

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #6

October 5, 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)

Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)

Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)

Amanda Kilian (Student-at-Large)

Nicolas Olenlager-Orton (Student-at-Large) **(Ar @ 12:51pm)**

Voting Members Absent

Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative)

Zak Show (Student-at-Large)

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

(M) Musman (S) Argent to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #6, October 5, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #5, September 28, 2017

(M) Musman (S) Argent to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #5, September 28, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- CSSA – Carla from Chico State was trying to put together a day for all campuses to phone bank to their local legislators. The date they decided on is October 23rd and the time frame options are from 9am-1pm, 10am-2pm, or 11am-2pm.
 - San Miguel asked who decided these time frames and why they chose that specific date.
 - Jara explained that Carla was the one who set these dates, but was not sure how it was decided on, but if none of those time frames work then they could work something else out.

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Carancho and Senators Yamagiwa and Hurado met with Holly from the Daily 49er to talk about the RISE Campaign and gave an overview of what it was; the interview will come out in Monday's paper.
- The RISE resolution will be on its 2nd reading next week once they send it to Vice President Musman.

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Kilian worked on US Representative phone banking list; has completed the region from Georgia to New Jersey.
- Has reached out to Olenslager-Orton and Show for assistance in compiling this list, but has not heard from them as of yet.
- Contacted 7 assembly members and 8 state senators and heard back from about four
- Three offices came back with specific dates and times for meetings
- Heard back from Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva in Buena Park and they suggested Thursday, October 26th from 2:30-3:00pm, State Senator Janet Nguyen in Garden Grove suggested Tuesday, October 24th at 1:30pm, and Assemblymember Matthew Harper in Costa Mesa suggest Tuesday October 10th at 4:00pm
- Field Representative for Al Muratsuchi in Torrance reached out and said that Muratsuchi could not meet, but the field representative could
 - Jara recommended that Kilian upload the information for the meetings to the Facebook page so that they can figure out who can make it to each of the proposed dates
 - Argent asked if there was an idea of how they wanted the meetings to go or what they wanted to discuss during these meetings. Asked if there was some sort of structure or outline for each of the meetings.
 - Kilian said that they had been discussing CSU mental health funding, and suggested contacting CSSA for the legislators voting history to have some background on what they are in support of. They would also meet up before the meeting and delegate the different tasks required for these visits.
 - Jara stated that they would be working with Carancho to come up with an outline for these visits
 - San Miguel recommended reaching out to Farmer to get fact sheets about the amount of students in each representatives district so they can use that information for those visits
 - San Miguel asked about the DACA post cards and what the goal was for the completed ones
 - Jara answered that those would be used as “leave behinds” for the district visits and thanked Kilian for all of their hard work in compiling all this information and organizing these visits.

D. Senate

Senator Carancho reported the following:

- DREAM Act Resolution passed for the 3rd reading
- Approved Board of Control’s minutes for meeting #7
- Passed the Judiciary minutes for meeting #1
- New BOD Policy Agenda passed for the 1st reading
- Resolution for the Reinstatement of Long Beach Division football Team failed in the 1st reading
- Elected a new College of the Arts Senator, Cameron Hoenicker
- Reports from President Nino, Chief Academic Officer Jordan Doering, USU BOT Chair Brian Sath, Commissioner for AB 540 & Undocumented Students Gaby Hernandez, Treasurer Jonathan Wanless
- Beach Pride Events: Long Beach Marathon is coming up

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Farmer was absent; nothing to report

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: DACA Efforts

Jara said that they had been phone banking this morning and are now asking legislators to support the passage of the DREAM Act of 2017. Now as district visits come into play, they will be leaving behind the postcards to add emphasis to our stance on these issues.

Carancho suggested combining DACA Efforts and the DREAM Act of 2017 since they are correlated and will eventually be the same thing.

Jara agreed and thinks that this would be a good idea.

