

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**

**Meeting #4**

September 21, 2017

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Genesis Jara (Chief Government Relations Officer)  
Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President)  
Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)  
Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)  
Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative) **(Ar @ 12:33pm)**  
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)  
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student At-Large)  
Zak Show (Student At-Large) **(Ar @ 12:41pm)**  
Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

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

Non-voting Members Absent

**3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(M) Musman (S) Olenslager-Orton to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #4, September 21, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 8-0-0**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #3, September 14, 2017

**(M) Carancho (S) Argent to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #3, September 14, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 8-0-0**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alan Gonzalez Willards – CSULB College Democrats; they will be in the Multicultural Center every Thursday from 5-6pm. They offer students opportunity to endorse legislation that they are interested in as well as volunteer opportunities within various different organizations. Quoted Jimmy Carter, “We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.” Stated that the CSULB College Democrats tries to follow these principles and encourages students to attend their meetings.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chair/Chief Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Agenda Items – If any member of the board would like to add an item to the agenda, they should email Jara by Mondays at 11am so they can send it to San Miguel before 12:30pm
- Senate report on Wednesday, 9/20 – Recapped everything that has been going on, such as working on the Policy Agenda, DACA, RISE Campaign, SB 320, election of the vice chair, their main areas of focus,

## CSSA meeting recap and their policy agenda, and goals for the next two weeks

### B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Booked tables/conference rooms for tabling and phone banking session.
- Made a document for students to sign up for phone banking hours and participation in these sessions will count towards office hours
- Attended CSSA and will report more in detail later in the agenda

### C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Kilian – Attended CSSA meeting looking forward to debriefing
- Reached out to Representative Calvert (Republican rep based in Corona) and called to book an appointment. Must submit a formal letter, so they will have a draft done by tonight and will send it to Jara for their review
  - San Miguel asked for the final draft of that letter so that it may be put on letterhead
- Finished phone banking contact list and is hoping to add more detailed information such as zip codes, the committees that they serve, past voting records, and other useful information
- Follow up on reaching out to Carol Menard Fulthrop– Scheduled to come to Lobby Corps meeting next week to discuss the services they provide
- Olenslager-Orton – Attempted to go to City Council meeting this week; their agenda was very long, and they were set to discuss Claudia’s Law and sanctuary cities. Olenslager-Orton sat in line for 45 minutes and was told they would be able to watch it online, but was unable to.
  - Jurado discussed Claudia’s Law – Ordinance meant to protect hotel workers from sexual harassment and to not be overworked and was rejected 5-4 by the City Council on Tuesday
    - Jara asked if members of the City Council gave a reason as to why they did not pass it
    - Jurado explained that they said that the ordinance was put together very quickly, and they felt that it would not be useful in the long run. They also said they had to vote based on facts/reasoning rather than emotion.
    - Farmer contributed that there was an article within today’s In the News that discusses this law as well
  - City Council approved to make further recommendations to improve Long Beach Values Act of 2017, in connection with SB 54. This proposal states that Long Beach would become a sanctuary city, this was passed.
  - Show – Attended CSU Board of Trustees meeting this week. They discussed acceptance into CSUs and promoting more research within the CSU system
    - Jurado added that there was a motion that passed on Wednesday’s CSU Board of Trustees meeting that gave Chancellor White a raise. Their salary will go from \$400,000 to \$450,000.
    - A big question is where that money is coming from. CSU BOT claimed that it is not coming from student fees, but Jurado wondered if it is coming state or federal government funding.
    - Another discussion was brought up to potentially raise tuition, again
    - Argent added that Senator Yamagiwa reported that campus presidents are getting salary increases as well, and this means less funding for the university and students
    - Farmer pointed out that there is an article about that in the news as well

#### D. Senate

Senate reported the following:

- Argent reported:
  - Approved DACA resolution 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> reading
  - Approved Social Justice & Equity Committee Working Rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - Rescinded and passed a resolution for the closure of the IPCDC. The new resolution states that they closed it and the dates it would be closed and reopened
  - Senate Policy Agenda – Includes college tuition, reducing our carbon footprint, undocumented students, mental health resources, housing and food insecurity, and a lot of the items that are mentioned in Senate Resolution 2017-48. They also discussed some of the smart goals discussed at the ASI retreat
  - Elected Estefany Flores for Trustee-at-Large position for IPCDC
  - Appointed Sean Aquino as Commissioner LGBTIQ+ affairs
- Carancho added that Senator Aranas for College of the Arts is looking for another senate rep
- Argent added that they also need Board of Elections representative

#### E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Informed the board that they do student counts for local City Council, Assemblymembers and Representatives that looks at how many students are in their districts, student, faculty, alumni & staff. This information is helpful when going to meet with elected officials and offered to send it to members of the board at their request.
- Ability to advertise on marquee on 7<sup>th</sup> street, so if they have any upcoming events, they can just send the information to Farmer 3 weeks prior to the event date

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Jara thanked all members for adding content to the policy agenda. Briefly read through each section and asked members for any recommendations and/or corrections. The sections are broken down as follows:

