ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

ASI Student Advocacy Committee Agenda 25-02

September 27, 2024 at 2:30pm
Location: USU 2310
Agenda posted: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
01 **Information**	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 2:32pm on Friday, 9/27/24	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
02 **Information**	**Roll Call** **Present:** Elaine, Anahi MV, Anahi MP, Ashley G, Nathan, Kayla, Natalya, Angel, Reece, Haley, Ashleigh, Cameron, Brandon, Kenny, Maria, Madison, Xavier, Ashley F **Tardy:** Jason (recognized, 2:37pm)	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:** Change of location to ASI Conference room to 2310 Add Vice Chair to Anahi Merino Vasquez's title Will of the chair motion to approve None opposed Motion Carries	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
05 **Action**	**Approval of Minutes** No edits Will of the chair motion to approve None opposed Motion Carries	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
06 **Information**	**Open Forum*** See attached speaker-list **Alejandra (SJP) –** encourages committee to approve the ASI Resolution to Call for Bilateral, Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
07 **Discussion**	**Cal-GETC** **Description:** Overview of Cal-GETC and how it may impact students transferring to 4 year higher education institutions in California. **Fiscal Impact**: None Elaine clarified that this would implement the removal of GEL; this would mean giving 5 credits to each college to disseminate to proper coursework	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

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Ashley Gamez
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CHABSS Representative

Kayla McCarthy
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Natalya Tasevski
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Brandon Robinson
Veterans Representative

Vacant
CSUSM Temecula Campus Student Representative

Kenneth Starkey
Resident Advisors Representative

Maria Tsouloufas
Greek Leadership Council Representative

Madison Murr
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Xavier Porter
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	Reece – GEL classes could be more personalized to specific majors, for example CSTEM and the types of papers written there versus other majors **Haley** – Has heard from students that the value of the course depends on the professor of the course **Ashleigh** – Students feel like GEL courses act as a study hall and more of an information overload **Cameron** – Appreciates GEL being offered and how it helps bridge equity gaps for all individuals coming into college; Could be a conversation of how we continue getting students into centers and other parts of campus and support them **Kenny** – GEL did not prepare him for college, but appreciated that the course credits transferred over through major changes and would like an alternative course to help support those credits; **Reece** – Would be nice to have credits for transfer students **Haley** – Is there any possibility where the course could be split into two eight-week courses? GEL is 3 units, how are we adding 5 units?; Elaine responded that there will be less units required to graduate **Jason** – Can 1st Year Programs provide data on retention rates? Consider inviting a member to SAC to share more information.	
08 **Information**	**CSSA September Plenary Report** **Description:** Overview of what was reviewed at the CSSA September Plenary meeting. **Fiscal Impact**: None Elaine shared overview of items discussed at September Plenary, including: - Time, Place, Manner Policy – seeing a lot of student frustration with this policy - SIRF Fee – slightly more students opting out of this civic engagement centered fee **Cameron** – TPM; Is there any conversation about getting information to and feedback from students about the policy and potentially forwarding a statement to the Chancellor about potential opposition?; **Elaine** – planning more information sessions rather than flyers to ensure there is someone there to explain and answer questions **Ashley F** – Suggested bringing in members of the TPM Task Force to educate the BOD **Jason** – CSSA would be the avenue in which the BOD would give feedback to as TPM is a system-wide policy; Faculty are in a union (CFA) to provide feedback and other employees report to their union	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
09 **Action**	**ASI Resolution to Call for Bilateral, Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine** **Description:** Committee will review resolution of ASI formal stance on bilateral, permanent ceasefire in Palestine. See document attached **Nathan** – Recommends send to Congressman Peters & Senator Padilla (Federal representatives) **Cameron** – Agrees with Nathan's sentiment on forwarding to members of Federal government	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

