



Day/Date: Tuesday, May 7th , 2024
 Time: 11:30-1:00pm
 Location: Zoom
 Attendees: Committee, General Public
 Type of Meeting: Regular- Public

Call to order by: Chair, Senator Pro Temp– Nicholas Lau @ 11:39 pm
Quorum Check

Name	Position	Present (P) Absent (A) Tardy (T) Excused Absent (EA) Excused Tardy (ET)
1. Ilke Suzer	President	P
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3. Nicholas Lau	Senator Pro Temp, Chair	P
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5. Wendy Obispo	Business Senator	P
6. Marisa Martinez	College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences Senator	P
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13. Aliuddin O'Khaja	Science Senator	P
14. Megan Shadrack	Student Interest Council Senator at Large	P
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Approval to amend the agenda to change ENV attendance from absent to excused absent
(action)

Offered By:	ENV	Seconded by:	ENGINEERING			
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All in Favor	12	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

Approval of Amended Minutes (Action)

Offered By:	ENGINEERING	Seconded by:	SIC			
Approval of amended minutes for 05/02/24						
All in Favor	12	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

Approval to amend the agenda to remove the ASI Ceasefire resolution as presented by President Suzer and approve it (Action)

Offered By:	ENGINEERING	Seconded by:	BUSINESS			
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All in Favor	11	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASS

Open Forum

Aidin: Hallel's main concern is the erasure of Israel as a state and many students, Jewish students, who are part of Hallel feel threatened by the majority of students who are in support of

Palestine. I feel there needs to be better representation for Jewish students and we are a minority on campus so having better representation for us would really help.

Business: I would like to yield my time to Abdullah.

ASI BOD Advisor: Point of order, there is actually no yielding of time in open forum.

Chair, Senator Pro Temp.: Are they allowed, because earlier I said that they could only speak when called on.

ASI BOD Advisor: These are the parameters that were established for open forum, so perhaps they could share with others that can speak on their behalf.

Abdullah: Please see the reality of the situation and what we have been fighting for, for a year now. There is a genocide happening, people have died, and we just want to do our best from our side to make sure that our campus community is not complicit in a genocide, and it's not contributing to a genocide. That is the priority, and you should consider that when listening to everything going on and people's various concerns. The priority for us, and it should be for everyone, is that there is a genocide being committed.

Chair: Thank you, Adnan. Seeing there is no others who desire to speak, could we please pull up the agenda again. Seeing as there are no action items, we will now be moving on to discussion items.

Discussion Items

Chair: So now for the discussion on the Gaza Ceasefire Resolution. We have heard from many faculty, staff, administrators, advisors, experts, students, organizations, and others. Seeing that the last resolution recommended to the Board was not approved, the Board of Directors has urged us to try again. All board members were given a draft of the new ceasefire resolution on

Sunday May 5. Yesterday, May 6, this draft was discussed at the Rules and Policy meeting. After much discussion and debate, the Committee approved a recommendation to the Board to move the resolution discussion to BOD to the Committee of the whole. Before considering this recommendation, the Chair will explain the Committee of the Whole. Establishing a Committee of the Whole today will essentially create a committee utilizing all the Board members to discuss a specific topic with a recommendation to the Board. Meeting in a Committee of the Whole will also provide freedom of debate that is allowed in committees with no limit on the number of times a member can speak and with the option to yield time to hear from students. Please note that referring the Gaza ceasefire resolution discussion to the Committee of the Whole will exclude us from taking action in the matter of the Rules and Policy.

ENV: Point of Clarification, so when you say that means that this meeting will have to wait until Thursday to complete the motion on the resolution?

BOD Advisor: So if you go into committee of the whole, you're essentially creating a committee today, in this timeframe. It gives you more flexibility in how you discuss. If the discussion leads to that point, it could make a recommendation back to the Board that could be considered in the next board meeting. So we are not acting as the Board of Directors, but a committee on this resolution.

Greek: Point of clarification: If we were to call another action in approving this new draft today, is that possible?

BOD Advisor: Yes, it is a discussion item, so you could discuss it in BOD where each member can have one opportunity with a time limit, and time cannot be yielded to others. Then before it can be opened, it can be moved to action.

