

Associated Students Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Bill #17-04

ASI Bylaws Amendment – Composition of the ASI Board of Directors

Article I. Origin

This Bill is presented in accordance with the ASI Bylaws by Alexandra Bonestroo, College of Science and Mathematics and John D’Ambrosio, College of Engineering.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of Bill #17-04 is to restructure the composition of the ASI Board of Directors to create proportional representation based on student population from each college.

Article III. Background

For CSUs of larger sizes with recognizable Associated Student’s Incorporated, such as SDSU and CSULB, the elected representatives and the total student bodies respectively are 24 and 31,000, and 20 and 36,809¹. With 27 elected officials representing 21,306 students as of the 2016-2017 Cal Poly academic school year, there are seven more students serving 15,503 less students when compared to CSULB. Cal Poly stands out amongst other reputable Cal State Institutions for having an excess of representation, an equally harmful attribute when compared to underrepresentation.

Policy must be enacted to protect the sanctity of representation. Current practice leaves room for error when determining the number of seats each college has privilege to. As of the 2016-2017 Academic School Year, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, the College of Science and Mathematics, the College of Engineering, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Orfalea College of Business have reached the maximum number of Directors allowed to serve on the Board. The composition of the ASI Board of Directors based on the 2016-2017 student body population is as follows:

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences: 5

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: 3

College of Engineering: 5

College of Liberal Arts: 5

Orfalea College of Business: 5

College of Science and Mathematics: 5

With the recommended changes, the composition of the ASI Board of Directors based on the 2016-2017 student body population would be as follows:

¹ <http://www.csumentor.edu/select/compareview/Default.asp?sortby=4&switchto=>

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences: 4

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: 3

College of Engineering: 5

College of Liberal Arts: 4

Orfalea College of Business: 4

College of Science and Mathematics: 4

Article IV. Implementation

Current bylaws state:

4.4.2. Any Academic College which has more than 1000 Members majoring in that college during the fifth week of winter quarter shall be entitled to an additional Director for every 600 Members over 1000 who are majoring in that college (e.g., if there are 1600-2199 Members majoring in an Academic College, then that Academic College would be entitled to three (3) Directors; if there are 2200-2799 Members majoring in an Academic College then that Academic College would be entitled to four (4) Directors). This will take effect at the start of the summer quarter of the next academic year.

With the recommended changes it would now state:

4.4.2. The total number of Directors on the ASI Board of Directors shall not exceed 24. The remaining 12 vacancies on the ASI Board of Directors shall be proportionally distributed based upon each Academic College's population as a percentage of the entire university during the fifth week of winter quarter. The distribution will be as follows: the total Members in any Academic College divided by the total Members at the University, multiplied by 12. Standard round off procedure shall occur if the value is between two whole numbers. This value shall determine the additional number of Directors per each Academic College. This calculation shall be performed by the Recruitment and Development Committee. This will take effect at the start of the summer quarter of the next academic year.

4.4.3. The maximum number of directors from any Academic College shall not exceed six (6), regardless of the number of members majoring in that Academic College.

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 _____, 2017.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by **majority/ *unanimous vote*** on _____, 2017.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI Executive Director

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