

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #7

October 12, 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)

Amanda Kilian (Student-at-Large)

Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student-at-Large)

Zak Show (Student-at-Large)

Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee) **(Ar @12:33pm)**

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) Jurado (S) Argent to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #7, October 12, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #6, October 5, 2017

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Judiciary needs our help with their Protesting Rights events. Want them to collect as many student questions as possible on comment cards when they are tabling.
 - Jurado asked if there was a flyer for the Protesting Rights event
 - San Miguel stated that it hasn't been finalized, but they are hoping to have it out by Monday. As far as collecting questions, they are going to formulate questions that the moderator can ask the panelists.
 - Need help with advertising and an opportunity for organizations to table 30 minutes prior and after event. Need to fill out the form that is on BeachSync titled "Protesting Rights: Stands, Speak, Empower Registration Form" and they have to be recognized as an organization by Student Life and Development.

- Recycle Wars between different boards will begin soon, details to come
- Members of Lobby Corps are required to attend at least one LA Training session per semester. The next two are going to be on October 23rd and November 6th.
- New polos have come in and can be picked up in San Miguel's office

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Nothing to report

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Kilian reported:
 - Two confirmed legislative meetings scheduled. One with Janet Nguyen on Tuesday, October 24th at 1:30pm with Jara and Olenslager-Orton. The other with Sharon Quirk-Silva on Thursday, November 9th at 11:00am with Jara and Jurado.
 - Altering the process and giving them dates and times when setting up meetings for time blocks where there are at least two people available to go to these meetings
 - Suggested redoing availability sheet to more accurately reflect everyone's schedules and will be posting a new availability form on the Facebook page
 - Will start reaching out to Long Beach City Council to set up meetings with them and calling all the reps who have not responded yet
 - Working with Farmer to prepare district fact sheets to take to these legislative visits
- Show reported that the next CSU Board of Trustees meeting is in November and will report back then.
- Olenslager-Orton offered Kilian assistance with reaching out to the City Council. Did not get an opportunity to attend City Council meeting this week.
- Olenslager-Orton did attend Turning Point (new club on campus) last Thursday; had an interesting meeting. Invited them out to our meeting and shared Policy Agenda with them and they generally agreed with most of it. When they brought up mental health, they did not seem too enthusiastic.

D. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- 2nd reading passed for the RISE Campaign
- 2nd reading passed for the Senate Policy Agenda

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Apologized on behalf of Teri Carbaugh for missing the lunch meeting with President Nino, Vice President Musman, and Treasurer Wanless. Will be touching base with Carbaugh about rescheduling.
- Regarding Quirk-Silva will look into getting numbers on them. It will take some time, but it should not be too difficult.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: DACA Efforts

Jara asked if the board wanted to continue tabling and phone banking.

Jurado stated that they believe that they should continue tabling for the DREAM Act, but also for Lobby Corps as a whole especially since CHESS applications are coming up. Doesn't think they should extend it for too much longer, maybe another 2-3 weeks.

Jurado will also do research about where the DREAM Act is in the U.S. Senate.

San Miguel suggested extending it until fall break since it is about 3 weeks out.

Carancho suggested that they could phone bank during their office hours. Will post a Google doc on the Facebook page and asked everyone to update their availability as soon as possible.

Jurado asked if they should bring out their own table since they never really have a table set up for them when they reserve these spaces. San Miguel was not aware that this was an issue and will look into this before the next tabling event.

Jurado suggested that since phone banking is going to be focused on Senators, maybe they can send out a list so they can divide them up between everyone.

Jara believes that this is a good idea and asked Jurado to share it on the Facebook page.

B. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Carancho summarized the Policy Agenda's main points:

- Upcoming events will remain the same for phone banking/tabling for the rest of the semester. Phone banking will be on Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm and tabling will be 11am-12:30pm and 2:30-4pm.
- Top 3 goals for this semester are undocumented students, sustainable funding model for the CSU, and mental health
- Areas of interest are more limited in scope as far as what their lobbying efforts will be. These areas will be something that they follow up on, but not something they actively lobby on behalf of.
- Added some information regarding Title IX and recently passed Senate Bill 169, Sex Equity and Education, which is currently waiting on Governor Brown's signature

Carancho asked the board for any suggestions and recommendations before finalizing the agenda.

Olenlager-Orton asked who controls where the student health services fee is allocated.

San Miguel stated that the university decides where these funds are allocated too. The student fee advisory committee approved the fee increase, but the university administers it.

Musman suggested finding out what the money has been used for so far. Their understanding is that they've used some of the funding to hire more counselors for CAPS.

Olenlager-Orton added that they believe it is important to have more counselors available because it is a huge coping mechanism for a lot of students.

Carancho asked if this counseling service is provided to students for free or if there is an additional fee.

Olenlager-Orton answered that it is free, but you have a limited amount of sessions per semester.

San Miguel added that once you have your initial consultation, they determine if you need to be referred to another resource due to the limited number of sessions they can offer at CAPS.

Carancho asked do they offer any kind of assistance in paying for off campus counseling, since these services are usually pretty expensive.

San Miguel said that they are not sure what resources they offer students, but that they know students are often on a limited budget so most of the referrals will probably be low cost. San Miguel recommended working with the Commissioners for Disability Affairs and Wellness Affairs on this issue.

Jara said that they would reach out to them to find out more information about these services.

Olenslager-Orton asked when the first Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) meeting is going to be.

Musman stated that they are hoping to have it in November.

Jara asked members of the board to add any suggestions to the document before next week's meeting so that they can vote on it and finalize it then.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CalFresh Outreach Day

Jara shared that Carol Menard Fulthrop wants them to spread the word via tabling and social media about this event that is going to be on Tuesday, October 17th at the Southwest Terrace from 11am to 5pm.

Carancho asked if anyone is available to assist them with CalFresh Outreach Day and asked anyone who is free to show up to this event and help with anything they might need.

B. Discussion Item: Tuition Increase

Jara wanted to bring this up for discussion, but understands that they cannot do much until the RISE Campaign is passed in Senate for its final reading.

Carancho added that it is important to follow what's going on with this at the CSU Board of Trustees meetings and to prepare students and let them know in advance. They do not want a repeat of what happened last year before the tuition increase.

Carancho also suggested having a script or outline for this issue for when they have legislative visits.

Olenslager-Orton stated that they are not familiar with RISE campaign and what their proposal is, how far they span, or what the economic impact would be. Believes that before they start lobbying for something, they should know all of the details regarding their campaign.

Carancho explained that RISE is an educational campaign for now. They are focusing on a bill passing for free college tuition for community colleges in California.

Jurado suggested inviting Courtney from RISE to come speak to the board and answer any questions.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Jara added that they should start talking about the CSU BOT student trustee search during tabling sessions. Applications are opening soon and they will close in January; there is a voting and non-voting student trustee.

CSSA will be sending Jara information regarding these positions and they can use this for tabling events in the future.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:12pm.