Greek: Thank you, so we can move it to action.

Chair: Since there are no other hands raised, I will be entertaining a motion for BOD to go into a Committee of the Whole to refer the Gaza ceasefire resolution upon adjournment of the BOD meeting today.

Go to committee as a whole to refer the discussion after adjournment (**action**)

Offered By:	ENGINEERING	Seconded by:	SIC			
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All in Favor	12	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	ion: PASSED

CHAIR: It is best practice to elect a chair for this type of session who has experience chairing a committee. The person nominated needs to be present today and part of the board. I nominate the ASI treasurer to chair the board and open the floor to more nominations

BUSINESS: nominates ASI Treasurer.

Nominate Treasurer as Chair of Committee as a Whole (**Action**)

Offered By:	BUSINESS	Seconded by:				
Nominate Treasurer as Chair of Committee as a Whole						
All in Favor	12	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

CHAIR: Treasurer will now be taking over the Committee as a Whole.

Meeting Adjournment (**Action**)

Offered By:	BUSINESS	Seconded by:	ENV			
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All in Favor	12	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

Adjournment by: Chair, Senator Pro Temp– Nicholas Lau @ 12:19 pm

GUEST OF THE GALLERY

1. Amy Tjeltveit
2. Isabelle Guevara
3. Karen Barragan
4. Nathan Alquicira
5. Vic Martin Jr
6. Ginny Templeton
7. Abdullah
8. Mya Ammari
9. Krista Smith
10. Roger Fang
11. Sharon Rocacorba
12. Yaakov Gimpel
13. Jason Lu

- 14. Danisha Lawrence
- 15. Enrique
- 16. Kaitlyn Sedzma
- 17. Shellyn Liska
- 18. Janet Castro
- 19. Emilee Acosta
- 20. Tavii Garcia
- 21. Anita Roberts
- 22. Rachel Camacho
- 23. Marwah Alasady
- 24. Safa Alasady
- 25. Jocelyn Downs
- 26. Roman G Lopez
- 27. Sandy Solano
- 28. Lara Elkatat
- 29. Sophia Solari
- 30. Ariana Holmes



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Discussion

CHAIR: we will review the drafts resolution before we get into discussions

CEIS: reads resolution draft

CHAIR: There are two parts of the resolution, the whereas portion and the resolved section. The whereas portion concise a concise understanding of the background behind it, laying the groundwork for the actions or decisions proposed in the second part of the resolution. This is where the important context is included. The floor is open for members to discuss allots 20 minutes for discussion. Each member will have one minute to discuss.

SIC: There were two parts of the whereas portion that students seem to want removed. Can members from R&P explain what happened?

BUSINESS: Students brought to our attention that they were uncomfortable with having the part from Jewish Voice for Peace and any mention of Hamas or terrorism. An idea was brought up where if these sections were taken out it would be a better resolution. We are representing the students so if this is what they want, it's what we should do.

ENV: How does the title of the resolution impact the language used in it? There was discussion on what actually is the core meaning of this resolution and some people believe they solely want to talk about the genocide of Palestinians. However, my understanding is the resolution is about a ceasefire so that would include mention of both sides because a ceasefire would necessitate both sides to stop fighting.

BUSINESS: I would like to yield my time to Abdullah.

Abdullah: I would like to provide information. The way the Israel government and occupation and apartheid is carrying out this genocide is mainly by carpet bombing Gaza until there's no population left. So, a ceasefire directly targets those actions.

Science: I'm going to agree as well. We want to avoid words that normalize occupations like Hamas and "terrorist attack". We can include that lives were lost, but in words that don't detract from Israel's occupation.

BOD Advisor: I would like to remind the committee members of the whole that since this is a discussion item, we can make edits as we go if they seem to reach a general consensus. There does not necessarily need to be a vote on every edit.

Engineering: The reason that R&P decided to send this to BOD is because we thought it would be more effective to review it line by line and agree on each one as a whole.

