

**ASI Inauguration Ceremony 2018**

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**Please take your seats, we are ready to begin.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, good evening,**

**Colleagues, students, friends and family, welcome to the 2018 Associated Students, Incorporated Inauguration Ceremony. Please join me in inviting David Zitser, outgoing ASI President, to speak more about the charge of our organization.**

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**DAVID:**

**Good evening everyone. Serving as ASI President this past academic year has been a rewarding experience. ASI has had quite an impact on me as I, along with my peers, tried my best to have a positive effect on this campus.**

**Associated Students, Incorporated at the great California State University, Los Angeles was founded on April 20, 1959 for the purpose of providing and promoting opportunities for student participation in campus governance and providing an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed. 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; a corporation of peers that serves the broad variety of interests of its more than 25,000 constituents.**

**Today, ASI is much more than just a student government. It is a recognized organization in the California State University (CSU) system and is a not-for-profit, self-sustaining corporation that is operated by students with the counsel of a professional team of dedicated staff members. ASI is governed by a student Board of Directors who are elected each year by the student body of Cal State LA. We are the officially recognized voice of the students. ASI representatives continually advocate for student interests with the purpose of promoting the establishment of, and provide the means for, effective avenues of student input into the governance of the campus. The authority of ASI is vested in the ASI Board of Directors, Cabinet of Commissioners, Cabinet of Academic Senators, and the Judicial Review Committee. So, when we say that ASI is 'For the Students, By the Students,' we mean that quite literally.**

**The inauguration ceremony is a celebratory event for the organization and a formal welcoming of the incoming Board of Directors. We are delighted to have President Covino, our administrators, faculty members, fellow students, family, and friends join us today for this occasion. Thank you all for your dedication to Cal State LA and your support of our students.**

**It is an honor to come here today to recognize the elected student officers for 2018-2019 as they begin their term by taking the oath of office. Without further ado, Please join me in welcoming President William A. Covino to begin the ceremony.**

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVES

**DAVID:**

**As I announce your name,** all students to be installed as **ASI COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES**, please approach the stage and remain standing here.

College of Arts and Letters Representative:

Alysin Green      AL-I-SIN GRE-EN

College of Business & Economics Representatives:

Christopher Koo      CHRIS-TO-PHER CU  
Jose Abarca      HO-SAY AH-BAR-CA

College of Natural & Social Sciences Representative:

Davona Watson      DAH-VON-AH WAT-SON

**DAVID:**

President Covino and members of the University Community, the following students have been duly elected and verified for the position of College Representative on the ASI Board of Directors and are now presented to you for installation.

Each of you has been duly and properly elected to represent a segment of ASI. It shall be your responsibility to assume this leadership with serious purpose. Always keep in mind the importance of actively searching out the opinions of your constituents and representing them to the best of your ability. Be aware that the leadership you demonstrate determines the course of student government on this campus.

**As I call your name, please step forward...**

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**PRESIDENT COVINO:**

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

*Present each representative with their certificate and take a picture.*

**PRESIDENT COVINO:**

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 ASI COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES.**

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI SECRETARY/TREASURER

### DAVID:

President Covino and members of the University Community Jennifer Martell (JEN-E-FER MAR-TELL) has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI Secretary/Treasurer and I present her to you for installation.

Jennifer Martell (JEN-E-FER MAR-TELL) you are charged to accept the responsibility that has been placed upon you as Secretary/Treasurer of ASI. As Secretary/Treasurer, you will take major responsibility for the management of Bi-Weekly Reports and Grant-In-Aid determination. It shall be your duty to oversee the accountability of member service time, keep official Board of Directors records, and report upon the work and progress of ASI.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Jennifer Martell (JEN-E-FER MAR-TELL), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 ASI SECRETARY/TREASURER,  
Jennifer Martell (JEN-E-FER MAR-TELL)**

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ADVANCEMENT

### DAVID:

President Covino and members of the University Community, Veronica Garcia-Martinez (VER-ON-I-CA GAR-SEE-AA MAR-TIN-EZ) has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement and I present her to you for installation.

Veronica Garcia-Martinez (VER-ON-I-CA GAR-SEE-AA MAR-TIN-EZ) you are charged to accept the responsibility that has been placed upon you as Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement of ASI. As Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement, you will take major responsibility for the external advancement of ASI. It shall be your duty to serve as the representative to the California State Student Association and oversee the ASI Representatives at Large.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ADVANCEMENT

#### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Veronica Garcia-Martinez (VER-ON-I-CA GAR-SEE-AA MAR-TIN-EZ), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

#### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ADVANCEMENT, Veronica Garcia-Martinez (VER-ON-I-CA GAR-SEE-AA MAR-TIN-EZ)**

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

### DAVID:

President Covino and members of the University Community, Aaron Castaneda (AR-ON CAST-A-NEY-DA) has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI Vice President for Finance and I present him to you for installation.

