

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #5

September 28, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Genesis Jara (Chief Government Relations Officer)
Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President) **(Dp @ 1:30pm)**
Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative) **(Dp @ 1:41pm)**
Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative) **(Ar @ 12:36pm)**
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student At-Large) **(Dp @ 1:45pm)**
Zak Show (Student At-Large) **(Dp @ 1:41pm)**

Voting Members Absent

Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)

Non-voting Members Present

Non-voting Members Absent

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

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Argent (S) Olenslager to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #5, September 28, 2017
VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 7-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #4, 2017

(M) Musman (S) Argent to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #4, September 21, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Spoke about the Lobby Corps Member of the Month award that will be awarded each month.
 - Carancho was awarded this because they have been going above and beyond their role, especially with all of the DACA efforts that have been in progress this semester
- Academic Senate Retreat: Student Experience, October 26 from 2-4 pm– Jara will be there on behalf of Lobby Corps but if anyone else is interested in attending, they can let Jara know
- Met with Brandon and Rob from CSSA – Had a discussion about CSU Board of Trustees, DACA Efforts, hate speech.
 - CSU BOT tuition increase will most likely come up as a voting item but no details about how much they would raise tuition by or any other details were given
 - Governor gave CSU system less funding than they did last year, so this is most likely one of the reasons why they are going to look into increasing tuition, again

- Asked about why CO executive administration and campus presidents are getting raises and was informed that it is coming from the budget and they were given 2.5% raises across the board
- A misconception is the CSU Board of Trustees are voting to give themselves raises, but they do not get paid and they vote to give the chancellor, vice chancellor, and university presidents a raise because their income was not up to the rate of inflation or the current standard of living
- Cal State San Marcos President was making less than everyone else, and their raise was more than 2.5% to meet the average of what all the other presidents were making
 - Argent asked how much money in total was taken out of our budget for these raises
 - Jara stated that it was 2.5% across the board
 - Olenslager-Orton asked what percentage of the entire budget was used for the raises
 - Jurado stated that that number was not provided; the 2.5% is based off of their current salary
- Jara discussed that they were impressed with the efforts that have been made to help DACA students.
- Jara also discussed having controversial speakers on campus and how ASI is able to respond. They have to let them come because of free speech, but they are also able to host a counter event or host another speaker with opposing views.
- Yasmin Elasmir, Chief Officer of Diversity, was hoping that Lobby Corps could set up visits with City Council Members to discuss the fact that the proposal for Long Beach to become a sanctuary city did not pass.
- Olenslager-Orton suggested reaching out to those who voted against it, as opposed to those who voted for it; believes that this would save time and be more productive.
- Jurado stated that they believe that this proposal did pass, so they would look into this to make sure that it did and would send that information to Jara.
- Jara let the board know that CSSA is reaching out to all campuses and want them to phone bank specifically to the Governor's Office and state all the bills that they are in support of. Jara thinks that they can incorporate this into current phone banking efforts for DACA.

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Nothing to report

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Olenslager-Orton: No City Council meeting this week; SJEC portion of Policy Agenda will be done by next week's meeting
- Show: Nothing to report
- Kilian: Contacted 10 representatives for meetings and is working on US House of Reps list. Also thanked Jurado for all the help and support.
 - Jara added that they might be able to schedule more visits with local reps or people who are in support of it in preparation for Sacramento in the spring semester
 - Kilian stated that they tried to have a balance of those who are opposed to it and those who are in support of it
 - Carancho asked who Kilian had reached out to so far
 - Kilian said that they had reached out to Ken Calvert, Alan Lowenthal, Dana Rohrabacher, Darrell Issa, Mimi Walters, Lou Correa, Ed Royce, Nanette Baragan, Judy Chu, and K.R. Bass
 - Carancho said that Senator McDonald has a connection with someone who works in Sharon Quirk-Silva's district so they can set something up with them
 - Argent said they have a contact in Assemblymember O'Donnell if they want to set up a visit with them
 - Jurado has a contact person for Senator Lara's office and thinks they should set something up with them because CHSS is coming up and that is one of the big focus points next semester

- Carancho suggested splitting up the tasks to ease the load off of Kilian
- Jara suggested configuring an excel spreadsheet with who Kilian has already contacted and then having other members of the board fill in for other representatives
- Jara passed on a suggestion from San Miguel that they should try to have all of these calls done by Thanksgiving break so that they do not have to worry about them during finals

D. Senate

Senator Argent reported the following:

- A student from Cal State Fullerton came to Senate to ask them for help regarding Milo Yiannopoulos coming to speak on their campus; nothing was decided in regards to this issue
- La Raza attended and denounced hate speech
- Approved SJEC Working Rules for its 3rd reading
- Approved the resolution in support of the DREAM Act for its 1st and 2nd reading
- Approved a resolution in support of the RISE campaign for its 1st reading
- Elected an Academic Senator

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Farmer was absent; nothing to report

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Carancho created a document with all of the different sections written out by members of the board. Asked members of the board to look it over and let them know of any recommendations and suggestions.

Jurado recommended moving the Sustainable CSU Funding Model point to number 2 on the priority list because of the possible tuition increase next semester.

Olenlager-Orton added that they should lobby for the CSU to take inventory of what they can get rid of and where they can cut costs on their end.