Chair: [reads WHEREAS 1, 2 statements]

CEIS: I included this in this (WHEREAS statement 2) document and wanted to make sure that we are all fine with leaving it as “Incorporated”.

Chair: [reads WHEREAS 3, 4 statements] If no senators raise their hands, I am going to assume that we all agree, and we will move on. [reads WHEREAS 5, 6]

President: Why are we capitalizing “I” in Islamophobia but not the “A” in antisemitism. That holds for the entire document, not just this WHEREAS statement.

Chair: Would you like to capitalize the “a” in antisemitism?

President: If we are capitalizing the “I” in Islamophobia, we should also be capitalizing the “A” in antisemitism for the whole document.

ENV: I believe technically if we wanted to capitalize antisemitism it would be “anti-Semitism” and that would be the proper grammatical spelling for capitalization. If it’s written like this, it is technically lower case.

CEIS: Just for clarification, in the previous BOD meeting, in an attempt to pass the previous resolution, the “I” was capitalized as a motion attempt not necessarily for the purpose of content.

MCC: I was wondering if I am able to yield my time?

Chair: Yes, you can.

MCC: I would like to yield my time to Abdullah.

Abdullah: I was not raising my hand.

Chair: Would you just like to have the students’ input?

MCC: Yes.

Chair: Are there any students that would like to comment on this?

Abdullah: Sure, I actually would like to comment on this.

Chair: MCC senator or any senator would need to yield their time to you again.

MCC: Can I yield my time to Alex?

Jose (Alex) Jimenez Cruz: Hi everyone, I am one of the executive board members for the California State Student Association, which if you don’t know is a systemized student government organization. I’m also a concerned student at CPP and I served on the Board of Directors last year. I just wanted to say that we have all seen the impact our words can have when they are out there for everyone to see. I really want to advocate for a ceasefire resolution and make sure that this resolution that we’re writing right now is representative of the ASI organization. I think this resolution should be about taking a step back and making sure that every word we put out there reflect the professionalism, respect and inclusivity that we stand for while still condemning the human rights violations and war crimes that are happening right now.

I encourage you all to use your voices as student leaders and represent your constituents accordingly. The resolution that we write should include relevant and factual information.

Chair: Thank you, Alex. Just a reminder, there is one minute for each person.

Science: As a comment, let's focus on the content itself and not the grammatical errors. We could go over those later, but let's not waste time.

Chair: I yield my time to Alex.

Jose (Alex) Jimenez Cruz: Thank you. I just want to encourage you all to look at CSSA's ceasefire resolution for guidance and clarification to incorporate some of the language in this ceasefire resolution. If it is okay with this committee, I would like to include this resolution in the chat. That being said, I hope that everyone in this committee can speak up since you all have a duty to represent your constituents.

Chair: Thank you. I also yield my time to Aidin.

Aidin: As a point on this current topic of the WHEREAS line, the capitalization of Islamophobia is a way to pass the previous version and its context lacks the need for capitalization. Just due to the grammatical wording of Islamophobia in this context, unless at the beginning of sentences as a matter of English formatting, if that makes sense.

Chair: We did get some student voices, can we get a senator to give their opinion as well?

Greek: Just to speak on that, yes "Islamophobia" needs to be capitalized, and for antisemitism, there are two grammatically correct ways to spell it. It's "anti-Semitism" or it can be written as it currently presents in the document. Both are grammatically correct, but "Islamophobia" must be capitalized according to grammar laws.

Agriculture: Greek senator actually said it beautifully. I was going to say the same thing, so I agree with the changes that she suggested.

Chair: You agree with either leaving it or doing the lowercase "a" and then the dash and then capital "S", or you're okay with either.

Agriculture: The one with the lowercase "a" and the capital "s".

SIC: Seeing what Greek senator says, and there isn't an issue. I suggest that we move on for the sake of time.

Chair: I agree, and I think we can leave it as is. Moving on. [reads WHEREAS 7, 8 statements]

Science: The mention of Hamas and "terrorist attack" should be taking out, it is normalizing occupation. If we do want to acknowledge it, I'm okay with that, but we need to remove Palestinian militant group Hamas and "Terrorist attack".

