

BOD 2020-21 – 11R

Resolution in Support of Offering Classes in Live Stream Format

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 14,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB’s Shared Strategic Commitments includes being dedicated to “enhance our inclusive campus, responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development,” “serve students first, by expanding access and enhancing each student’s educational experience and prospects for success as a graduate and life-long learner,” and “continuously improve our efficiency, transparency, and accountability while practicing mutual respect, responsiveness, and collaboration across the University;”¹ and

WHEREAS, the ASI Policy Agenda 2020-2021 states that the ASI Board of Directors will gear “towards improving academic success through effective representation, additional educational opportunities, and accessibility via technology;” and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2020, CSUEB made the decision to be fully online for the rest of the academic school year as well for the academic year of 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) found that “while institutions of higher education have tried to continue their teaching responsibilities, at least a third of students and an equal percentage of professors do not have access to the internet, hampering the success of a temporary transition to virtual education ...

¹ California State University, East Bay. *Shared Strategic Commitments*. Retrieved from:
<https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/mission-and-strategic-planning/shared-strategic-commitments.html>



[and] that universities and States must guarantee access to higher education and that the current crisis must be an opportunity to transform universities in terms of quality and equality;”² and

WHEREAS, “Many college students are reporting that the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted their academic performance, according to a survey from OneClass, an education technology company that provides virtual access to study materials. OneClass surveyed more than 14,000 freshmen, sophomore, and junior students about their fall 2020 experience. Students from 232 colleges, both public and private, responded to the survey. About 85 percent of respondents said the pandemic had a negative effect on their performance;”³ and

WHEREAS, the CSU will require at the beginning of the Fall 2021 term “ faculty, staff, and students who are accessing campus facilities at any university location to be immunized against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This requirement will be conditioned upon full approval of one or more vaccines by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as adequate availability of the fully approved vaccines;”⁴ and

WHEREAS, an email from the CSUEB Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (ATTACHMENT I)⁵ explains the plans for the campus operations for the next six months which indicates that in the Fall of 2021, 40% of course sections will be in-person or in a hybrid format; and

WHEREAS, with the transition of returning back to campus, CSUEB will offer “Zoom Rooms in the Unions” for students to participate in their classes remotely while being on campus

² United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. *COVID-19 and Higher Education: Education and Science as a Vaccine for the Pandemic*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/covid-19-and-higher-education-education-and-science-vaccine-pandemic>

³ Inside Higher Ed. *Survey: Pandemic Negatively Affected Grades This Fall*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2021/01/05/survey-pandemic-negatively-affected-grades-fall>

⁴ The California State University. *CSU to Implement COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Upon FDA Approval*. Retrieved from:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-COVID-Vax-Requirement-FDA-Approval.aspx>

⁵ Suzanne Espinoza, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. *Looking Forward Beyond COVID-19*.



WHEREAS, ASI represents and respects all students regardless of their political affiliation or views; and

WHEREAS, ASI acknowledges and respects the concerns of students that may have difficulties having in-person classes, and may prefer fully online classes for their own personal safety; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB 2025 Graduation Initiative⁶ goal is “that every entering First Year student will aspire to graduate in four years and that every transfer student will aspire to graduate in 2 years;” be it therefore

RESOLVED, ASI demands and highly recommends that classes use a live stream format, which will be recorded, for synchronous classes. ASI highly encourages the Academic Senate to support this initiative in enforcing it and making it mandatory; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, the University will prioritize continuing their CSUEB 2025 Graduation Initiative goals to ensure students can enroll in the classes they need to graduate in a timely manner. ASI highly recommends adding more sections to classes; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, ASI also highly recommends the usage of East Bay Replay as a format to record class sessions; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Senate, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

Authored by: Dessiree Cuevas, *Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff*
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⁶ Office of Academic Affairs. *The Pioneer Path to Student Success-Graduation 2025*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/oa/fgip/student%20success.html>




Brittney Golez, *Vice President of Communications*


Kabir Dhillon, *Chair of the Board of Directors*

Tyler Luevano, *Senator of Online Students*

Approved On: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

ASI President/CEO does hereby [] *approves* / [] *refuses to approve* this resolution.



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Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2020-2021

ATTACHMENT I
Looking Forward Beyond COVID-19

Dear Cal State East Bay Students,

As we watch vaccination rates rise and COVID-19 positivity rates fall in our counties and state, many of you may have questions about what to expect in terms of campus operations in the upcoming summer and fall. I am writing today to share our plans for campus operations here at Cal State East Bay over the next six months.

Last week, Governor Newsom outlined the [state's reopening plan](#) that, barring drastic changes in positivity rates, aims to have the State of California back to normal operations in June. Based on this guidance, employees at Cal State East Bay will be brought back to their workplaces over the summer to prepare for a more normal level of in-person services. We will continue to follow all county and state safety precautions currently in place and as they evolve, including the continued wearing of face coverings, social distancing, and other safety measures.

This fall, approximately 40 percent of Cal State East Bay's course sections will be in-person or hybrid, with many introductory courses for new students offered in an in-person format. In addition to courses, we will see much more activities and events on campus during summer and fall. We expect that this will include recruitment events, tours for new students, a larger number of students living on campus, and a reopening of dining services. Also, we anticipate that the Library, RAW, and the Student Health and Counseling Center will be open and provide more in-person services and that we will be able to host club and student activities, athletics competitions, and performances in the arts. We expect that during the summer and fall transition to normal operations, we will continue to offer some hybrid classes and activities, and we will offer "Zoom Rooms" in the University Union for students to participate with remote courses while on campus. Of course, these activities will resume gradually taking into account health and safety precautions in place at the time.

Cal State East Bay is also working diligently to become a vaccine site for our own campus community, including providing vaccines for our students through the Student Health and Counseling Center. As we finalize these details, we will keep you informed so that those who want a vaccine can access appointments.

The past year has been a difficult, isolating, and uncertain time. I thank you for your hard work in adapting to the challenges of the past year and as always, we are here to provide you with the



support and services you need to continue to make progress toward your degree. I hope this update has provided you with some helpful information, and I look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Espinoza, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management













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