B. Discussion Item: DREAM Act of 2017

Jara discussed the main points of the DREAM Act 2017, and asked members of the board to become familiar with this information:

- Gain permanent residency for up to 8 years
- Can obtain a work permit and are able to leave the country
- Reduces the fear of deportation

C. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Carancho asked the board to make any final changes to their sections of the Policy Agenda so that it can be finalized and sent to Chair Jara for final approval. Each section should have a background and an action plan.

Jara stated that this would be on the agenda as an action item for next week so that they can vote on it.

Carancho suggested adding Title IX to the policy agenda.

Musman asked what exactly Carancho wanted to add regarding Title IX.

Carancho said that they should add it into the agenda as a whole, just in case it ever goes away.

Jara stated that they had met with San Miguel and looking at policy agenda realistically, it would be difficult to fully advocate for all of these issues. Suggested picking the top 3 issues that are going to be highest priority and if we have time we would be able to focus on the other issues.

Carancho said they really believe that undocumented students, sustainable funding model, and housing and food insecurity should be the top 3 priorities. Jara asked if the board agreed.

San Miguel explained that the two biggest issues are DACA efforts and the potential tuition increase, and would rather the board focus on two or three current issues so that they can feel like they really made something tangible happening by narrowing their focus.

Carancho asked if they should reprioritize the items in the policy agenda based on this discussion.

Jara answered that they would like that to be included in the policy so that everyone knows how they are approaching these topics.

Argent asked if they would still be having the background and action plan for the other topics in the Policy Agenda. Also suggested adding more to the mental health section and what the action plan is for this issue.

San Miguel suggested laying out what the tangible things are that they are going to be doing, such as how many people they are going to meet with and having this clearly outlined.

Olenlager-Orton added that SJEC, sustainability, and food and housing insecurity were already in the works through other organizations and doesn't feel like they should be something that Lobby Corps should spend time creating policy for. Suggested having the top three issues be undocumented students, sustainable funding, and mental health issues.

Kilian agreed and pointed out that there a lot of services great resources on campus for issues such as food and housing insecurity, but it is not an immediate priority.

Carancho believes that they should focus on DACA effort and a sustainable funding model since those seem like they are going to continue to be issues this year.

Argent stated that the DREAM Act is a bipartisan bill, so there is a high likelihood that it is going to pass. So thinking long-term, once it passes what would their focus shift to?

Jara agreed and said that once that passes, they would have to decide what their other main priorities would be.

Musman agreed with Olenlager-Orton about moving mental health up on the priority list. It affects a large group on this campus and it is also on the CSSA policy agenda so it is important that Lobby Corps' goals align with theirs.

Kilian asked what happens to all of the items that are not on the top priority list and wondered if things are going to be delegated and if they are able to advocate for those things in their free time.

Jara explained that the top 3 issues are going to be the ones that they are mainly focusing on, and once those issues are resolved, they could focus on the lower priority items.

Carancho stated that they need a legitimate action plan in place for mental health and definitely more background information, especially if it is going to be one of the top issues of focus.

Olenlager-Orton believes that for mental health, they need to lobby on a campus level for funding and resources.

San Miguel suggested inviting Associate Vice President Mary Ann Takemoto since this is the first semester with the health fee increase to find out what the plan is for that additional revenue and have they addressed issues within CAPS.

Kilian asked if it was possible to reach out and have the Director of CAPS to come speak to the board.

Argent suggested reassigning the person that was working on mental health issues so that it could be completed in a timely manner.

Jara and Carancho agreed to work on this policy issue together.

Carancho reiterated that Title IX is something that is relevant to Lobby Corps.

Olenlager-Orton explained that the CSU is not choosing to disregard this issue, but that they are not losing federal funding for this program.

Kilian added that there has been a huge policy shift in the U.S. Department of Education and believes that they need to be a part of that conversation as far as policy goes.

Olenlager-Orton thinks that it gives them an opportunity to talk to Dr. Jeane Caveness regarding shaping campus policy.