Aaron Castaneda (A-RON CAST-A-NEY-DA) you are charged to accept the responsibility that has been placed upon you as Vice President for Finance of ASI As Vice President for Finance, you will take major responsibility for the financial administration of ASI. It shall be your duty to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee, and periodically provide a detailed account of the financial condition of ASI.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Aaron Castaneda (A-RON CAST-A-NEY-DA), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE,**  
Aaron Castaneda (A-RON CAST-A-NEY-DA)

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

### DAVIDE:

President Covino and members of the University Community, Jacquelyn Acosta (JACK-Q-LIN A-COST-A) has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI Vice President for Academic Governance and I present her to you for installation.

Jacquelyn Acosta (JACK-Q-LIN A-COST-A) you are charged to accept the responsibility that has been placed upon you as Vice President for Academic Governance of ASI. As Vice President for Academic Governance, it shall be your obligation to serve as Chair of the Shared Governance Committee and to be mindful of your responsibility to assist the ASI Academic Senators in promoting policies and decisions that shall be in the best interest of the student body.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

#### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Jacquelyn Acosta (JACK-Q-LIN A-COST-A), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

#### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE, Jacquelyn Acosta (JACK-Q-LIN A-COST-A)**

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

### DAVID:

President Covino and members of the University Community, Jesus Mora (HEY-ZEUS MOR-AH) has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI Vice President for Administration and I present him to you for installation.

Jesus Mora (HEY-ZEUS MOR-AH) you are charged to accept the responsibility that has been placed upon you as the Vice President for Administration of ASI. As the Vice President for Administration, you will Chair the Cabinet of Commissioners and be mindful of your responsibility to assist the Commissioners in the planning and promoting programs sponsored by ASI.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION-ELECT

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Jesus Mora (HEY-ZEUS MOR-AH), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION, Jesus Mora (HEY-ZEUS MOR-AH)**

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE ASI PRESIDENT

### DAVID:

President Covino and members of the University Community, Nia Johnson (NEE-AH JOHN-SON), has been duly elected and verified for the position of ASI President and I present her to you for installation.

### [NIA APPROACHES THE STAGE]

Nia Johnson (NEE-AH JOHN-SON), you are charged to accept the full responsibility and leadership of the Associated Students, Incorporated of the Great California State University, Los Angeles. With this high office goes the obligation of conducting the affairs of government as to bring credit to the University and to serve all the students of the institution. Your leadership will determine, in great measure, the success of your fellow officers during your administration. In accepting these duties and obligations, I charge you to fulfill them to the best of your ability.

### OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE PRESIDENT

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**If you will please raise your right hand and repeat after me the following Oath of Office:**

I, Nia Johnson (NEE-AH JOHN-SON), do solemnly swear, to be guided in all deliberations and conduct of my office, by the articles and bylaws of Associated Students, Incorporated. I shall be guided by integrity and principle, to the end that all students shall be properly served.

### PRESIDENT COVINO:

**IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE 2018-2019 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INCORPORATED, Nia Johnson (NEE-AH JOHN-SON),**

*Present their certificate and take a picture.*

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**DAVID:**

Please join me in welcoming your ASI President for the 2018-2019 Academic Year, Nia Johnson.

**[NIA JOHNSON TAKES THE PODIUM FOR HER SPEECH]**

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**[DAVID TAKES THE PODIUM]**

**DAVID:**

Thank you Nia,

On behalf of the university community and Associated Students, Incorporated, I would like to thank President Covino for his continued support of our organization.

Thank you to everyone for coming today and celebrating this momentous occasion. ASI members and staff, along with the elected and those soon to be appointed, look forward to serving the Cal State LA community to the best of our ability.

Inaugurates please come to the stage.

**[ASI BOARD MEMBERS APPROACH THE STAGE}**

**DAVID:**

Please help me welcome the 2018-2019 Associated Students, Incorporated Board of Directors.

**[WAIT FOR APPLAUSE]**

Stay with us, as dinner is served. And, thank you once again for your support.

**[DAVID EXITS STAGE] – [END OF PROGRAM] ###**

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