

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #2

September 1, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dale Lendrum called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Dale Lendrum (Chair/Secretary for System-Wide Affairs)
Logan Vournas (ASI Vice President)
Alex Bellenger (Vice Chair/Secretary for City Affairs)
Daniel Gomez (Senate Rep)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Rep)
Huy Le (Senate Rep Designee)
Robert Espinoza (Student-at-Large)
(VACANT Student-at-Large)
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Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

Ms. Lindsay San Miguel (Interim Asst. Director of Student Involvement & Leadership)

Non-voting Members Absent

Guests

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Vournas (S) Gomez to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #2, September 1, 2016 as amended

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

(M) Gomez (S) Vournas to amend the agenda to postpone the election of a Vice Chair until there is at least one additional student-at-large on the committee

Vice President Vournas inquired as to whether the Committee wanted to wait to elect a Vice Chair since there are three vacant student-at-large positions. Senator Jurado shared that she thought the Committee should postpone the election. Senator Gomez recommended that the Committee postpone the election until there is at least one more student-at-large member.

Senator Gomez stated that it would be more beneficial to the Committee to have a full team and one of the new at-large members may want to run for the position. In the meantime he recommended that everyone can pitch in to fulfill the duties of the position.

Chair Lendrum shared his concern that he would prefer a Vice Chair from the current sitting body as a number of the members are more experienced than a student-at-large coming in. Senator Gomez agreed that this is a valid concern.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 7-1-0

(M) Gomez (S) Espinoza to amend the amendment to postpone the election of a Vice Chair until meeting #3

Senator Gomez shared that he feels that it is important to fill the position in case anything should happen and again agreed with Chair Lendrum's sentiment that an incoming student-at-large may not have the experience yet. Student-at-Large Espinoza shared that he would like more clarification on the role of the Vice Chair and thought waiting another week would be good so that the members can review the position and decide whether or not they would like to run for the position next week.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-2-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #1, August 25, 2016

(M)Vournas (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #1, August 25, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-1

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/ Secretary for System-Wide Affairs

Chair Lendrum reported the following:

- Attended the first Cabinet meeting on Monday and is excited to work with forward-thinking individuals that are willing to go the distance on the board.
- Establishing a recognition of service to ASI for Lobby Corps members for 2016-17. Every month he will be recognizing a member. For the month of August, Chair Lendrum recognized Secretary Bellenger for all the work that she has accomplished in the last few weeks and her proactive attitude.

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair reported the following:

- There is no Vice Chair at this time.

C. Secretary for City Affairs

Secretary Bellenger reported the following:

- Voter registration drive is scheduled for next Tuesday from 10am-3pm and the following Monday from 11am-3:30pm. The drives will alternate every week until two weeks prior to the election.
- Availability is still missing for some members, please send her your schedule as soon as possible.
- Vice President Vournas inquired as to whether we were able to get voter registration forms from other counties since that was an issue last year. They recommended getting forms for Orange County.
- Chair Lendrum reported that currently we only have forms from Los Angeles County and agreed that we need more counties reflected in addition to Orange County, he recommended Riverside and San Bernardino Counties as well.

D. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Ms. Farmer reported the following:

- Invited the Committee to an upcoming event on September 14th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Beach Auditorium. It will be a panel discussion on school accountability. Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell and former LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will be panelists. She will send out the link and if interested please RSVP.

E. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- Senate passed their first resolution yesterday; 100 Classes, 100 Days and approved the first reading of a resolution commemorating the Bob Cole Choir for winning the title of Choir of the World.
- Elected the Government Elections Officer, Public Defender, Senator for the College of Education and confirmed Robert Espinoza for Lobby Corps.
- Elected Senator Pandey as the new Senate representative to Lobby Corps.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Nominations and Election of Vice Chair
Election of a Vice Chair was postponed until meeting #3.
- B. Information/Discussion/Action Item: Voter Registration for November Election
Emma Gleeman from the New Voters Project presented to the Committee on the New Voters Project campaign, possible voter registration collaboration and trained the Committee on how to register voters. New Voters Project is part of the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG), which is a statewide nonpartisan student advocacy organization. New Voters Project is a peer-to-peer young voter mobilization effort on college campuses to turn out the youth vote for more than 30 years. Their goal is to engage as many students as possible in all elections. Issues that youth care about: affordable education, environment, and the way money works in our political system. The problem is young people are not turning out in high numbers. In the last presidential election 13% fewer eligible voters between the ages of 18-29 years voted.

