereas**, the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is the single recognized voice for over 27,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles, and since 1952 has promoted the establishment of and provided the means for, effective avenues of student input into the governance of the campus; and

**Whereas**, the first principle of ASI's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> is to "create a vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming campus that promotes student success and encourages active civic engagement;" and

**Whereas**, the second principle of ASI's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan emphasizes the importance of student development and aims to educate ASI student leaders and student committee members on how to effectively serve on ASI and University-wide committees; and

**Whereas**, the California State Student Association (CSSA) passed a Letter on Shared Responsibility of Campus Governance<sup>2</sup> in May of 2017 which acknowledges and suggests principles that student leaders and university presidents may adhere to as means to guide their professional interactions; and

**Whereas**, this letter defines the Shared Responsibility of Campus Governance as "the expectation of consistent collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and administration in making decisions that impact the campus and its community;" and

**Whereas**, ASI identified the need to strengthen communication between students, faculty and administrators in its Resolution to Encourage Faculty and Administrator Involvement<sup>3</sup> (2011); and

**Whereas**, students are the primary stakeholders on university campuses, and as such are subject to direct and indirect impacts made by university policies, procedures, and decisions; and

**Whereas**, the 2017-2018 ASI Board of Directors approved the 2018 policy revision of the ASI Shared Governance Council Code of Procedure – Policy 023<sup>4</sup>, which further defines and expands ASI's recognition of student participation within Shared Governance on not just formalized committees and subcommittees, but also within ad-hoc committees, taskforces, and working groups; and

**Whereas**, the ASI Vice President for Academic Governance oversees the recruitment and coordination of student committee members for the committees and subcommittees of the California State University, Los Angeles Academic Senate, Colleges, and University Divisions; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/attachments/2018/05/asi-strategic-plan-5.9.18-update.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.calstatestudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Shared-Governance-Resolution-2.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/upload/2015/11/resolution-encourage-faculty-and-administrator-involvement.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/upload/2015/11/policy-023-shared-governance-council-cop-023.pdf>



**Whereas**, the ASI Academic Senators actively coordinate and support student committee members serving within the committees and subcommittees of the California State University, Los Angeles Academic Senate; and

**Whereas**, the ASI College Representatives actively coordinate and support student committee members serving within the committees and subcommittees of their respective colleges; let it be

**Resolved**, that ASI supports the Letter from the California State Student Association on Shared Responsibility of Campus Governance; and be it further

**Resolved**, that ASI further commits to focusing on student development by ensuring that students who actively participate in the shared governance of campus are empowered to represent the student voice and provided training on student advocacy, negotiation and conflict/resolution skills, student rights, and how to successfully navigate campus committee structures; and be it further

**Resolved**, that ASI shall use the ASI Shared Governance Council as a tool to strategize with and coordinate between ASI bodies in addressing academic affairs, student issues, student fee assessments, in order to develop wholesome solutions which encompass a diversity of perspectives from students, faculty, staff, administrators; and be it further

**Resolved**, that ASI works diligently to increase student participation rates within campus Shared Governance bodies by:

- monitoring the growth of student participation on a semester-by-semester basis;
- providing regular updates to the campus community regarding student participation in committees;
- improving retention rates of student-at-large committee members;
- reforming internal administrative processes to keep up with the needs of the ASI Shared Governance processes; and
- continuing to identify barriers and develop solutions to provide positive student experiences in committees which promote professional development and personal growth; and be it further

**Resolved**, that ASI, by further defining and expanding its recognition of student participation within campus Shared Governance in ASI Policy 023, commends the work of students within these bodies and their important contributions in providing the student perspective on university matters, and is committed to rewarding these students with incentives as stipulated by ASI Policy 023; and be it further

**Resolved**, that ASI shall prioritize the creation and nurturing of partnerships within the Cal State LA community in order to strengthen its ability to provide accessible student opportunities and properly take ownership of its own responsibility to provide avenues for student representation at Cal State LA; and be it finally

**Resolved**, that copies of this resolution will be sent to California State University, Los Angeles University President William A. Covino, Vice President for Student Life Nancy Wada-McKee, Provost Lynn Mahoney, Vice Provost for Diversity and Engaged Learning Octavio Villalpando, Vice President for Administration and Finance Lisa Chavez, the Academic Senate, Dean of Students Jennifer Miller, the Cal State LA University Times, College of Arts and Letters Dean Rennie Schoepflin, College of Business and Economics Interim Dean Tyrone Jackson, Charter College of Education Dean Cheryl Ney, College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology Dean Emily Allen, Rongxiang Xu Health and Human Services Dean Ron Vogel, Natural and Social Sciences Dean Pamela Scott-Johnson, Professional and Global Education Dean Eric Bullard, University Library Dean Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Honors College Director Trinh Pham, and the Risk Management/Environmental Health and Safety Department, the Educational Opportunity Program, the



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Educational Participation in Communities program, the Dreamers Resource Center, the Veterans Resource Center, the Center for Student Involvement, and the Cross Cultural Centers.

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