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ASI Student Advocacy Committee 24/25

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CSUSM Temecula Campus Student Representative

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Ashley Fennell
ASI Associate Executive Director

ASI Student Advocacy Committee Agenda 25-01

August 30, 2024 at 2:30pm
Location: USU 2310
Agenda posted: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01 **Information**	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 2:31pm on Friday, August 30th 2024	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
02 **Information**	**Roll Call** **Present:** Elaine, Anahi MP, Ashley G, Nathan, Natalya T, Angel, Reece, Haley, Cameron, Anahi MV, Brandon, Kenneth, Maria, Madison, Xavier, Annie, Jason, Ashley F **Absent:** Ashleigh S.	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
03 **Information**	**Recognition of Guests** See attached sign-in sheet	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
04 **Action**	**Approval of Agenda** Edits: Add Madison Murr for Student Athlete Advisory Council representative Will of the chair move to approve by consent vote None Opposed Approved	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
05 **Action**	**Approval of Minutes** No Edits Will of the chair moves to approve by consent vote None Opposed Approved	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
06 **Information**	**Open Forum*** See attached speaker sheet	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
07 **Information**	**Overview of Student Advocacy Committee** **Description:** Brief review of the committee charge, and roles and responsibilities of committee membership, per ASI Bylaws **Fiscal Impact**: None Elaine provided a brief overview of the purpose of SAC as the representative body to hear and address student concerns from across campus. This included committee expectations including dress code, notification of absences, ASI bylaws, etc.	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
08 **Action**	**Approval of the 24/25 Vice Chair** **Description:** Per ASI Bylaws, committee will elect a Vice Chair for the committee **Fiscal Impact**: None Elaine discussed the role of Vice Chair Reece asked who is allowed to be the vice chair? Elaine clarified that it can be any voting member of the committee.	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

	Kenneth – Would love to have the opportunity to lead and foster the Student Advocacy Committee community Anahi MV – Background as a commuter student and experience in higher education and advocacy work, would enjoy being a representative for the committee at this level Roll Call Vote: Anahi MP – Anahi Ashley G – Anahi Nathan – Anahi Natalya – Anahi Angel – Anahi Reece – Kenny Haley – Anahi Cameron – Anahi Brandon – Kenny Maria – Anahi Madison – Anahi Xavier – Anahi Cameron motioned to approve Anahi Merino Vasquez as the 24/25 Vice Chair 2nd – Reece None Opposed Motion Carries	
09 **Information**	**CSSA September Plenary Report** **Description:** Overview of the CSSA August Plenary meeting **Fiscal Impact**: None 23 soon to be 22 CSU's as Cal Poly SLO will be adopting Cal State Maritime and CSSA are prepping. AB 2104 – in talks to pass; 10 community colleges to give out BSNs SB 895 – 15 community colleges to give out BSN's (CSSA has taken stance to not support this bill)	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
10 **Discussion**	**Call for Peace Resolution** **Description: Committee will review and discuss an upcoming resolution** **Fiscal Impact: None** Elaine went over the definition of a resolution, which is ASI's stance on issues with a written action plan. Process of a resolution is first reviewed by Student Advocacy Committee, then worked on to fix edits, returns to SAC for approval, then it shifts to BOD for final approval before being added to the ASI website. Elaine also discussed the process for drafting the resolution alongside SJP and President Neufeldt. Cameron asked if there was a specific number of times and meetings there were for drafting this resolution? Elaine responded saying the process began in May 2024 with the memorandum; Upwards of twelve meetings and discussions with SJP and campus partners have	

	occurred over the summer of 2024. Elaine's roll was to guide and help the students to this draft. See attached for document reviewed. Edit – adding statement that this issue is not religion v religion starting on line 134 **Cameron –** Appreciates the directness of language used and providing context and nuance of the issue; Suggested edit on line 127 to include staff to "be compassionate to all students affected by the Palestinian Genocide", not only faculty; Would be helpful to provide more direct information to student regarding Time, Place, & Manner policies; Wants to emphasize that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Representatives are open and willing to meet and discuss; Edit to further showcase the difference between antisemitism and speaking out against military occupation. **Nathan –** Emphasize the edit that this is not a race or religion issue; Suggested edit to add Congressman Scott Peters and Senator Padilla. **Elaine –** Some notes from the original draft had to be pulled to focus on ASI and the CSUSM campus directly and power of authority. **Cameron –** What would be considered "out of scope" for the first draft? **Elaine –** calling on other universities and the nation as a whole. **Cameron –** Is ASI able to forward the resolution to the Federal level? **Elaine –** Have to check in with ASI advisors and campus Government Specialist and can follow up. **Ashley –** Include local representatives who can then take this to their higher federal levels **Ashley –** First resolved clause is a ceasefire, but the title is 'call for peace'. **Elaine** responded in saying the title will change to 'call for ceasefire' **Cameron –** is there specific language for how ASI will support and engage campus entities? **Elaine** responded in saying that we can look into it, but it was left out so that other student organizations didn't feel unsupported by ASI. **Jason –** Line 103, would encourage SAC to match the intention of the document; How could the resolution have unintended consequences and work to consider these ahead of time – how can you be a representative for all CSUSM students? **Cameron –** What unconsidered consequences? Jason responded that there might not be one example, but just unintentionally hurting communities potentially. Elaine also added that even the memorandum brought up feelings for certain students and groups across campus. **Annie –** Resolved section should consider what we have to offer our students, potentially partnering with campus entities to help increase education and engagement with this issue in the name of solidarity.	
11 **Discussion**	**RoundTable Discussion** **Description:** Student representatives discuss student issues & concerns **Fiscal Impact**: None	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

