



ASI Rules & Policies Committee Meeting Agenda

2019-2020:01 Friday November 15, 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm, BSC, 2nd Floor, England Evans

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Call to Order
- B. Quorum Check
- C. Approval of Minutes
- D. Agenda Changes
- E. Introduction of Guests
- F. Reports
 - i. Attorney General
- G. Open Forum

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Student Opportunity Initiative Proposal from SOI Ad-Hoc Committee

III. Discussion Items

- B. Committee Codes
- C. ASI Reserves Policy

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Save the Date

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Rules & Policies Committee Meeting – Friday, December 6, 2019, 10:00am – 12:00pm, England Evans



Board of Directors

2019-20:02

Amendments to Student Opportunities Initiative

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Article I: Background

Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Senate Bill (SB) 2002-03:02 entitled The Student Opportunities Initiative (hereinafter referred to as the Initiative) was passed to solidify ASI's "full commitment to the provision of quality programs, services and facilities to current and future students of Cal Poly Pomona in order to support their academic success, enrich their college experience and enhance their career preparation efforts." The Initiative recognized the importance of stable funding support and affirmed the need for an ASI and Bronco Student Center (BSC) fee structure that was supportive of growing needs and responsive to the impact of inflation on the cost of providing these facilities, programs, and services.

The Initiative increased ASI and BSC fees after several years of no fee adjustments and indexed the fees to inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas.

The Initiative provided a fee allocation structure based on designated dollar amounts per student and prescribed percentage distributions for specific student organizations. Any changes to the allocations for organizations in the Initiative were required to be accomplished through a student referendum.

The Initiative obtained a favorable student advisory vote and final approval by the University President. It took effect during fiscal year 2004 during which ASI and BSC fees were adjusted and annual adjustments for inflation were put into effect the following year.

In the 2012-13 academic year, the new Student Success fee was approved to benefit students through enhanced academic success, expanded technology resources, increased campus pride, support for diversity and veteran programs, and a proposed student project laboratory.

A designated portion of the Student Success fee revenue provides stable funding for athletics, tutoring, and diversity and veterans programs. From fiscal year 2014 through 2016, this designated fee revenue gradually replaced the funding for Athletics from the ASI and Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) annual budgets, which freed up these resources for other purposes consistent with the intended use of the ASI and IRA fees. Revenue from the Student Success fee fully covered all ASI funding for Athletics by fiscal year 2017, with the exception of the allocation for the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Account (SRFEA). The Student Success fee fully replaced funding for the tutoring program in fiscal year 2014. The ASI fee continued to fund Heritage Programs administered by the University.

Effective Summer Quarter 2013, the University President approved the recommendation to change the fee index from CPI to the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for select fees, which applied to the ASI and BSC fees. Additionally, as per University practice and CSU policy, all changes to fee amounts shall go through the Student Fee Advisory Committee and be approved by the University President.

The 2019-20 ASI Action Plan presented ASI's need to assess internal processes to ensure ASI is equitable in funding, reduces unnecessary bureaucratic barriers, and increases resources for clubs and organizations. To achieve this, an ASI Ad Hoc Committee was formed to analyze the Initiative in fall semester of 2019 resulting in the following amendments to the Initiative:

1. Revised allocation model for A. Academic Councils and B. At-large Councils in the Initiative. Revised the model for allocating the ASI fee to Councils so it is equitably distributed between At-Large Councils and Academic Councils.
 - a. Based the percentage distribution on number of registered clubs within each Council, rather than college enrollment for Academic Councils and a fixed percentage for At-Large Councils established when the Student Opportunities Initiative was last amended, thus making the designated dollar amount per student the same.
 - i. 2019-20 Academic Councils = \$15.19 / student; At-large Councils = \$10.86 / student; total per student in 2019-20 = \$26.05, which includes HEPI
 - ii. 2020-21 Councils = \$31.04 / student, an increase of \$4.99 / student (a 19% increase), which includes an additional \$135,000 allocated to Councils but not HEPI (requires approval from the Student Fee Committee and University President)
2. Removed D. Athletics from the Initiative, i.e., removed the Sports and Recreation Facilities Enhancement Account (SRFEA) from the Initiative and allocated funding for this purpose from the F&O fee through ASI's annual budget process.
 - a. In 2014, the Bronco Recreation & Intramural Complex (BRIC) increased the BSC fee (now called the F&O fee) to cover all costs related to providing a comprehensive Campus Recreation program for students. The F&O fee shall be used to pay the University for use of non-ASI space for intramurals and competitive sports; money the University can use to enhance the sports and recreation facilities previously funded by the ASI fee.
3. Removed Article IV: Annual Inflationary Adjustment because it is procedural and provides unnecessary detail to achieve the purpose of the Initiative. Article II. A. Inflationary Adjustment clearly states that the allocations shall not be indexed unless the ASI fee is adjusted to HEPI.
4. Revised Article V. Financial Stipulations
 - a. Removed A. and B. because the annual allocations for ASI Reserves and postretirement obligations is redundant to what is already clearly defined in the ASI Reserves policy and the amended Article II of the Initiative.
 - b. Revised Financial Stipulation C. The dollar and percentage allocations established for organizations outlined in this Senate Bill shall be changed through a student referendum and with final approval by the University to "Any additional organizations receiving allocations from the ASI fee beyond those identified in the Initiative shall be accomplished through a student referendum."
 - i. The changes to the allocation model for registered Councils eliminated the need for this stipulation because it is based on an equitable and formulaic calculation to determine the dollar amount and percentage allocated to each Council.
 - ii. It was deemed unnecessary to require a student referendum to approve any change in the dollar amount allocated to ASI Reserves because the ASI Reserves Policy already governs these funds.
 - iii. The revised Financial Stipulation E. more clearly aligns with the purpose of the Senate Bill, which is to preserve ASI's commitment to the provision of quality programs, services, and facilities to current and future students by providing stable funding through the scrupulous allocation of the ASI fee.