SIC: A question for Science Senator: Would you advocate for a bilateral ceasefire, because then it would require the mentioning of those involved, so why wouldn't we mention anything about Hamas? Could you clarify that for me?

Science: There are two parts to that: 1. We are calling for a humanitarian ceasefire 2. Hamas is different from the Palestinian authority, so we are calling a ceasefire between Palestinian authority and the Israeli government, not Hamas, because those two aren't the same.

BOD Advisor: I want to bring to your attention that there is one minute left in our time.

President: Myself and a few of our other members have class, so if we were to extend would we meet quorum for this meeting?

Chair: Please raise your hand if you need to leave right now. It looks like we would have quorum.

Extend the time of the Committee as a whole to 1:30 pm (**Action**)

Offered By:	GREEK	Seconded by:	SIC			
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All in Favor	11	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

Chair: We were discussing this statement. [reads WHEREAS 8 statement] I yield my time to Basel

Basel: generalizing over 200,000 people is incorrect at this point. The statistics I have are 695 Israeli citizens including 36 children, 373 security forces, 71 foreigners mainly workers giving a total of 1,139. Which is a very big difference from 1,200 according to france24.com which is a government funded in-dependent news site by the French government.

Chair: Feel free to direct that in the chat.

GREEK: it's my understanding that Palestinian people condemn Hamas so they shouldn't have a problem with us naming that organization. SCIENCE why should we remove them since Palestinians condemn them?

Engineering: addressing all of the concerns of the science senator. Is the problem with mentioning Hamas that it would seem like we're grouping them together with Palestinian civilians? Maybe we should just leave it the militant group Hamas. I don't see an issue with calling it a terrorist attack considering it was politically motivated

Chair: [reads statement 8 excluding the word 'terrorist']

ENV: I still disagree with the idea that if we're going to talk about this document as a ceasefire resolution, we should not talk about Hamas because I believe this is a war. It's not like Hamas isn't fighting back, they are and have killed their own civilians as well. They are part of the large death in Palestine. So, a ceasefire would need to include Hamas and recognize any Hamas attack as a terrorist attack.

SCIENCE: Yield time to Mya Ammari

Mya: To clarify Hamas isn't a militant group, they're a democratically elected government and the UN has called them that. They've not mentioned that Hamas is a terrorist organization.

Chair: Yields time to Abdullah

Abdullah: Hamas, terrorism, they both shouldn't be in there because they're both not factual. According to the UN general assembly people under occupation in Palestine have the right to resist. There are many UN documents that site this.

ENV: if that is the case, especially since the whereas portion is factual then we should at least mention Hamas which is an attack because this is the basis of why this current war is going on right now. Do we still want to remove any mention of Hamas?

BUSINESS: yield to Abdullah

Abdullah: This is not a war. The sides and struggle aren't equal, it's a genocide and apartheid. We would have to go back 75-85 years ago to really give the definition of genocide and apartheid. Yesterday Hamas accepted their ceasefire deal. We're left with a genocidal government who wants to kill people. Get it out of the resolution.

SIC: ENV look at CSSA's resolution, let's follow their language, on the 6th whereas statement [reads 6th whereas statement] maybe we could include the language they've used on our resolution ?

Chair: yields to Alex

Alex: On the CSSA resolution we provided more context into what is going on in the world. Everyone should read through it and understand the points that are made. They emphasized the gravity of the situation, and we should take away from the language that was used.

ENGINEERING: Yields to Nick Monaghan

Nick: the acts committed by Hamas which has been considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. government the acts were considered resistant and whether or not the UN considers resistance justified under the specific situation that Palestinians are under in Gaza. The situation that I've read about and heard about from the news and people that I've talked to consisted of raping, torturing, dismembering, leaving parents from their children dismembered. I think that it should be clarified that when the word resistance is used, we should be talking about the acts committed on October 7th. Whether or not ASI wants to call that resistance or if ASI wants to make it known that they think that that's justified.

Chair: I believe that some of the statements were not factual.

