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Resolution to Establish an ASI Covid-19 Need-Based Assistance Scholarship

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 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, ASI’s Policy Agenda of 2019-2020¹, Priority #3: Basic Needs is to “to ensure the students are receiving further support in regards to their basic needs such as food and housing security, and access to mental health services;” and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 is an infectious disease “caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019;”² and

WHEREAS, in an email to all students, CSUEB announced the suspension of in-person class on March 10, 2020 (see ATTACHMENT I).

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, “Six Bay Area counties announced “shelter in place” orders for all residents on Monday [March 16, 2020] ... directing everyone to stay inside their homes and away from others as much as possible for the next three weeks in a desperate move to curb the rapid spread of coronavirus across the region. The directive was set to begin at 12:01

¹ California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Policy Agenda 2019-2020*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/policies/incorporated-policy-agenda.pdf>

² World Health Organization. *Q&A on coronaviruses (COVID-19)*. Retrieved from: <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>



a.m. Tuesday [March 17, 2020] and involves San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda counties ...;”³ and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a state of emergency in response to the threat of COVID-19 via Executive Order N-33-20 to order all Californians to stay home⁴; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB issued a campus update via email to all students on Monday March 23, 2020 (see ATTACHMENT II) to transition all course instruction virtually; and

WHEREAS, “students may not be doing as well, impacted physically, financially, or emotionally by the coronavirus crisis. We have students who are ill with flu-like symptoms and are waiting for their test results. Others have lost jobs and worry about their parents becoming unemployed. Some students are fortunate enough to go home with family, while others do not have a safe home to return to. Students may have the onset of new mental health problems or fear they cannot continue their current treatments;”⁵ and

WHEREAS, students have lost their jobs due to courses being transitioned online. In particular, student workers on campus have been affected too. “As classes and operations move mostly online at colleges across the country, many undergraduate employees are out of work and afraid they will lose crucial income for the rest of the semester. Administrators, meanwhile, are trying to figure out how to keep students on their payroll if there is no meaningful work for them to do. Colleges have not landed on a standard response. Some have pledged to keep paying out-of-work students; others have made no such promises;”⁶ and let it be

³ San Francisco Chronicle. *Bay Area orders ‘shelter in place,’ only essential businesses open in 6 counties*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/Bay-Area-must-shelter-in-place-Only-15135014.php>

⁴ State of California Executive Department. *Executive Order N-33-20*. Retrieved from:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

⁵ Psychology Today. *Helping College Students Cope With COVID-19*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/college-wellness/202003/helping-college-students-cope-covid-19>

⁶ The Chronicle of Higher of Education. *When Covid-19 Closed Colleges, Many Students Lost Jobs They Needed. Now Campuses Scramble to Support Them*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/When-Covid-19-Closed-Colleges/248345>



RESOLVED, that ASI shall establish the *ASI Student Government COVID-19 Scholarship*. This scholarship shall be a temporary need-based scholarship to assist students who are not financially stable to properly prepare for the quarantine period. A policy shall be created to articulate the specific requirements to apply for this scholarship as well as the applicant review process; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Student Life and Leadership, the Associated Students or Associated Students Incorporated of each California State University campus, Cal State Student Association, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, April 8th, 2020

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



Daisy Maxion
ASI President/CEO



Bronte Kuehnis (Apr 21, 2020)

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*ASI Chair of the Board & Senate
Co-Chair*



Kabir Dhillon (Apr 21, 2020)

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ATTACHMENT I

Cal State East Bay Suspends In-Person Classes as of March 11, 2020
California State University, East Bay Office of the President



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A message to the Cal State East Bay university community:

To date, there are **no reported cases of COVID-19 affecting any Cal State East Bay campus** and the health risk to the general public remains low.

The health of our students, staff, and faculty always guides our decision making. Equally important is our mission that we provide our students with a quality academic experience and support the completion of their degrees. We have been in regular contact with the Alameda and Contra Costa departments of public health as well as the California State Department of Public Health.