5. Removed Article VI. Justification for Allocations from the Initiative because it is unnecessary to achieve the purposes of this Senate Bill.
 - a. Detailed descriptions of each entity receiving an allocation from the ASI fee are more appropriate and exist in other regulatory and guiding documents e.g., Council Codes, ASI annual budget materials, ASI Reserves Policy, etc.

The purposes of this Senate Bill are to:

- Preserve ASI's commitment to the provision of quality programs, services, and facilities to current and future students by providing stable funding
- Maintain an equitable fee allocation model that is responsive to the growing and changing needs of the student body
- Recognize the impact of inflation on the cost of providing facilities, programs, and services
- Continue to uphold the applicable elements of the Student Opportunities Initiative (SB 2002-03:02 and SB 2012-13:02) within the current and future contexts of ASI and the University
- Allocate the ASI fee to support the success of Cal Poly Pomona's registered Councils and their respective registered student clubs

This Senate Bill does not propose a new fee or adjust the mandatory ASI student fee.

Article II: Amendments

Section I: ASI Fee Allocations

A. Inflationary Adjustments

ASI fee allocations shall only be indexed to inflation (HEPI) if the ASI fee is adjusted for inflation.

B. ASI Reserves

ASI shall allocate **\$14.11** per student from the ASI fee to the ASI Reserves in fiscal year 2021 requiring a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the seated Board of Directors during the ASI annual budget process.

C. Registered Councils

ASI shall allocate **\$31.04** per student from the ASI fee to registered Councils in fiscal year 2021. ASI annual budget support shall be allocated among the registered Councils with \$2.00 per student equally allocated among all councils, and the remaining funds allocated according to the proportion of prior year actual registered clubs as a percentage of the total of registered clubs i.e., the number of registered clubs in each registered Council divided by the total number of registered clubs in all registered Councils.

Registered Councils shall receive ASI fee revenue annual allocations with a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the seated ASI Board of Directors and final approval from the University.

D. Heritage Programs

ASI shall allocate \$5 per student from the ASI fee to recognized programs that center around Diversity and Inclusion.

ASI annual budget funds shall be equally allocated among the ASI recognized programs which include but are not limited to the:

- a. Asian Pacific Island Heritage Program,
- b. Black History Program,
- c. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Program,
- d. Native American History Program,
- e. Womxn's Herstory Program,

- f. Dreamers Resource Program, and
 - g. Xicano Lantino Heritage Program
- E. ASI Annually Budgeted Groups
ASI shall allocate the ASI fee to the Annually Budgeted Groups through the ASI annual budget process, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the seated ASI Board of Directors and final approval from the University President.

Article III: Financial Stipulations

- A. The ASI Board of Directors reserves the right to repossess, by a majority vote, carryover from any organization with designated allocations in this Senate Bill.
- B. The ASI Board of Directors reserves the right to repossess, by a majority vote, funding for an entity or obligation that ceases to exist or function in an ASI-funded capacity.
- C. The ASI Board of Directors may reallocate repossessed funds with a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the ASI Board of Directors; a student referendum is not required to reallocate funds.
- D. Organizations covered by this Senate Bill shall abide by ASI, University, California State University (CSU) regulations, and state and federal law and are subject to restriction of funds until in compliance.
- E. Any additional organizations receiving allocations from the ASI fee beyond those identified in the Initiative shall be accomplished through a student referendum.
- F. The ASI Board of Directors may allocate any surplus funds to Councils, ASI Annually Budgeted Groups, and Reserves with a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the ASI Board of Directors.

This Senate Bill supersedes the provisions of Senate Bill 2002-03:02 (Student Opportunities Initiative), Senate Bill 2005-06:03 (Annual Inflationary Adjustment for ASI Fees), Senate Bill 2009-10:03 (Amendment to SB 2002-03:02), and Senate Bill 2012-13:02 (Amendment to SB 2002-03:02) and is in compliance with University and CSU policies and regulations.