SCIENCE: yield to Abdullah

Abdullah: The entire time that ASI has called for proof you've not submitted anything. The historical context is on conflict perpetrated by an occupying government. Where's your condemnation of that? Your arguments are void and do not apply to the resolution

Chair: senators give your opinion. What is in question is the word 'Hammas' and the word 'terrorist'

ENGINEERING: Hammas should be mentioned but we should explore what CSSA's statement was. They did a good job of including Hammas but not levying blame to either side.

SCIENCE: We should acknowledge lives were lost and we don't want to call out an organization as well as normalize language where we are calling a resistance against a certain apartheid government a terrorist attack.

Chair: [reads CSSA 6th whereas statement] it does not include the word terrorist, but it does include the word Hammas. I think it would be better than what we have currently written.

SIC: I agree we also have 10 minutes left. ASI BOD advisor how do we continue with that?

Chair: if we have quorum then we can continue

Extend the time of the Committee as a whole to 2:00 pm (**Action**)

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Engineering: I think we should emphasize whether we would like to use the CSSA statement. What would we all be willing to vote on? I am willing to model our statement after CSSA's

GREEK: Either way the CSSA and the current resolution that we drafted have issues with relevancy as the CSSA's resolution was passed quite a while ago. Considering the time, it doesn't hold the same information as now especially regarding the number of people harmed

BUSINESS: it would be best if we get the statement from CSSA for this section

SIC: I agree

Chair: is anyone against this statement? [reads statement]

IHC: Yields to Basil.

Basil: The phrasing is better; however the death count is incorrect. An independent source non-Palestinian or Israeli side says that from mid-December the numbers are now 1,139 people. We

should take into account the students' words in this since there have been sources that have been compromised.

AGR: The 252 that is stated in the CSSA is incorrect as well.

BUSINESS: Basil, please send the source.

Chair: Since we don't have the accurate information from the statement how do we move on with this?

BOD advisor: If anyone has different information, they can send us the information to add to the resolution and you can move onto other statements

Chair: [reads 9th whereas statement] Since we took out terrorist in the previous statement I don't see the need for it in this statement as well.

SIC: The students did not want us to include this based on yesterday I suggest removing it. Business senator, can you clarify?

Chair: I suggest removing the statement in its entirety. [reads 10th whereas statement]

BUSINESS: it's been more than 6 years so would it be possible to change the source to one that has the accurate number which is more than 75 not 56?

SIC: agrees with Business

Chair: [reads 11th whereas statement]

ENV: Would we want to hear from the gallery if this is a statement we would want to remove since we removed the statement about how Hamas isn't a reflection of the Palestinian people.

SIC: There was no comment on this statement yesterday but I'm fine with changes if there's no pushback.

Chair: yields to Yaakov Gimpel

Yaakov Gimpel: I would like it removed since it draws undue attention, and I don't know how accurate that is. I don't think Jewish students would agree that Hamas should be used to broadly paint Palestinian students. I don't think it would be fair to Palestinian or Jewish students.

Chair: seeing no senator would like it removed we shall continue. [reads 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th whereas statement]

BUSINESS: For the 15th statement is it possible to replace the "military operations" with "war crimes"? There are sources that call it war crimes and I think it would accurately reflect everything.

SIC: I agree

ENGINEERING: Make sure to cite the source if you want to make that change.

SCIENCE: I agree.

Chair: Remove “military operations” .

BUSINESS: I’ve been sending the sources to Krista Smith, so Dr. Templeton has access to that to update accurately.

Chair: Yield to Rebecca

Rebecca: If we refer to everything happening right now as war crimes, we should also refer to what happened on October 7th as a war crime.

Chair: Can we go ahead and change it back to what it was before “militant operations” would any senator like to speak about this before we change it back.

BUSINESS: Would it be changed to “war crimes” or what it was before?

Chair: I proposed for it to be changed back to what it was before. Business, please share your sources.

ENGINEERING: Can we make sure we’re not ignoring Rebecca

Chair: We’re not ignoring what Rebecca said that’s why we changed it back. I would like to yield my time to Abdullah.

Abdullah: Including the war crimes stance which has been factually proven by many organizations and governments on behalf of Israel does not require the inclusion of war crimes on behalf of Hamas just because the occupation precedes the October 7th date. Citizens have the right to self-determination and self-defense under occupation.