1. Undocumented Students (Jurado)
  - Musman suggested possibly changing the wording of the section that says “Who often face multiple challenges other students don’t” to something that is more inclusive
  - Kilian suggested changing it to “unique challenges”
  - Musman also suggested that on the Deferred action section, they change one of them to something else so it doesn’t sound so repetitive
  - Kilian suggested changing it to “temporary protection”
2. Mental Health Funding (Show)
  - Show provided a list of bullet points regarding this issue
  - Carancho added some recommendations/resources for show to consider when writing out their section
3. Housing and Food Insecurity (Kilian)
  - Musman believes they should clarify that Associated Students Inc. created the Beach Pantry program
  - San Miguel recommended that they add the CSULB Emergency Intervention & Wellness Program
  - Jurado suggested keeping the first paragraph informative and the last paragraph focused on Lobby Corps’ efforts

- Argent suggested combining the first 2 sentences in the second paragraph so that it is more concise
  - Carancho believes they should include a section that addresses the options they have available for students and moving to provide healthier options at the Beach Pantry. Also discussed looking into the CalFresh Program and what Lobby Corps' options would be for collaboration
4. Sustainable Funding Model for CSU System (Carancho)
- Musman suggested changing “gas, food, rent” to just “living expenses” as this would cover a broad range of topics
  - Carancho explained that at the bottom they would have three suggestions as follows:
    - Advocate for the CSU Board of Trustees to put a freeze on tuition and working on a sustainable, affordable funding model for the CSU system
    - Call on state legislators to add another board of trustee member so they could have another active voice
    - Will also urge the CSSA in taking an active role in changing this law (AB293)
      - Jurado added that AB 293 is still in the Education Committee and keeps getting sent back for recommendations
5. Environmental Justice (Argent)
- Argent explained that they were confused about what the board meant by “environmental justice”
  - Gave two definitions of what the options would be for either environmental justice or sustainability
  - Musman suggest working with the Commissioner for Environmental Justice
  - Regarding the sale of plastic water bottles, Musman also added that they could sell boxed water instead since it is more sustainable
  - Olenlager-Orton added that boxed water has a much higher price point than bottled water
  - Jurado suggested signing up for CSSA's Greenovation Fund
  - San Miguel added that they could collaborate with the USU Board of Trustees
  - Jurado added that senators are writing a resolution for the addition of drought resistant plants throughout campus
  - Musman added that the university has been talking about changing plants on campus for drought resistant plants and also heard about changes to sprinkler system schedule so they are used less often
  - Farmer suggested that they could add more hydration stations throughout campus and to sell/give away reusable water bottles
  - Musman stated that they are selling \$2 reusable plastic water bottles in the USU and that PPFM installed 4 hydration stations around campus and some new ones in the dorms
6. Collaborate with SJEC (Olenlager-Orton)
- Argent asked if this should be on pause until the finalization of SJECs working rules
  - Carancho said they should also provide Olenlager-Orton with those working rules so that they could use that to write the policy

Jara asked for all members to have their finalized versions of each section done by next Wednesday at 6:00pm so that Carancho would have time to work on this and format it into a more comprehensive and professional looking document.

#### B. Discussion Item: DACA Efforts

Jara discussed phone banking from this morning.

- Kilian and Jurado had a complete list prepared with names and numbers
- Calling legislators at their district and home offices

Jurado put together a Lobby Corps phone banking plan and passed it around to members of the board. The call schedule was broken down as follows:

Week 1: Call local House of Reps and local Senators

Week 2: House of Reps opposed to DACA recipients and policies

Week 3: Calling U.S. Senators opposed to DACA

Week 4: Reminder calls for House of Reps who have not made their decision on supporting DACA recipients

Week 5: Calling all House of Reps & U.S Senators who are in support and against DACA recipients

Jara also sent out some information regarding the DREAM Act so that board members can familiarize themselves with this info.

Jara read the script that was written for these phone calls and is going to be putting this information on the drive that is accessible to all board members.

Tabling is going to be at the West Patio at the bottom of the escalators. The purpose of these tabling sessions is to advertise phone banking and have students fill out the postcards that they plan to take on legislative visits as well as provide additional resources for students.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion Item: CSSA Meeting Recap**

Jara, President Nino, Carancho, and Kilian attended the CSSA meeting. They offered a recap of DACA efforts from other universities, and they are doing a lot of the same things in an effort to support these students.

Shared postcard idea with them and they responded well to it and thought it was a great idea.

Aaron from ASI Communications is going to send an editable version of it to Jara and then CSSA will generalize it and sent out to other campuses so that they can send it to their legislators as well.

Jurado added that CSU Fullerton provides free pads and tampons to their students. Attempting to get more information as to how they made that happen. ASI is looking into setting aside money to be able to provide that to the students here at CSULB

Carancho spoke to Brian Sath (Chair of BOT) and Sylvana Cisero and are going to try to get free feminine products into the USU and then hopefully extend it campus wide.

Jara stated that there was a speaker from Strike Out Hunger; the foundation that created the program that allows students to donate their extra meals from meal plans at the dorms. They urged all CSUs to adopt this program and offer it to their students. CSULB already has a similar program in place.

Jara added that Milo Yiannopolous is going to be speaking at CSU Fullerton campus, even after a lot of protests from the student body. The ASI at Fullerton was able to denounce this guest speaker and stated that they were not in support of this person speaking at their campus.

Carancho stated that there was a discussion regarding State Wide Advocacy Day where every CSU does phone banking on the same day and hopefully have a big impact for their DACA efforts. This event is being set up by someone at Chico State.

## **9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

No voluntary closing comments

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.