

Associated Students Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Bill #21-03

Updates to the ASI Alumni Council structure to be more effective.

Article I. Origin

This Bill is presented in accordance with the ASI Bylaws by Samuel Park, College of Science and Mathematics, and Shayna Lynch, ASI President.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of Bill #21-03 is to restructure the Alumni Council so that it can remain effective moving into the future by including an Executive Cabinet representative, including a member from the ASI Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and ensuring continuity by having staggered terms.

The ASI Alumni Council is the formally recognized external body tasked with working with ASI Student Government and ASI staff members on matters regarding ASI Alumni events and programs, mentorship, and endowment advancement. Seeing that the purpose of the Council is to assist all members of Student Government, this bill is to ensure there is equal representation from all branches. Adding an Executive Cabinet representative as a voting member ensures that all branches of Student Government are represented on the ASI Alumni Council.

The ASI Alumni Council must embody and represent ASI's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts and ideals. This is especially important as the committee is tasked with collaborating with ASI Student Government and ASI staff members on matters concerning ASI Alumni events and programs, mentorship, and endowment advancements. Furthermore, it is acknowledged that in past ASI has not been inclusive of historically underrepresented students. Thus, an intentional effort to close this gap is needed. Including a member from the ASI Diversity and Inclusion Standing Committee as a voting member onto the ASI Alumni Council would ensure it receives vital perspective of the student body's needs as it pertains to addressing issues regarding diversity and inclusion, especially when working on new and existing initiatives.

The final change to the current structure is to introduce staggered terms. By staggering the term lengths of the Alumni Members, we can ensure that there is continuity on the Alumni Council throughout the years.

Article III. Background

In 2018, Bill #19-02 established the ASI Alumni Council. Currently, the council consists of four Student Government alumni who have graduated from the university, one student representative from the Board of Directors, and one student representative from the University Union Advisory Board. An officer or subordinate of the corporation serves as the student co-chair. One of the four alumni serve as co-chair of the council. In developing the five-year plan for the council, the co-chairs identified a need to have

representation from all three branches of Student Government as well as establishing rotating terms to ensure that there is continuity on the council.

Article IV. Implementation

Insert at end of subsection 10.1. and its subsections:

10.1.6. One member of the Executive Cabinet as appointed by the ASI President.

10.1.7. A member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee as appointed by the Chair of the Board.

Edit subsection 10.1.2.1 to read:

10.1.2.1. The student Co-Chair shall not cast a vote on matters except to cast a tie-breaking vote. The Alumni Co-Chair shall be a full voting member.

Current wording in section 10.3 States:

10.3. Terms of Council Membership:

10.3.1. Each Alumni position within the council shall be a two-year term, commencing the day after the close of spring quarter. Alumni may serve one additional two-year term upon re-appointment by the Co-Chairs of the council.

10.3.1.1. Newly appointed alumni members who assume the role of another alumni member mid-term, are eligible to serve a complete two-year term following the completion of the partial term. Following completion of the two-year term, alumni members may be re-appointed for one additional two-year term.

10.3.2. Each ASI Student Government member position shall be appointed on an annual basis, commencing the day after the close of spring quarter.

10.3.2.1. In the case of a vacancy, the Officers in the year of the vacancy shall appoint an eligible member to the council.

If this bill is passed with the recommended changes, Section 10.3 would now state:

10.3. Terms of Council Membership:

10.3.1. Each non co-chair Alumni Member within the council shall be a two-year term, commencing the day after the close of Spring Quarter.

10.3.1.1. Alumni Member shall serve staggered two-year terms, with at least one Alumni Member being reappointed or replaced each year.

10.3.1.2. Alumni Members may serve one additional two-year term upon re-appointment by the Co-Chairs of the Council and approval of the Board of Directors.

10.3.1.3. If an Alumni Member resigns before their term is finished, a new Alumni Member may be appointed to serve out the rest of the term.

Newly appointed Alumni Members who assume the role of another member mid-term are eligible to serve a complete two-year term following the completion of the partial term.

10.3.2. The Alumni Co-Chair shall be a two-year term commencing the day after the close of Spring Quarter. The Alumni Co-Chair may serve two additional two-year terms upon re-appointment and approval of the Board of Directors.

10.3.3. The term limits of Alumni Members and the Alumni Co-Chair shall be independent of the other.

10.3.4. Each ASI Student Government member position shall be appointed on an annual basis, commencing the day after the close of Spring Quarter.

10.3.5. The Alumni Council shall provide quarterly reports to the Board of Directors.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 10th day of May 2021.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by *unanimous vote* on May 5, 2021.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI Executive Director

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