IHC: You’re saying what was occurring predates what Hamas did and it’s almost an act of self-defense. You’re saying it’s not a war for clarification.

Chair: Proposed to leave it as is and remove “amid Israel’s military operations” for it to end at “forcibly displaced” since from both sides were seeing sources backing up that they are war crimes and military operations. It’s getting us nowhere.

SIC: I agree.

Chair: Yields to Abdullah.

Abdullah: You can assess both sources you're getting but you have to look at the validity of them and the credibility. UN, Embassy international, multiple governments, and the US are saying that Israel's occupation and violence are war crimes. The other governments have dictated that they are war crimes. I employ you to be the most factual and truthful.

BOD ADVISOR: Anything in green has been added, in red has been removed before today, and yellow highlight has been removed today.

Chair: Yields to Rebecca.

Rebecca: Is Abdullah justifying the act of October 7th as an act of resistance because personally, I don't think rape should be described as an act of resistance.

Chair: We'll leave it as remove "amid Israel's military operations" for it to end at "forcibly displaced" [reads 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th whereas statement] the statement below 19 is the same just more detailed. Why is that?

BOD advisor: The statement below is a suggestion as to what we could change it to.

Chair: [reads detailed 19th whereas statement]

SIC: This whole section was asked by students to be removed. I ask that we do that.

Chair: I agree.

IHC: I agree.

Chair: [reads 20th, 21st whereas statement] yields time to Aidin

Aidin: If you use this then the actions of Hamas seem to be extremely aligned with this statement. I feel that it should be included that the actions were genocidal.

Chair: I think it's clear since the word genocide is used.

CEIS: This is to provide an update to the International Court of Justice the provisional ruling that was provided through the convention that was brought up by the case of the republic of South Africa. It's supposed to act as an update to the status of the court ruling which has not taken place yet. So, with that there's only a case brought forth to the ICJ on behalf of the republic of South Africa calling on the actions of Israel underneath the convention. There is none for Hamas which is why there is only this statement.

BUSINESS: This statement should stay here because it provides more context and an update on the provisional ruling.

Chair: No motion so it will stay. Yield to Yaakov Gimpel.

Yaakov Gimpel: Hamas is stated goal is genocidal with the respect to the state of Israel and Jewish people. I would argue that you don't need a court case to decide whether that is a case when they have explicitly stated that that is their intended goal. There are numerous places in their charter that it states that. I can provide proof.

SIC: Is this whereas statement a point of information and not an opinion can Business clarify? I vote to keep it in the resolution.

Chair: this is a point of information not an opinion. Since no senator said to remove it, we can move on.

Extend the time of the Committee as a whole to 2:30 pm (**Action**)

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Take a 5 min break and reconvene at 2:00 (**Action**)

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Reconvened at 2:01 pm

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Chair: [reads 1st, 2nd, 3rd resolved statement] Since we removed it in the whereas I propose we remove it now.

BUSINESS, I agree

Chair: [reads 4th resolved statement]

ENV: Are we erasing the entire line or just the terrorist part?

Chair: We removed the entire line in the whereas part, so we'll do the same here since it correlates to the previous whereas statement.

ENGINEERING: yield to Steven

Steven: Does the removal of this line mean the attacks conducted by Hamas is reflected of the Palestinian people

SIC: the answer to your question is no but the students wanted it removed which is why we're removing it here

Chair: [reads 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th resolved statement]

ENGINEERING: I am not comfortable with ASI choosing to state that this is a genocide. We cannot speak on behalf of all 29,000 students. I may have personal politics on this matter, but that should not influence any decision or statement that we put out.

CHAIR: Engineering senator, can you give us a number of how many students you have spoken to that have expressed this opinion?

ENGINEERING: I do not have an exact number of people I have spoken with, but this is the opinion I have heard from several engineering students currently

BUSINESS: I would like to read a statement I have found from the Human Rights Council within the United Nations. There is reasonable ground to believe that the Israeli government has the intent to commit a genocide against the Palestinian people such as physical destruction of the whole or in part of people, inflicting serious mental or bodily harm, and creating conditions that will lead to the physical destruction of a group of people either in whole or in part.