Jurado said that in the past they had set up some meetings with CSU Board of Trustees members to have them look at their usage and spending, so maybe they can do that again this semester.

B. Discussion Item: DACA Efforts

Jurado stated that they would need help with getting more phone numbers.

Kilian suggested asking Students-at-Large Olenlager-Orton and Show to do a specific region since there are a lot of people that they still have to call.

Jurado made the Excel spreadsheet for the Senate opposition list and has all of the people opposed to the DREAM Act so they can focus on those.

C. Discussion Item: SB 320

This item was tabled until next semester because they don't have enough details and the bill won't be active again until January 2018.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Student Emergency Intervention & Wellness Plan

Carol Menard Fulthrop discussed the CSULB Basic Needs program. These programs are aimed to help the most at-risk students or those that are displaced.

Dr. Rashida Crutchfield was commissioned by the Chancellor's Office to conduct a study regarding students on campus.

Phase 1 – Released Summer 2015: Study found that 1 in 10 students were anticipated to be experiencing housing displacement and 1 in 5 was experiencing food insecurity.

Phase 2 – Findings from all 23 campuses are anticipated to come out in January 2018.

Phase 3 – Will be released in about a year or two.

CSULB Basic Needs Program; the primary programs are as follows:

- Student Emergency Intervention and Wellness
- CalFresh Outreach Program
- ASI Beach Pantry
- Beach Bites App
 - Mobile food app that addresses the issues of food waste and food security by connecting students to extra food from on-campus events and meetings

Why are students applying for this?

- Financial need
- Homeless/Threat of homelessness
- Financial (Medical)
- Food Insecure
- Abuse
- Accident

Program services:

- Fighting food insecurity
 - Meals on ID card – Housing students are able to donate meals from their meal plans for students in need; about 1,200 meals have been donated so far
 - These meals are then electronically transferred to students' ID cards so they can access the dining hall for a specific number of meals
- Assisting displaced students
 - Short-term emergency housing
 - Hotel vouchers
- Providing financial support
 - Emergency Grant
- Giving support
 - Development counseling
 - Financial Aid counseling
 - Referrals
 - Currently assisting with DACA renewals

Cal Fresh Outreach Day: October 17th from 11am to 4pm at the USU Southeast Terrace

- There will be 6 social workers at this event to answer questions and streamline the application process
- Event cards will be distributed later today
- Will be offering late hours at the health center as well for students who cannot attend this event

Carancho thanked Menard Fulthrop for taking the time to come and speak to the board. Also asked if the statistics provided were related to the schools or if they were statewide.

Menard Fulthrop stated that those stats come from CSULB applicants; there were over 300 students who applied to the program.

Carancho asked for clarification regarding the CalFresh program and how it was mentioned that students have to work a certain amount of hours in order to qualify.

Menard Fulthrop clarified that one of the eligibility requirements is that applicants must work less than 20 hours a week or 80 hours a month.

B. Information Item: ASI Beach Pantry

Iraida Venegas is the Assistant Director for Commercial Services and oversees the ASI Beach Pantry.

- Opened in August 2016
- Students can access Beach Pantry up to 3 times a week and up to 15 items, but no more than 5 items per day. They encourage them to get an assortment of items in order to make sure they have a variety of food in their diets.
- Run by two students, Rudy and Cheyenne
- Open Monday-Friday from 10am to 2pm & 5pm to 7pm
- Students scan their ID card in order to gain access
- Community members can drop off items at the various drop off locations around campus; Brotman Hall, Room 320, in the Foundation building, the Information Center in the USU, and over by the Recycling Center
- Collect items from grocery stores that are still safe for consumption, but they can no longer keep on their shelves
- Work with Food Forward and the University Art Museum – Offer free produce to students at the plaza every 2nd Monday of each month from 11am – 2pm, or until product runs out
- Will be working with 49er Shops in October and will be asking students to donate towards the ASI Beach Pantry, either with canned goods or monetary donations
- Fall 2016 – 2,300 visits, 473 were single users
- Spring 2017 – 4,100 visits, 741 were single users
Total visits: 6,408
- Dean of College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Curtis Bennett is running the Long Beach Marathon and is accepting donations/running for the ASI Beach Pantry and has already raised about \$875.

Carancho asked Venegas to talk a little bit about the Swap Shop so that students are aware of this service.

Venegas stated that SustainU created the Swap Shop in August of 2016. They collect lightly used binders, notebooks, pens, papers, scantrons and other supplies for students to come and “shop” when they need supplies. They also have a section with toiletries and textbooks.

Jara asked what Lobby Corps could do to help raise awareness about the services offered by the university, including ASI Beach Pantry and the Basic Needs Programs.

Venegas answered that they could spread the word and inform students about the kinds of programs that are available to them.

Last year, they also had a couple of different colleges host food drives, so members of the board can reach out to the deans of their respective colleges to find out if they are interested in hosting a food drive of their own.

Menard Fulthrop mentioned that they would like to have an ASI event in collaboration with other organizations on campus and to have #FeedLBState hash tag.

Also suggested that they could bring the travel size toiletry items from hotels, as they would be helpful for students in need.

C. Discussion Item: DREAM Act 2017

Chair Jara tabled this item until next week's meeting due to time constraints.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Carancho thanked Kilian and Jurado for all of their help and hard work with phone banking sessions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:47pm.