New Voters Project campus goal for CSULB is registering 1,500 new voters. They would like to collaborate with Lobby Corps either in a big blitz of registering voters at the same time or space out the registration drives to get more ground coverage. They would also like assistance with having a presence at events and need help renting tables from the USU. Ms. Gleeman is also offering future voter registration training for any volunteers Lobby Corps may have.

Ms. Gleeman trained the Committee on how to register voters and reviewed frequently asked questions and all of the fields of the form that need to be completed. There are two options for returning the forms, either in person to the Registrar's Office or postmarked within three days of completing the form. Ms. Gleeman offered to return the forms personally if that would be helpful to the Committee.

(M) Bellenger (S) Gomez to approve the collaboration of voter registration drives with the New Voters Project
VOTE ON THE MOTION **PASSES 7-0-1**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Information Item: Duties and Responsibilities of Lobby Corps Members
Chair Lendrum shared with the Committee his expectations that the members know the responsibilities of their role and the other members. Some projects may be better suited with another member based on roles and responsibilities.
- B. Information Item: Legislative Bills of Interest for 2016
Chair Lendrum reviewed the legislative bills from the July and August CSSA meetings.
- AB1914 Public postsecondary education: academic materials: textbooks: access codes. Currently on the Senate Floor and sponsored by CSSA
 - AB 1747 Food assistance: higher education students. Currently on the Senate Floor and co-sponsored by CSSA
 - AB 2017 College Mental Health Services Program. Currently on the Senate Floor and co-sponsored by CSSA
 - AB 1653 Postsecondary education: campus climate. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
 - AB 1726 Data collection. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA

- AB 2009 Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
- AB 2732 Public postsecondary education: mandatory orientation for students. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
- AB 1778 Postsecondary education: sexual assault and sexual violence training. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
- AB 2308 Health care coverage: information to students. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
- AB 2506 Student financial aid: Chafee grants awards. Currently on the Senate Floor and supported by CSSA
- AB 1654 Student safety: crime reporting. Currently enrolled and supported by CSSA
- SB 906 Public postsecondary education: priority enrollment systems. Currently concurrence and supported by CSSA
- AB 2654 Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act. Currently on the Governor's desk to be signed and supported by CSSA

Chair Lendrum reported that currently CSSA has not taken a stance on Prop 55. He encouraged the Committee to take the time to review the legislation. Further, he has already received some bills of interest to look into, if any of the members have bills of interest or your constituencies please bring to the Committee to discuss and possibly move forward to the President's Cabinet, Senate and CSSA.

Senator Gomez inquired as to when the Committee takes a stance on bills to then forward to Senate for approval. Chair Lendrum stated that there needs to be clarification on how the Committee supports as a body and when resolutions can be made. It is his understanding that the Committee can't support via resolution until the CSU BOT supports it. However, he will get clarification on this. As far as Lobby Corps, if the Committee agrees to support a bill, the meeting agendas and minutes will serve as support; however, he acknowledged what has more weight is a resolution. The Committee needs clarification on whether we are to recommend resolutions to the Senate. What are the best practices?

Vice President Vournas clarified that the bills the Senate supports in resolution form are pertaining to CHESS. Ensuring that we as a campus and our Lobby Corps when we attend CHESS will lobby for. We don't need an official resolution in support of bills that we want to table and advocate for. It goes beyond CSSA, we as a Senate, can support bills and add bills to the resolution even if it is not supported by CSSA.

Chair Lendrum would like to draft a document or some form of publication to put out to students that lets them know the pros and cons of Prop 55. He will add Prop 55 to the agenda for next week so that the Committee can discuss it.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Chari Lendrum thanked the Committee for bearing with him as he learns his position.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Lendrum adjourned the meeting at 1:34pm.