

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**Bill Number:** Senate Resolution #2018-21  
**Title:** Commemoration of Dr. Joseph L. White and Support for the Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project  
**Sponsored by:** Senators-at-Large Alex Trimm and Thulani Ngazimbi  
**Co-Authored by:** Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project Planning Committee  
**Date Submitted:** April 4, 2018  
**Date Approved:** April 18, 2018

**WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students attending the university; and

**WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI mission states, “the Associated Students of CSULB seeks to facilitate the achievement of students’ educational objectives and life goals through programs, services, and facilities that advocate student needs and interests, compel student representation in campus decision making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual, social and physical development;”<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS** it should be the aim of CSULB’s administration as well to not only compel student representation through decision making, but to facilitate the achievement of educational objectives by honoring individuals involved with the university who have contributed to the intellectual, social, and physical development that ASI identifies as necessary for CSULB to be a world-class university; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Joseph L. White passed away on November 21, 2017, leaving behind a legacy of academic excellence through his research, and influenced the lives of thousands through his creation of the first Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at CSULB in 1967, which has since expanded into a statewide program providing supportive pathways for disadvantaged students to study at all CSU, UC and California Community College campuses;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS** as CSULB’s first African American tenured psychology professor, Dr. White inspired through his personal mentoring of countless Black, White, Asian, American Indian and Chicano/Latino students, to succeed in leadership roles and to excel in academia, politics, business, the arts and in life;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS** in 1968, Dr. White was one of the co-founders of the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), a professional association with the purpose of promoting and advancing the field of African American Psychology, influencing and affecting social change, developing numerous innovative programs, and whereby psychologists of African descent (hereafter referred to as Black psychologists) can assist in solving problems of Black communities and other ethnic groups;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS** The Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project has been conceived and is proposed by prominent EOP graduates and colleagues committed to memorializing Dr. White’s life-long contributions to the field of psychology, his pioneering role to establish ethnic studies in the U.S., and as the founder of the CSULB Educational Opportunities Program (EOP), a model

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/resources/about-us>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-joseph-white-20171130-story.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://california-mexicocenter.org/eop-and-joe-white-changed-lives-from-its-beginning/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.abpsi.org/about\\_mission.html](http://www.abpsi.org/about_mission.html)

replicated throughout California and the United States that has allowed several generations of low-income minority students to enter and graduate from public and private colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**

The Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project's goals and objectives are:

- To promote that CSULB name the Psychology building on campus to memorialize Dr. White's legacy, and to recognize his unique distinction and service to higher education during his legendary 55-year academic career of national and international prominence
- To establish the annual Joe White Leadership Lecture at CSULB in the 2018 fall semester, to celebrate and impart his teachings as the "Godfather of Black Psychology" and promote the need for non-traditional treatment and understanding of ethnic minorities in mental health practices, which he popularized through his research, publications and lectures until his demise
- To establish an archive on the Impact of EOP and Dr. Joseph L. White in U.S. Higher Education, and create a collection of records and documents as part of CSULB's history, and the contributions of EOP Black, Chicano/Latino, Asian American and American Indian students to the university from 1967 to the present
- To develop funding for research, leadership internships, scholarships, curriculum development and an EOP Alumni organization to support the goals and objectives of the Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project; and

**WHEREAS**

the Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project's description and rationale is as follows:


- The cornerstone for the proposed Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project is based upon recognition of Dr. White's service to the CSU, for the historic accomplishment as the founder of the Educational Opportunity Program at CSULB in 1967, creating a model replicated throughout California and the United States, which has allowed several generations of low-income students of color to enter and graduate from public and private colleges and universities
- The EOP model that Dr. White created has been replicated throughout California's CSU system, the University of California, 110 California Community Colleges, and throughout the United States, opening the doors of opportunity for thousands of low-income, first generation and marginalized Black, Chicano/Latino, Asian American and American Indian students
- That without this unique educational program and the significant increase of minority students, U.S. higher education would not have been pressured to establish Ethnic Studies departments since the fall of 1969, establishing fields of study that teach about the history, culture, demographics and contributions of the four major ethnic groups in the U.S.
- The proponents of the Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project have requested CSULB President Jane Close Conoley for the naming of a CSULB building in recognition of Dr. Joe White's accomplishments, and thereupon to create a joint-venture partnership with the university to develop the resources for implementation of the project's proposed programs, goals and objectives
- The proponents of the Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project have requested that President Jane Close Conoley exercise her authority to name a campus building for service recognition of Dr. Joseph L. White, as delegated to all CSU Presidents by the CSU Chancellor (Executive Order 713), and based upon the CSU's Naming of Facilities and Properties Policy (Policy No. 15501.00, Section 403),<sup>5</sup> which states that when naming of a building honors

<sup>5</sup> [http://supportingadvancement.com/more\\_with\\_less/policies/naming/naming\\_facilities\\_1.pdf](http://supportingadvancement.com/more_with_less/policies/naming/naming_facilities_1.pdf)


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someone's service, "It should honor a person who has achieved unique distinction in higher education and other significant areas of public service; or who has served the CSU in an academic capacity and has earned a national or international reputation as a scholar, or has made extraordinary contributions to a CSU campus or the system which warrant special recognition;" and

- WHEREAS** the Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project, is led by CSULB students, alumni, professors and administrators who have been influenced by Dr. White's teachings, research and guidance; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the ASI Board of Directors at CSULB thank and honor Dr. Joseph L. White for his dedication and service to students across the state via the establishment of EOP and his mentoring, as well as his academic contributions to the field of Black Psychology; and it further
- RESOLVED** that the ASI Board of Directors fully support and formally join the proponents of the Dr. Joseph L. White Legacy Memorial Project; and it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Conoley, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Vice President of Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Vice President for Administration and Finance Scott Apel, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Min Yao, Dr. Michael Connor, Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, Rep. Alan Lowenthal, Hon. Willie Brown, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Senate Pro Temp Toni Atkins, Senator Kevin de Leon, Senator Ricardo Lara, Mayor Robert Garcia, L.B. City Council Members Roberto Uranga, Al Austin, Dee Andrews, Rex Richardson and Lena Gonzalez, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Magazine.

  
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Sofia Musman, Vice President &  
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

  
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Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

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