

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #2

September 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Genesis Jara (Chair/Chief Government Relations Officer)

Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President)

Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)

Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)

Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative)

Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)

Nicolas Olenslager (Student At-Large)

Zak Show (Student At-Large)

Voting Members Absent

Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)

Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives)

Non-voting Members Absent

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Item #8-B: Should be Senate Bill 320 instead of SB23

(M) Jurado (S) Argent to approve the agenda for Lobby Corps, Meeting #2, September 7, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #1, August 31, 2017

(M) Jurado (S) Musman to approve the minutes from Lobby Corps, Meeting #1, August 31, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dalziel Arambula, works in ASI Communications and informed the board that they will be attending the meetings and doing bi-weekly reports on them.

President Nino spoke to the board regarding DACA and believes that students really need Lobby Corps to do their best to speak for them and collaborate with other organizations. Also spoke about RISE and college affordability as agenda topics for Lobby Corps and how these may be a conflict of interest. Advised the board to look into this and possibly incorporate RISE campaign into overall college affordability project.

Jurado agreed with President Nino and suggested possibly changing RISE to college affordability, and keeping RISE separate from that policy agenda issue.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/ Chief Government Relations Officer

Chair reported the following:

- Attended ASI retreat, did a smart goals activity with Kilian and a lot of it is in line with the goals that

Lobby Corps had discussed in the last meeting. Possible addition of collaboration with other CSUs to see what their Lobby Corps is doing and working together on common campaigns.

- DACA – Will continue to post flyers for resources and support groups for those affected, such as information for those that are looking to renew their applications.
- Defend DACA March – Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 3-7pm at MacArthur Park, Los Angeles. Information will be posted to Facebook page.
- FB page is up and running and encouraged members of Lobby Corps to post relevant and useful information.
- Group picture will be on Thursday, September 14th

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair reported the following:

- No Vice Chair elected

C. Students-at-Large

Student-at-Large Kilian reported the following:

- Looking into reaching out to the Emergency Crisis Center on campus to discuss the homelessness and food insecurity issues for students.
- Student-at-Large Show reported that he is still getting situated with this new role and will have more to report next week.
- Student-at-Large Olenslager reported learning more about DACA and the different views about it on campus.

D. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- Senate approved:
 - Shared Governance Policy for its second reading
 - Lobby Corps Working Rules
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Final) reading for “100 days, 100 classes” resolution
 - This program encourages students holding a position in ASI Government to speak to at least 2 of their classes regarding ASI and what we do
 - Elected a new ASI Media Board of Trustees member, John Stornas

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Farmer was absent

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Election of Vice Chair

Jurado nominated Carancho for Vice Chair.

Carancho accepted this nomination.

(M) Jurado (S) Argent to elect Danielle Carancho as Vice Chair

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

B. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

- RISE Campaign
- Mental Health Funding
- Housing and Food Insecurity
- Undocumented Students

Jurado would like to add environmental justice and DACA to the agenda.

San Miguel asked if the board would also like to add collaborating with local CSUs to the agenda. The board agreed and stated that they would like to add this to the agenda as well.

Carancho would like to add collaboration with other student clubs and organizations on campus like College Democrats and SQE.

San Miguel reminded the board that Lobby Corps is a non-partisan board, so it is important to extend an invitation for collaboration to all organizations on campus, not just progressive or specified ones.

Olenslager would like to include campus transparency, especially when it comes to things such as tuition rates going up and knowing exactly what that money is being used for.

C. Action Item: Student-at-Large Areas of Focus

Jara asked student-at-larges which area they prefer. Also reminded them that they would be able to ask for assistance with these areas, they would just be the main point of contact.

- Kilian – Legislative visits
- Olenslager – City Council
- Show – CSU Board of Trustees

**(M) Argent (S) Jurado to approve Student-at-Large Areas of Focus
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 8-0-0

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CSSA Policy Agenda

Jara discussed CSSA's priorities as follows; listed in order of importance:

- Priority 1: Mental Health Resources
- Priority 2: Improve the affordability of higher education at the CSU level
- Priority 3: Promote safe and inclusive environment
- Priority 4: Promote equity in the academic success of CSU Students

B. Discussion Item: Senate Bill 320

Jara discussed this bill that would bring the abortion bill to CSU and UC campuses around California. They would also like to have student organizations that focus on reproductive rights around campus.

As Lobby Corps, their role would be to decide where the university stands on this bill and pass a resolution of either opposition or support through Senate.

Musman thinks that it is an interesting idea and offered to work with senators to write a resolution to bring before Senate. Also suggested working with the Student Health Services Center to figure out how this would be best executed.

Argent agrees that it is a very important resolution to bring to our campus and offered to help Musman write the resolution.

Jara also suggested possibly organizing an informational reproductive event funded by The Women's Foundation. Jara was also given a copy of UC Berkeley's recently passed resolution in support of this bill.

Kilian asked if it is just a policy at this time or if there have been discussions regarding the funding sources for this bill. Would it be a direct cost for students or if the university would fund it?

Jara explained that there would be more information posted Lobby Corps page once they have an opportunity to look at this bill in detail.

Jurado agreed that there is a lot of information in this bill, including cost and thinks it should be looked at closely, but definitely wants to support it. Would also like to reach out to Women's Gender and Equity Center to determine if there is a possibility for a partnership.

San Miguel suggested collaborating with the Commissioner for Women's Gender and Equity Affairs, Stevie Merino. Asked if the resolution from UC Berkeley discussed whether student fees would automatically cover these services.

Jara explained that they have not had the opportunity to look over the contingencies of their bill in detail, but agrees that it is something to consider when writing our resolution.

Argent pointed out the section that discusses health insurance and using the campus' health insurance plan, but does not believe that the university offers a student insurance plan anymore.

Jara suggested looking into this in detail and encouraged the board to compile a list of questions.

San Miguel pointed out that services offered at SHS are offered at a discounted rate. Suggested arranging a meeting with SHS coordinators to find out if they are aware of this bill and if they believe it would benefit students, what kind of discounted rates are applied to medications for students, and gather as much information before writing our resolution.

Jurado asked if we know what stage the bill is currently at.

Jara answered that it is currently at the appropriations stage.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Carancho reminded the board about the RISE campaign and that a resolution for this campaign is in the works.

Jara will be speaking with Gabby Hernandez, Commissioner for AB540 & Undocumented Students, to find out how we can be of assistance, possibly with things such as phone banking and sending out letters to Congress and legislators.

Argent informed the board that there is going to be a DACA forum this Saturday, September 9th at 12pm at Roxanne's on Wardlow Rd. Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell will be present as well as the Board President of LB School District and the LA County Immigrant Protection and Advancement Task Force.

Musman spoke to senate representatives about creating a portfolio with DACA stories of either current students or alumni that are making a contribution to society and are active on campus. Will also reach out to Dream Success Center and Commissioner for AB540 & Undocumented Students regarding this project.

Olenlager suggested possibly doing a video campaign, since this would most likely reach more students since they are most likely to watch a video rather than read an article.

Jurado shared concern for the privacy and safety of these students if they were to be identified in a video, and suggested making sure that the students were comfortable with being filmed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:03pm.