



Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

📅 Thu March 11th, 2021

🕒 2:30pm - 3:45pm PST

📍 <https://fullerton.zoom.us/j/84145512927>

👤 In Attendance

I. Call to Order

Seleena Mukbel, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Fernandez, Hannawi, Mukbel, Wong, Zarate

Members Absent: None

According to the ASI Policy Concerning Governance Committee, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remaining until the scheduled end of the meeting.

*Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business but left before the scheduled ending of the meeting.

**Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business.

III. Approval of Agenda

Decision: (Zarate-m / Wong-s) A motion was made and second to approve the agenda by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. **02/25/2021**

Decision: (Fernandez-m / Zarate-s) A motion and second was made to approve the minutes by unanimous consent.

V. **Public Speakers**

Members of the public may address Governance Committee members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters impacting students.

There were no public speakers.

VI. **Reports**

a. **Chair**

No report.

b. **Coordinator Leader and Program Development**

No report.

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

a. **Action: A Resolution in Support of Establishing Financial Assistance to International Students**

The committee will consider approving a Resolution in Support of Establishing Financial Assistance to International Students

GOV 20/21 008 (Wong- m / Fernandez-s) A motion and second was made to consider approving a Resolution in Support of Establishing Financial Assistance to international Students.

Mukbel yielded to Anjali Iyer to elaborate on the item.

Anjali highlighted the following:

- An international student² enrolling full time pays approximately \$9,400 more than a full time student with in-state residency³ and approximately \$6,650 more than a full time student with out-of-state residency
- International students on a student visa are prohibited from off-campus employment for the first nine months of their stay in the United States⁴
- International students have no alternative choice in health insurance and must purchase health insurance from a company partnered with CSUF⁵
- ASI shall establish 8 scholarships per Fall semester and 7 scholarships per Spring semester in the amount of \$1000 each, with a total budget impact of \$15,000

Mukbel yielded to Maria Linares.

Linares clarified that the funds are available and the student organizations funds would not be touched.

Mukbel opened the floor to questions.

Mukbel, asked, has the qualification and description of the scholarship been determined? Linares answered, ASI staff would be working with the financial aid office to determine that.

Mukbel opened the floor for discussion.

Linares recognized Anjali for all her hard work and commitment towards BOD and the resolution.

Please see the attached resolution for more information.

Mukbel asked if there were any objections to moving to a roll call vote to approving a Resolution in Support of Establishing Financial Assistance to international Students. There were no objections.

Decision: GOV 008 20/21 Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0
The motion to consider approving a Resolution in Support of Establishing Financial Assistance to international Students was adopted.

IX. **Announcements/Member's Privilege**

Linares informed the Governance Committee they are working towards including part time students. Linares encouraged the committee to contact Andrea Cortes.

X. **Adjournment**

Mukbel, chair adjourned the meeting 2:55 pm



Seleena Mukbel (Apr 29, 2021 12:48 PDT)

Seleena Mukbel, Chair



Kristyne Robles (Apr 30, 2021 11:27 PDT)

Kristyne Robles, Recording Secretary

Roll Call 2020-2021

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Attendance	Board Members		
		Present	Absent
HHD	Adriana Fernandez	1	
CBE	George Hannawi	1	
ECS	Rebekah Wong	1	
NSM	Carl Zarate	1	
Vice Chair (COMM)	Seleena Mukbel	1	
		Present	Absent
		5	0

Roll Call Votes		008		
HHD	Adriana Fernandez	1		
CBE	George Hannawi	1		
ECS	Rebekah Wong	1		
NSM	Carl Zarate	1		
Vice Chair (COMM)	Seleena Mukbel	1		
		Yes	No	Abstain
		5	0	0



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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Sponsors: Anjali Iyer and Maria Linares

Co-Sponsors: Erick Murillo, Martalinda Leiva, Andrea Cortes, Adriana Fernandez, Radhika Sharma

WHEREAS, The Associated Students Inc., CSUF (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, which sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, ASI is committed to cultivating rich diversity and increasing culturally proficient and equity-minded students and staff by identifying barriers that inhibit student success and supporting efforts to remove them. ASI has passed resolutions in the past in support of marginalized communities including but not limited to Formerly Incarcerated Students and Undocumented Students;¹ and

WHEREAS, an international student² enrolling full time pays approximately \$9,400 more than a full time student with in-state residency³ and approximately \$6,650 more than a full time student with out-of-state residency; and

WHEREAS, international students on a student visa can seek employment on-campus at the start of their time in the U.S. but often experience time-delays in authorizations which may place them 1-2 months behind the campus' traditional student hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, international students on a student visa are prohibited from off-campus employment for the first nine months of their stay in the United States⁴ and this requirement further complicates the students ability to support themselves financially; and

WHEREAS, International students have no alternative choice in health insurance and must purchase health insurance from a company partnered with CSUF⁵, and failure to do so prohibits them from registering for classes for that semester by showing up as a hold in their student center; and

WHEREAS, most scholarships that are offered in the United States require students to have US

¹ <https://asi.fullerton.edu/strategic-plan>

² <http://admissions.fullerton.edu/intl/costs.php>

³ <https://sbs.fullerton.edu/services/fees/TuitionAndCampusFees.php#divU>

⁴ <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/f-1-students-work-violations.html>

⁵ <https://bit.ly/3846VIE>

Citizenship to be eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act specifically excludes “any nonresident alien” from the definition of “eligible individual;”⁶ and

WHEREAS, international students did not receive financial assistance during the pandemic, further increasing their financial burden; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that with the adoption of the resolution, ASI remains committed to advocating for diverse communities and continues to support international students in their efforts to pursue their educational goals; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI shall establish 8 scholarships per Fall semester and 7 scholarships per Spring semester in the amount of \$1000 each, with a total budget impact of \$15,000 specifically for international students in order to support their academic success and wellbeing; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: The Office of the President, the President’s Advisory Board, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Titan Dreamers Resource Center, the Academic Senate, and the ASI Executive Director and applicable ASI departments for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the

Maria Linares
Chair, Board of Directors

Selene Hanna
Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors

⁶ <https://bit.ly/3cafwVI>