	Reece – Many students spoken to during events this week said they didn't know what ASI was, so wanting to bring it here to make the committee aware. **Cameron –** Campus & student morale feel low in general, so working to engage students with positivity and remind them why they're here, to learn and grow.	
12 **Information**	**Announcements** **Ashley F. –** campus is closed on Monday; Pantry is looking for volunteers on Tuesday mornings; Next Thursday is Cougars in Solidarity down in North City (6-9pm) **Elaine –** Sept. 17th Voter Registration & Constitution Day; Lobby Corps Applications are open!	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
13 **Action**	**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

* Public comment will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per guest. Chair will determine allocated amount per meeting.

Elaine Pollard (Sep 30, 2024 10:32 PDT)

09/30/2024

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Resolution to: Call for Peace
Resolution Year | 2025-01
Authored By: Elaine Pollard, Justin Gans, and Izdehar Abu Laban

Whereas, the Associated Students, Inc. of the California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) Board of Directors is the official governing body of the students of CSUSM; and

Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University San Marcos is the primary advocate for students at CSUSM and is dedicated to providing services designed to create and enhance a learning-focused campus environment; and

Whereas, it is ASI's mission to serve, engage, and empower students, ASI has the responsibility to inform CSUSM students about issues that affect our student population; and

Whereas, ASI recognizes the events unfolding in the Middle East region have caused tremendous tension and pain for many students across California State University San Marcos and

Whereas, and in following up on the statement passed and released on May 22 2024 from the ASI executive board members which serves as the representative voice of almost 17,000 students at California State University San Marcos; and

Whereas, the genocide has recently gained worldwide attention, it is also important to recognize that Palestinians have been under oppression by Israel and its colonial backers since its installment in 1948[1]; and

Whereas, this resolution cannot begin to properly articulate the atrocities and crimes committed against Palestinians over the course of a near century, but we can take a stance against it and do the best we can as the student government of ASI at California State University San Marcos to continue to ensure that student money is not contributing towards genocide; and

Whereas, we stand firm in condemning the recent rise of Islamophobic and antisemitic incidences and harassment, hate crimes, hate speech, doxing and suppression of freedom of speech in universities across the United States; and

Whereas, the Palestinian people have been under systemic oppression by Israel for over 75 years prior to the October 7, 2023 attack[2]; and

Whereas, the Israeli government and Zionism is not a representation of the Jewish people. Zionism is a "settler-colonial political ideology relying on imperialism and weaponized antisemitism to justify its

[1] https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2022/02/israels-system-of-apartheid/

[2] https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/education/2024/03/understanding-the-long-roots-of-violence-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territories-and-israel/

colonial aspirations”[3]. The false link between Zionism and antisemitism reinforces and legitimizes the intent to eradicate the Palestine population; and

Whereas, the United Nation Human Rights Council condemns the continuing an occupying power of Israel[4] which has influenced settlement activities of the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem; and

Whereas, the United Nations[5], Amnesty International[6], Doctors without Borders[7], World Health Organization[8], and Oxfam International[9] have called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza to end civilian suffering; and

Whereas, as of August 23, 2024, the state of Israel has displaced 1.9 million Palestinians (out of 2.1 million)[10], cramming them into a small city, Rafah, to seek refuge from indiscriminate and inhumane bombings. Now, Israel has called for the invasion of Rafah and dropped an estimated 500,000 leaflets urging evacuation to Dair al-Balah, where only 500,000 Palestinians remain cramped up, making it impossible for all 2.1 million Palestinians to fit into this small town. With no way out across the Rafah Border without the Border Patrol bribing Gazan families thousands of dollars per person to escape, Gazans will be stuck in an inevitable concentration camp. 2.1 million Palestinians are being held hostage, not just since October 7th, but since the start of the illegal besiegement of Gaza; and

Whereas, Israel is an apartheid state, built on and continuing to uphold its legacy of violence. August 19, 2024, marks 317 days (about 10 and a half months) of genocide. Since October 2023, the death toll has surpassed 40, 774 innocent civilians, and thousands buried under rubble who have yet to be identified. Nearly 15,000 children have been massacred. A recent report from the Lancet study finds it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 or even more deaths in Gaza since October 2023 as a result of Israel’s genocide, which is 8% of Gaza’s population[11]. Among those who have been targeted and murdered are “113 journalists and over 224 humanitarian aid workers including 179 employees of UNRWA”. The Israel Occupation Forces (IOF)—a more accurate term used to describe the national military of the State of Israel, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), which is an illegally occupying military force under international law—has executed numerous massacres, including, but not limited to: The Flour Massacre on February 29, 2024, Tel al-Sultan Massacre on May 26, 2024, Nuseirat Refugee Camp Massacre on June 8, 2024, Al-Awda School Massacre on July 9, 2024, and ongoing engagement in terror and harm on Palestinians; and