Although guidance from these departments of public health have not recommended limiting in-person instruction, recent announcements by other local universities have amplified concerns within our community. After consulting with the leadership of the Academic Senate and Associated Students, Incorporated, the university is taking the following actions for all three East Bay campuses beginning Wednesday, March 11. Our goal is to reduce the density of people on campus in order to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

March 11-March 15:

- All in-person lecture, discussion, and seminar courses are to be moved online. To allow preparation time, all of these courses are canceled through the end of this week. Instruction will resume on Monday, March 16 at the regularly scheduled date and time.



- While most activity, workshop, lab, and studio courses may not permit alternative modalities and will continue to meet in person, those that can be taught in alternative modalities should move online. Faculty will be advised on how to manage instruction in a safe environment.
- Courses currently offered online will continue as scheduled.
- All faculty should notify their students of the next class session.
- All campus operations including the University Libraries, Housing, Dining Services, and Student Health & Counseling Services will remain open. Advising and tutoring will continue to be provided online, in-person and by phone.
- University facilities remain available to students needing to participate in their courses.
- At this time, all athletic events will proceed as planned.
- Faculty support for these changes can be found at our Online Campus [website](#) that provides resources for using online tools and obtaining technical support.

March 16-April 12:

- All redesigned in-person courses proceed online at their scheduled day and time.
- The campus operations will remain open.
- Spring break remains March 30 to April 2.

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- A decision will be made whether to continue with these revised modalities based on the latest COVID-19 information at that time.

All campuses will remain open. During this time staff and faculty should maintain their presence on campus. Please check our [Information about coronavirus \(COVID-19\) website](#) regularly for routine updates and illness prevention information.

In closing, I would ask each of you to take good care of yourselves and of each other as we learn more about COVID-19. Spreading misinformation and stereotypes will only feed into greater fear. Maintaining the health and safety of our Cal State East Bay community remains our greatest priority and each of us can play a part in helping us to stay informed and prepared. We can and must support each other in a creative, positive and collaborative manner.

Questions can be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs at academic_affairs@csueastbay.edu.

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March 10, 2020

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ATTACHMENT II

Campus Update, Monday March 23, 2020
California State University, East Bay Office of the President



Campus Update, Monday March 23, 2020

Dear East Bay Campus Community,

Following Governor Newsom's [announcement](#) last week directing all Californians to Stay at Home to protect our public health, we are making the following updates for the campus:

Instruction: All classes, including final exams, will continue to be held virtually through the end of the semester. For questions related to instruction, email academic_affairs@csueastbay.edu.

New travel restrictions: International travel is prohibited until further notice. Cal State East Bay students in study abroad programs are required to return to the U.S. as soon as possible and as long as it is safe to do so. Contact Thomas Tyner at the Center for International Education at 510-885-7510 or email thomas.tyner@csueastbay.edu for assistance.

Housing: Students living in campus housing are strongly encouraged to return to their permanent home residences, where they can attend the remainder of the semester virtually. However, those who have no other housing options or have other concerns, such as limited access to technology, will be allowed to remain in housing on a case-by-case basis. Residents will receive a notice from housing today with further move-out instructions. For any other assistance, please contact housing personnel at housing@csueastbay.edu. Residence halls and campus dining will remain operational with social distancing measures enforced.

Commencement: With great regret, the in-person May commencement, which is our communities' most important day of the academic year, is being postponed and we are exploring and seeking input on ways to recognize, honor and celebrate our graduates for their remarkable achievements. We understand the significant impact of this decision and the disappointment each of you are feeling. Consideration of public health for all attendees and participants will determine rescheduling. We will provide an update to the university community when we have more information. For questions concerning commencement, email commencement@csueastbay.edu for assistance.



For additional information, advisories, FAQs, and resources, please [visit our website](#) and [review our FAQs](#) for detailed information.

We appreciate your understanding as these changes occur. Please know that each decision is made after much consultation and with the goal to safeguard everyone in our community as best we can.

Leroy M. Morishita
President

March 23, 2020