	Ashley F – Line 35 take out extra wording; Making naming convention of ASI title is consistent; Line 154 does not have ASI listed in resolved **Jason** – Line 144 suggested naming what we are asking individuals to join in solidarity with; How certain is the BDS list?; Cameron responded that it was an organic boycott and Starbucks may not be in the official list; Jason suggested clarifying this **Cameron** – Where is the updated document? Elaine clarified that the version being reviewed today is the most updated and will send it to the committee **Jason** – Line 163 does this line overgeneralize or have potential to not fit future situations?; Has the committee read how including BDS in the resolution has caused commotion on other campuses? **Cameron** – General phrasing is purposeful on line 163 and helps outline how ASI will act in the future to similar global situations **Ashley** – Perhaps it would it help to add "such as" language to further explicate line 163 and future actions of ASI **Cameron** motions to approve the ASI Resolution to Call for Bilateral, Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine with suggested edits **2nd – Brandon** Roll Call Vote: Anahi MV – Aye Anahi MP – Aye Ashley G – Abstain Natah – Aye Kayla – Aye Natalya – Aye Angel – Aye Reece – Aye Haley – Aye Ashleigh – Aye Cameron – Aye Brandon – Aye Kenny – Aye Maria – Aye Madison – Aye Xavier – Aye Motion Carries	
10 **Discussion**	**RoundTable Discussion** **Description:** Student representatives discuss student issues & concerns **Fiscal Impact**: None **Haley** – Ants on campus; is there anything that can be done? **Reece** – Facilities deploys ant traps so do your best to report where you see them; **Xavier** – they are in every building **Ashley F** – This issue has occurred in the pantry in the past and they submitted work orders for traps/spray **Ashleigh** – Parking still an issue on campus (Lot F & PS1/2) especially for disabled students, how do we focus on accommodating those students? **Elaine** – campus is not able to build more parking lots	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs

	or structures; Elaine has spoken with Belinda to open up another floor of PS2 for overnight parking, which was met with a no. **Jason** – clarified that PS2 is co-owned and campus does not have the ability to take spots that SeaBreeze owns; Campus cannot build additional parking until they are totally full **Reece** – is there an opportunity for a tram from farther parking lots? Elaine said that this has been and is a continued discussion with campus **Ashleigh** – Had discussion with Allie from parking about disability access with the hill and there is an initiative in place for this but current access can utilize NCT+ app and parking is working on creating a code to help ease costs **Cameron** – overnight parking struggles in North Commons and safety concerns walking home from far distances; Elaine brought up Safety Walks that campus does annually	
11 **Information**	**Announcements** **Elaine** – 10/4 Laser Tag Night at Forum Plaza; Donuts with the Dean on 10/15 (8:30-10:30am); Conflict in Gaza info session on 10/10 (12-1pm) **Ashley G** – CoBA tabling on 10/15 at Markstein Patio **Ashley F** – Dec 17th CSU Trustee free lunch on campus; 10/17 is All People's Luncheon **Ashleigh** – 10/8 Civic Engagement 'What's on The Ballot?' event **Xavier** – REC pushing out a new referendum out in the coming weeks **Cameron** – WGEC Drag Queen Bingo tonight starting at 5pm **Madison** – 10/10 Cougar Madness at the Sports Center	Elaine Pollard Chair and VP of Student & University Affairs
12 **Action**	**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm	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.

I, Elaine Pollard, 24/25 ASI Vice President of Student & University Affairs, hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the Student Advocacy Committee of Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting held on September 27th, 2024.

Elaine Pollard (Dec 16, 2024 12:18 PST)

12/16/2024

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Resolution to: Call for Bilateral, Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine
Resolution Year | 2025-01
Authored By: Elaine Pollard, Justin Gans, Warshan Ismaeil, 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 ASI statement 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 Associated Students, Incorporated met with CSUSM President Ellen Neufeldt in a joint meeting of ASI and 12-15 students who have been heavily involved in advocacy and activism on campus for Palestine and understand that a statement on this topic from President Neufeldt is not within her purview to release due to CSUSM being a publicly funded University but did point students to other campus departments that could further answer their questions; and

Whereas, the Associated Students, Incorporated also met with Jessica Berger, the Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSUSM Foundation, Leon Wyden, the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, and Patricia Prado-Olmos, the Chief Community Engagement Officer, Community Relations & University Engagement to learn about the CSUSM budget, how tuition is allocated, campus investments, campus partnerships, and how CSUSM is writing their new Social Responsible Investment Policy; and (CSUSM Social Responsible investment policy)