[3] https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/israel-palestine-solidarity-flawed-logic-zionism
[4] https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/04/1148261
[5] https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15767.doc.htm
[6] https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/demand-a-ceasefire-by-all-parties-to-end-civilian-suffering/
[7] https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/our-response-israel-gaza-war
[8] https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15487.doc.htm
[9] https://www.oxfam.org/en/open-call-immediate-ceasefire-occupied-palestinian-territory
[10] https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2024-08-23/israel-hamas-war-latest-israels-evacuation-orders-have-displaced-90-of-gaza-residents-un-says
[11] https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(24)01169-3/fulltext

Whereas on July 29, 2024, footage of nine Israeli soldiers' gang-raping a Palestinian detainee in the Negev desert, southern Israel. The revelation of systematic physical and sexual torture on Palestinians as racialized torture reflects imperial cultures past and present. This disturbing pattern highlights the deep-rooted inequalities and abuse of power and serves as a stark reminder of the ongoing struggle for justice and equality in the face of systemic oppression. Following the video of sexual abuse and torture, riots broke out in Israel to release the soldiers; this substantiates the legitimization of the endless violation of Palestinians for being Palestinian[12]; and

Whereas, this type of abuse is systematic and fundamentally at odds with international law. We must take a firm stance against the death, destruction and human rights violations that Israel is carrying out without impunity; and

Whereas, the uninhabitable conditions in occupied Palestine are exasperated by Israel deliberately withholding food, water, aid and neglecting several outbreaks of infectious, communicable diseases and malnutrition by means of collective punishment[13]. Further, systemically utilizing torture and sexual violence by a means of control that dates back to 1967.

Whereas multiple international organizations including the United Nations how condemned the actions committed by Israel, including the United Nations human rights Council (WHO) purchased a resolution on March 26, 2024[14], where they are from the all nations must respect international law, reaffirming the Palestinian struggle for independence, as well as speaking out against collective punishment; and

Whereas, the Associated Students Incorporated acknowledges the provisional ruling by the International Court of Justice under the Convention[15] on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide that “Israel must, in accordance with its obligations under the Genocide Convention, in relation to Palestinians in Gaza, take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all act within the scope of Article II of this Convention in particular: (a) killing members of the group; (b) causing serious mental harm to members of the group; (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group” and be it further

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. of CSUSM calls for CSUSM leadership and City of San Marcos officially join this call for an immediate ceasefire, an unwavering stance against genocide and condemns the continued bombardment by the Israeli government; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated condemns any language for forced displacement of populations within the Gaza strip; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated fosters an environment that upholds diversity, equity, and inclusion in regard to a supported humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated calls for a permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip; and

[12] https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/why-raping-palestinians-legitimate-israeli-military-practice

[13] https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/01/1145537

[14] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/hrc-draft-res-israeli-settlements-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-including-east-jerusalem-and-in-the-occupied-syrian-golan-25mar24/

[15] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/summary-of-icjs-order-24may24/

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated will continue to stand against violence and promote peace; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated condemns public comments that support ethnic cleansing and the execution of war crimes; and

Resolved, we urge the University Foundation, Academic Senate of California State University, San Marcos and students of CSUSM to join ASI in solidarity with following the Palestinian Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) National Committee's guidelines; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated calls on faculty to be compassionate to all students affected by the Palestinian Genocide; and

Resolved, that California State University San Marcos is committed to fostering a campus environment that values and critically engages with diverse viewpoints, rejects all forms of antisemitism and Islamophobia, violence, discrimination, and racism, as well as anti-Jewish and anti-Palestinian sentiment; and be it further

Resolved, that Associated Students, Inc. forwards this resolution to the CSUSM Office of the President, the CSUSM Academic Senate, the Cougar Chronicle Newspaper, all CSUSM Student Organizations, the California State Student Association, Chancellor Mildred Garcia, California Governor Gavin Newsom, San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones, and the California State University Board of Trustees.

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Visitor Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8/30/24

	Name	Campus Affiliation
1.	Illeana Carmona Chavez	Chair & Chief
2.	Ashley Lizarraga	VPPD
3.	ANNIE MACIAS	ASI ED
4.	Maria Tsouloufas	FSL
5.	Octavio Martinez	ASI - President
6.	Lena Tahiraj	Student SJP
7.	Alejandra Coronado	student SJP
8.	AMARA ABAQUIN-BROWN	SJP
9.	Narshan Ismaeil	SJP
10.	Jake Parvin	SJP
11.	Maximiano Vasquez	Student
12.	Angelina Guzman	SJP
13.	Megan Argyrgyco	SJP
14.	Emily Mahmoud	SJP/Student
15.	Tony Pang	SLIC
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Speaker Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8/30/24

	Name	Campus Affiliation
1.	warshan ismaeil	SJP
2.	Alejandra C.	SJP
3.	Jake Parvin	SJP
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