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Light Up Our Nights: Students Rally Speak Out on Campus Security

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Long Beach, CA – Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) will be hosting “Light Up Our Nights,” a rally and town hall meeting intended to create a safe setting for students and take a proactive stance on campus security issues. “Light Up Our Nights” will be on Thursday, October 4, 2007 from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Speaker’s Platform by the University Bookstore.

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“Light Up Our Nights” is an opportunity for students to address many of the concerns regarding campus security, such as the correlation between lack of street lights and the incidents and attacks on campus.

ASI Public Defender Catherine Pittet, the organizer of the event, is adamant about raising awareness on students’ safety and believes that more lights would not just decrease predatory attacks but create visibility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

“This is our campus,” Pittet said. “We are a community, and we want to be active in protecting each other.”

The rally will include a march, which starts in front of the University Bookstore, go up toward the University Library and down to east side of campus and conclude at the Speaker’s Platform. Speakers include 3rd District Councilman Gary DeLong, Chief of Campus Police Jack Pearson and University President F. King Alexander.

As a response to the vehicle thefts and sexual assaults on campus, the 2006-2007 ASI Senate passed Resolution #2007-07 that requested immediate installation of security cameras on campus in areas of high criminal activities, such as parking lots and structures; heightened campus security with the University Police Night Escort Program; and urged City of Long Beach for lighting installations in poorly lit areas on campus, primarily along Bellflower Boulevard between Seventh Street and Atherton Street, along Atherton Street between Bellflower Boulevard and Palo Verde Avenue and along Palo Verde Avenue between Atherton Street and State University Drive.

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Recently, the City Council of Long Beach voted against the funding that would allot more streetlights around campus. Pittet and ASI President Mark Andrews are encouraging students to come speak their minds and alert the City Council with their concerns.

“We want students to always feel safe on their own campus,” said Andrews. “As students, we need to take a more proactive approach to campus security, so we can prevent another incident from happening.”

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ASI is owned and operated by students under the advisement of professional staff. ASI has followed its mission to improve the quality of campus life for students since 1956. ASI proudly dedicates its resources to providing essential activities that enhance the students' educational experience and aid in their overall development. Services provided by ASI to the Cal State Long Beach community include, but are not limited to, the University Student Union, the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center and the Recycling Center. The organization is an auxiliary under the Division of Student Services at California State University, Long Beach. For more information about our unique organization and the services we provide, please visit the ASI website at <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students2/ASI/>.

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