

**BOD 2020-21 – 9R**

**Resolution in Support of the Southwest Asian North Africa Community**

**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**, the purpose of the ASI Senate is to serve as the governing body of the students of CSUEB as the ASI Senate, to advance the cause of CSUEB students, and to provide programs and services designed to meet the varied needs of CSUEB students;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the CSU Board of Trustees “adopts regulations and policies governing the entire CSU system. Board committees have authority over educational policy, finance, campus planning, and facilities, among other areas;”<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, CSUEB’s Mission Statement states that “Cal State East Bay welcomes and supports a diverse student body with academically rich, culturally relevant learning experiences which prepare students to apply their education to meaningful lifework, and to be socially responsible contributors to society. Through its educational programs and activities, the university strives to meet the educational needs and to contribute to the vitality of the East Bay, the state, the nation, and global communities;”<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Ugpcvg'Eqpwnkwwkp*. Retrieved from: <http://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/student-government/board-documents/senate-constitution.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The California State University. *Dqctf"qH'Vtwnggu*. Retrieved from: <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees>

<sup>3</sup> California State University, East Bay. Mission Statement. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/mission-and-strategic-planning/index.html>

**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;”<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the ASI’s Policy Agenda of 2020-2021,<sup>5</sup> Initiative #2 Social Justice and Equity, which commits to “providing support for historically underrepresented students: Undocumented/DACA students, mixed status family based students, and Black students in order to promote safety and inclusivity;” and

**WHEREAS**, ASI’s *Qhkeknl’Uc’vgo gpv’F gpqwpe’kpi ’Tceken’kplw’wkeg’kp’Co gt’kec*<sup>6</sup> states that “ASI is committed to becoming stronger allies and fighting for social justice;” and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Diversity and Inclusion Student Center (DISC) “to creating and maintaining an inclusive campus environment that challenges oppression and provides a space for dialogue and engagement. We provide opportunities for leadership development, community engagement, and co-curricular programming on various topics of diversity and inclusion. The Diversity and Inclusion Student Center seeks to better the campus and greater community by advocating for equity and social justice;”<sup>7</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Asian North Africa (SWANA), traditionally known as Middle East North Africa (MENA), is a geographical term that replaces non-inclusive terms, such as “middle eastern” or “arab”, for the community; and

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<sup>4</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Uj ct gf’Ut cvgi ke’Ego o ko gvu*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/mission-and-strategic-planning/shared-strategic-commitments.html>

<sup>5</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Rqrkef’Ci gpf c’4242/4243*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/policies/incorporated-policy-agenda.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Qhkeknl’Uc’vgo gpv’F gpqwpe’kpi ’Tceken’kplw’wkeg’kp’Co gt’kec* Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/index.html>

<sup>7</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Fkxgt ukf’c’pf’kpenwukp’Uwf gpv’E gpygt*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/diversity-inclusion/>

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**WHEREAS**, the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles adopted *C'Tguqmwkqp'lp'Uwrrqtv'qhl'vj g'Etgcvkqp'qhl'c'Uqwjy gw'Cukcp'cpf'Pqtvj "Ctkecp'Ej gendqz'qp'vj g'Wpkxgt ukf'qhl'Ecrkqtplc'Cr rkecvkqp*;<sup>14</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) takes place in April;<sup>15</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, CSUEB currently dedicates May to APIMESA (Asian Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, South Asian) as a Cultural Awareness Month<sup>16</sup>; and therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that with the adoption of this resolution, ASI officially supports the SWANA community and the students' efforts to raise awareness and prioritize the issues of visibility and support; and

**RESOLVED**, ASI recommends CSUEB creates and administers a campus climate survey with SWANA as a demographic option; and

**RESOLVED**, ASI recommends that the Division of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of Diversity, evaluates the CSUEB SWANA community's needs, and take the necessary steps to support the CSUEB SWANA community; and

**RESOLVED**, ASI encourages the DISC to create programming events to support the SWANA community; and

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<sup>14</sup> University of California, Los Angeles Undergraduate Students Association Council. *C'Tguqmwkqp'lp'Uwrrqtv'qhl'vj g'Etgcvkqp'qhl'c'Uqwjy gw'Cukcp'cpf'Pqtvj "Ctkecp'Ej gendqz'qp'vj g'Wpkxgt ukf'qhl'Ecrkqtplc'Cr rkecvkqp*. Retrieved from: <https://usac.ucla.edu/documents/resolutions/UCLA%20SWANA%20Resolution.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> ThoughtCo. *Egrgdtcvkpi 'Ctcd'Co gkcecp'J gtlaci g'Oqpj*. Retrieved from: <https://www.thoughtco.com/celebrating-arab-american-heritage-month-2834493>

<sup>16</sup> California State University, East Bay Diversity and Inclusion Center. *Ewmmtcn'Cy ctgpguu'Oqpj u*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/diversity-inclusion/cam-page.html>

**RESOLVED**, ASI strongly encourages the California State Student Association (CSSA) to advocate for all California State University applications to include Southwest Asian North African demographic options similar to the University of California applications; and

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Euridice Pamela Sanchez-Martinez (Dec 16, 2020 19:04 PST)

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Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2020-2021



Kabir Dhillon (Dec 4, 2020 14:43 PST)

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