Whereas, the Associated Students, Incorporated understands that California State University San Marcos is in a pouring contract and a space contract with both Starbucks and Pepsi Company which are listed on the Palestinian Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) National Committee's guidelines both run for at least ten years past 2024 and would take millions of dollars each to cancel the contracts; 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 ASI can take a stance against it and do the best to continue to ensure that student tuition dollars are not contributing towards genocide; and

Whereas, ASI stands 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, 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; 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 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

[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/
[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

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; and

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, 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[11]; 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; and

Whereas, 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[12] ; and

Whereas, among those who have been targeted and murdered are "113 journalists and over 224 humanitarian aid workers including 179 employees of UNRWA"; and

Whereas, 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[13], Tel al-Sultan Massacre on May 26, 2024[14], Nuseirat Refugee Camp Massacre on June 8, 2024[15], Al-Awda School Massacre on July 9, 2024[16], and ongoing engagement in terror and harm on Palestinians; and

Whereas, on July 29, 2024, footage of nine Israeli soldiers' gang-raping a Palestinian detainee in the Negev desert, southern Israel[17]. The revelation of systematic physical and sexual torture on Palestinians as racialized torture reflects imperial cultures past and present; and

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[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] With Rafah crossing closed by Israel, Gazans have no way out - The Washington Post

[12] https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(24)01169-3/fulltext

[13] https://www.cnn.com/2024/04/09/middleeast/gaza-food-aid-convoy-deaths-eyewitness-intl-investigation-cmd/index.html

[14] https://www.doctorswithoutborders.ca/carnage-in-tal-al-sultan-camp-states-supporting-israels-military-operations-are-complicit-in-the-massacre-of-civilians-in-rafah-gaza/

[15] https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/06/08/israel-hostages-nuseirat-camp-gaza/

[16] https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/09/middleeast/israeli-airstrike-school-khan-younis-intl-latam/index.html

[17] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmjGdzyj5BA

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, 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[18]; 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[19]. Further, systemically utilizing torture and sexual violence by a means of control that dates back to 1967; and

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[20], where they are from 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 of CSUSM acknowledges the provisional ruling by the International Court of Justice under the Convention[21] 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, the Associated Students, Incorporated calls for a biliteral, permanent ceasefire in Palestine; and;

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

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/israel-sexual-abuse-palestinian-prisoners-rcna165811

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

[20] 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/

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

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated fosters an environment that upholds diversity, equity, and inclusion regarding a supported humanitarian ceasefire in Palestine and condemns any language for forced displacement of populations within the Gaza Strip; and

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

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

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated recommends to faculty, staff, and administrators that any pro-genocide rhetoric heard is ceased, any information given to the students on this matter is fact-based, up to date, and unbiased, and student concerns and suggestions are taken seriously with the information or implementation given in a timely manner.

Resolved, we urge the University Foundation, Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos and students of CSUSM to join ASI in solidarity; and

Resolved, we the Associated Students, Incorporated encourages CSUSM Corporation to reevaluate their contractual relationships to both Starbucks and Pepsi Company once the contracts are up for renewal and confirm that any future partnership contracts follow a Social Responsibility Statement; and

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated will work to partner with the Cross Cultural Center at California State University San Marcos to provide students with the most up to date, unbiased information available via informational session; and

Resolved, that California State University San Marcos will commit 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

Resolved, the Associated Students, Incorporated stands with the Jewish members of the world and of California State University San Marcos that are being negatively affected by the ethnic cleansing in occupied Palestine and emphasizes that this is not a religion vs. religion issue but rather a complete and total violation of human rights; and

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. of CSUSM will aim to follow the action plan outlined in the resolved section when any other mass genocide and violation of human rights occurs in any country, towards any group of people; and be it further; and

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: 9/27/24

	Name	Campus Affiliation
1.	Cameron Ashtiani-Eisemann	
2.	Angelina Guzmen	
3.	Megan Angkiangco	
4.	Tony Pang	Student Life
5.	Joshua Liberato	
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Speaker Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: 9/27/24

	Name	Campus Affiliation
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