Kilian believes that Title IX is more on the policy front versus an actionable item.

Jara asked Carancho if they have an idea of where they would add this in to the policy agenda.

Carancho stated that if the order were to be undocumented students, tuition, mental health, housing, and then Title IX would go after housing.

Musman added that they want to make sure that they are not adding too much to the Policy Agenda and then not be able to take on all of it. Believes that Title IX is very important and something they should consider, but it not sure where it would fit into the policy agenda.

San Miguel suggested adding a section titled “Areas of Interest” or “Areas of Concern” that lets people know that they are items that the board is still considering and acknowledging as relevant.

Olenlager-Orton suggested adding it as a sub point to SJEC reaching out to them to discuss their concerns and possibly commissioning them to take it on.

Jara asked if they would like to make it a sub point to SJEC or add it as a different point.

Argent asked if they were allowed to “commission” SJEC since they are a sub committee of Senate too.

San Miguel stated that Lobby Corps can’t require them to establish certain priorities, but that Lobby Corps can work with them, share information and bring issues to their attention. Similar to Lobby Corps, SJEC would determine their own priorities along with recommendations from the Senate.

Olenlager-Orton asked if they could lobby SJEC.

Jara stated that they think they could list it as an area of interest and bringing it to SJEC so that they could work together on these issues.

Carancho asked what other issues they would like to add to the “Areas of Interest” section.

Jara suggested adding “Collaboration with SJEC” to this section as well.

Carancho added the phone banking/tabling schedule and asked if that is something they wanted to keep in there for this semester

Jara believes that they should keep it.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Housing and Food Insecurity Plan

Jara wanted to hear the board’s thoughts on the guest speakers from last week and what they wanted to do moving forward with this issue.

Kilian appreciated the long-term solution to housing and the emergency procedures that are in place. Thinking of the growth of university, they need to figure out how are they going to house the students that are coming in.

Carancho suggested collaborating with them for their CalFresh date and possibly tabling at this event.

Musman added that this is the first time in a long time, housing has not been full and they have empty rooms that they use for their emergency situation students. They also have hotel vouchers but they only use those if the dorms are full.

San Miguel added that the vouchers are for students with children, since they can't stay in the dorms if they have children. Suggested reaching out to Carol Menard Fulthrop to find out what the long-term objectives or strategies are for these students.

Carancho added looking into the dorm situation and how this could help homeless students in a more long-term capacity.

B. Action Item: Approval of CHESS Application

Jara explained that the CHESS application is going to be available on BeachSync.

Argent talked about interview date of December 20th and suggested moving it before finals.

Olenlager-Orton suggested moving the interview date to December 8th.

Carancho added that not everyone's finals fall during the actual week of finals and they are usually spread out, so that week might not work for everyone.

San Miguel agreed and added that in choosing a date, they have to think about how it is going to impact their schedules and whether they would be able to be there for the entire process, such as application review and interviews.

Musman asked if they have to have the interviews in December.

San Miguel answered that they have to notify them before the spring semester starts so they can have enough time to prep for CHESS.

Musman suggested moving them to the last week of November, right after Thanksgiving break.

Argent and Kilian both agreed that Musman's suggestion would probably work the best.

Musman asked if they are still accepting videos for people that can't make it to the interview.

Musman summarized the current schedule is as follows:

Apps open on October 23

Apps due on November 17

Interviews on December 20

San Miguel pointed out that they would also have to change the due date for the applications so that they have enough time to process and review them before the interviews.

Jara suggested having the apps be due on Nov 10 and holding the interviews all day on Dec 1.

(M) Argent (S) Olenlager-Orton to change the interview date for CHESS Application from December 20th to December 1st

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-1-0

**(M) Carancho (S) Argent to approve the CHESS Application, as amended
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 6-0-0

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Argent asked if Olenslager-Orton had a report for the City Council meeting.

Olenslager-Orton did not make it to the City Council meeting this week.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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