CHAIR: Thank you for that Business, I am curious now to hear what other students have heard from the students they represent.

SIC: This is a question for business senator, would you be able to include your source that you just read as part of our resolution?

BUSINESS: Of course, I will send the source over to be included.

IHC: I share the same sentiments as ENGINEERING, many students that I have talked with have said that they would not like the word genocide to be used.

Templeton: I believe we should leave this statement for later and worry about other statements because we are running low on time. We only have 15 minutes left.

Abdullah: I had more to say on the statement concerning genocide, but I now realize we are moving on. Many organizations including the UN and several nations have stated that there is a genocide being committed by Israel among the Palestinian people and it has been shown that

there are reasonable grounds to believe this. Whatever way you feel about using the word genocide is irrelevant because of the amount of evidence supporting the fact that this is a genocide.

ENGINEERING: I understand how important this is, but please consider your jobs as senators of your respective colleges. It is your duty to vote on behalf of your respective colleges and the voices of the students within them.

CHAIR: I am curious to see how MCC senator stands on this. MCC, can you provide us with some clarification?

MCC: There are many definitions to the word genocide and MCC's goal is to stand for all students.

Laura: As an engineering student, I want to say that the Engineering senator does not represent me and many other engineering students that I have spoken to. I am a part of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and my peers and I have spoken about our concerns regarding ASI's aversion to declaring what is happening in Gaza as a genocide. In addition, I have heard that the engineering senator made a comment about weapon manufacturers and joked about their uses in the Palestinian genocide.

SCIENCE: I want to echo what Laura said as I have many engineering friends and they are all in support of ASI passing a ceasefire resolution that declares what is happening in Palestine as a genocide. Many science students and people within the science council have also shared the same sentiment.

ENGINEERING: I would like to urge our guests not to spread any defamation claims and I want to echo the fact that I have never expressed an interest in weapons manufacturing.

IHC: I want to echo what ENGINEERING has said before, I believe declaring this as a genocide would be a step too far and I cannot accurately represent all of the students I represent if I vote for this resolution.

CHAIR: Would it be possible to still hold another BOD after the semester ends and who would be on the board then?

Templeton: You can still hold a BOD with the current board that is not graduating until the end of May. If you continue to meet quorum, this is always an option.

Send the discussion item as it is with all current changes made to BOD for voting (**Action**)

Offered By:	BUSINESS	Seconded by:	SCIENCE			
Send the discussion item as it is with all current changes made to BOD for voting						
All in Favor	8	Opposed	2	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

InterHall was included in this vote

Recount: Send the discussion item as it is with all current changes made to BOD for voting
(Action)

Offered By:	BUSINESS	Seconded by:	SCIENCE			
Send the discussion item as it is with all current changes made to BOD for voting						
All in Favor	7	Opposed	2	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

InterHall was not included in this vote.

Meeting adjournment **(Action)**

Offered By:	BUSINESS	Seconded by:	SCIENCE			
Meeting Adjournment						
All in Favor	ALL	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

InterHall was not included in this vote.

Adjournment by: Chair, Treasurer– Armando Rivas @ 2:37 pm

GUEST OF THE GALLERY

1. Amy Tjeltveit
2. Isabelle Guevara
3. Karen Barragan
4. Nathan Alquicira
5. Vic Martin Jr
6. Ginny Templeton
7. Abdullah
8. Mya Ammari
9. Krista Smith
10. Roger Fang
11. Sharon Rocacorba
12. Yaakov Gimpel
13. Jason Lu
14. Danisha Lawrence
15. Enrique
16. Kaitlyn Sedzma
17. Shellyn Liska
18. Janet Castro
19. Emilee Acosta
20. Tavii Garcia
21. Anita Roberts
22. Rachel Camacho

23. Marwah Alasady
24. Safa Alasady
25. Jocelyn Downs
26. Roman G Lopez
27. Sandy Solano
28. Lara Elkatat
29. Sophia Solari
30. Ariana Holmes