

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2010-06
Title: The Policy Agenda and Legislative Initiatives for the 60th Senate of the Associated Students
Sponsored by: Vice President Omar Gonzalez
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Date Approved: November 4, 2009

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Associated Students, California State University, Long Beach mandates that the Senate shall, "...no later than the last day of October, adopt a Policy Agenda and Board of Directors' Initiatives outlining goals, priorities and the general direction of the Senate",

WHEREAS the 60th Senate serves as the Board of Directors for the corporation and implements its authority as the legislative branch, voicing students' needs and interests to fulfill the mission of student self-governance,

WHEREAS during the course of 2009-2010 academic year, the 60th Senate will need to confront unprecedented challenges such as multiple state budget cuts and other threats to higher education, which this corporation and students of CSULB oppose,

WHEREAS the 60th Senate, a board of the students, for the students is tasked with acting in favor or against legislation to guarantee the best interests of students of CSULB,

WHEREAS the 60th Senate is in the prime position to advocate for signed and vetoed bills by the California state governor pertaining to the health of higher education,

WHEREAS the 60th Senate recognizes that with the passage of Senate Resolution #2009-05, along with this resolution, its duty to monitor legislation coming out of Sacramento is boundless, and in doing so, will continue to voice students' interest on present and future items of legislation,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors acknowledges that students' issues and concerns will be of utmost importance throughout the 2009-2010 academic year and will respond with action beyond the Policy Agenda and Legislative Initiatives, be it

RESOLVED that the 60th Senate of the Associated Students shall take a position on the following legislative items regardless of their status:

- SB 218: Public Records: state agency auxiliary organizations: Oppose
- AB 656: California Higher Education Endowment Corporation: oil and gas severance tax: Support
- SB 402: Strengthening California's Bottle Bill: essential funding: Support
- SB 216: Public postsecondary education: textbooks: Support
- SB 1541: Private Student Loan Debt Swap Act of 2009(Federal): Direct Loans: Support
- HR 3221: Student Aid & Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009: Support

RESOLVED that the 60th Senate of the Associated Students shall take a position on the following items:

- Commitment to working with the California State Student Association on advocating policies that will benefit students of CSULB and the entire CSU system. The 60th Senate shall accomplish this by passing resolutions in support of specific issues, such as AB 656 and HR 3221, and work with CSSA to support


such legislation. The 60th Senate also will work with the executive branch of ASI to coordinate with CSSA on "days of action" to demonstrate against the budget cuts

- Strengthening the partnership between the University and Long Beach Transit which results in the U-Pass program. The Senate shall work to promote the continuation of the U-Pass program and call for increased services for the Long Beach State University community. The 60th Senate shall accomplish this by passing a resolution expressing it's appreciation for the U-Pass program and by urging Long Beach Transit to support extending new lines serving CSULB. We shall also engage the student body in this process and make a presence in the discussion regarding this proposal.
- Ensuring that CSULB students have an opportunity to learn the history and culture of the University. Due to the tough economic year the state has faced, the University has dealt with many budget cuts, thus eradicating many programs such as University 100. The 60th Senate will work with Student Orientation, Advising, & Registration (SOAR) program on their implementation of an online SOAR for incoming students.
- Commitment to sustainability and supporting efforts of the SustainU Committee. The Senate shall demonstrate support by working with the SustainU Committee on the passage of resolutions that will make ASI "green." The Senate will also consider supporting the Academic Senate's call for President F. King Alexander to pledge CSULB to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by passing this resolution the 60th Senate will not limit itself to the resolution's language and objectives as a Board but commit itself to addressing ongoing issues of concern to students of CSULB, be it finally


RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the AS President, shall be distributed to CSULB President F. King Alexander, the California State Student Association, AS Executive Officers, the Chair of the Academic Senate, the AS Secretary for System-Wide Affairs, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, the CSU Board of Trustees, State Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, State Senator Alan Lowenthal, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED:


Omar Gonzalez, Vice President &
Chairman, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

December 7, 2009
Date


Christopher J. Chavez, Associated Students President

December 7, 2009
Date

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