

Associated Students Inc.  
California Polytechnic State University  
San Luis Obispo

## **BILL #16-04**

### **Redefining and Restructuring the ASI Advocacy Committee**

#### **Article I. Origin**

This Bill is presented in accordance with the ASI Bylaws by Seth Borges, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Daniela Czerny, Orfalea College of Business, Annalee Akin, College of Liberal Arts.

#### **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of Bill #16-04 is to redefine, restructure, and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the ASI Advocacy Standing committee. The restructuring of the committee will better serve the campus community by providing an increased level of organizational continuity from year to year. The ASI Advocacy committee shall be renamed the ASI External Affairs committee. The redefining of the committee's roles will ensure student representation and involvement in the local, state, or federal legislatures.

#### **Article III. Background**

The ASI Advocacy committee has made efforts to participate in the political process and represent Cal Poly students by building relationships with our local, state, and federal representatives during the 2015-2016 academic school year. To ensure continuity, that has been nonexistent in previous years, the Bill institutionalizes the duties this year's Advocacy committee has been successful in implementing.

This year the ASI Advocacy committee has two voting members that concurrently intern for the Director of Government Relations within the Office of the President. This relationship with the Office of Government Relations has proven to be advantageous for the committee providing government connections, mentorship, and insight to the benefit of CSU students. Since it is not guaranteed that future interns will be members of Student Government, it is in the best interest of the committee to create a proposed position in order to solidify this newfound and fruitful relation.

#### **Article IV. Implementation**

Amend 4.3.1. as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

4.3.1. The ASI External Affairs Committee. This committee shall be responsible for representing, serving, and addressing student concerns before any local, state, and federal legislature. This committee will recommend to the ASI Board of Directors whether to support or oppose any pending legislation concerning Cal Poly students or the California State University system. This committee will communicate lobbying efforts, research legislation, and will report all issues to the ASI Board of Directors. This committee will work to establish long-term relationships between ASI and city, county, and state representatives.

Membership to the ASI External Affairs shall include the following members:

Amend 4.3.1.1. as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

4.3.1.1.1. The Chair of this Committee shall be a member of the ASI Board of Directors as appointed by the Chair of the Board in consultation with the ASI President, and shall cast tie-breaking votes when required.

Add 4.3.1.2.2. as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

4.3.1.2.2. The Cal Poly Director of Government Relations or designee shall serve as a University representative to the committee.

**CERTIFIED** As the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by **majority/ *unanimous vote*** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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ASI Chair of the Board

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