

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #9

October 26, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Danielle Carancho called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President)
Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)
Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative)
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student At-Large)
Zak Show (Student At-Large)
Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee) **(Ar @ 12:35pm)**

Voting Members Absent

Genesis Jara (Chief Government Relations Officer)
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)

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) Olenslager-Orton (S) Jurado to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #9, October 26, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #8, October 19, 2017

(M) Argent (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #8, October 19, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara submitted the following report:

- LBSU is participating in the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness week from Nov 11-19. Thinking of having a 1-2 day event from Nov. 13-15 to spread awareness of the struggles students are facing. Wanted to find out if Lobby Corps would be interested in participating in this?
 - San Miguel asked if this is something that we would be planning or if it is something that we would participate in?
 - Carancho believes that it is something that Lobby Corps would be planning, but will find out for sure how the event planning would work
- First district visit with Senator Janet Nguyen was successful, she was in support of undocumented students and left behind some of the post cards they have been working on
- Nguyen is currently authoring a bill, SB307, to help with student homelessness and housing insecurity; this bill died in appropriations because it was a study bill. They are going to be making additional changes to this bill.

- Asked Nguyen if there are any bills regarding mental health/public services. There are not any that have been proposed, but if we would like to propose something we could and Nguyen's office would be happy to help with that
- Reached out to Commissioners Koch and Kim about coming to speak to the board. They both have class, but if there are any questions, Jara can relay those to them and find out for the board

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Attended the first RISE information session last week at the library; there were about 15-20 students that showed up and a couple of student organizations, College of Young Democrats and La Raza
- Made a CHES announcement in a political science class; encourages the board to make announcements in their classes as well to help spread the word about CHES applications

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Show – Nothing to report
- Olenslager-Orton – City Council has continued to ban plastic and are becoming more specific with the different kinds of plastic they are banning
- Anyone who wants to use it, the Hoff Center is reopened

D. Senate

Senate Jurado reported the following:

- Elected three Social Justice Equity Committee Students-at-Large: Yasmeen Azam, Sarah Cobos, Yajaira Negrete
- Passed the 1st reading of the recognition of the Football Exploratory Committee
- Passed the 1st reading for the resolution supporting Title IX and Maintaining the Preponderance of Evidence
- Dr. Kevin Johnson, Director of the Center on First Amendment Studies spoke about hate speech and gave Senate some tips on things to avoid
- Brief presentation on the new BeachBoard website
- Director of Housing addressed student concerns

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Passed out a flyer for the Tavis Smiley Future of Higher Education Seminar on November 10th at 10am
- Students can register for this seminar on Eventbrite

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. DREAM Act of 2017 Efforts

Carancho informed the board that they set up a tabling spot on Monday at the Southwest Terrace; the rest of the semester, it will be at the bottom of the escalator. Wanted to hear from the board to see how phone banking was going.

Jurado asked if the room for phone banking was rescheduled because they went to the room today and it was busy and Lobby Corps wasn't listed on the door.

Carancho answered that they have a room booked, but they weren't able to reserve anything for the past two weeks, but will double check.

B. RISE Campaign

Carancho stated that the initial meeting was last week. It was supposed to be booked for the Multicultural Center and had to be moved to the library. Spoke to Yamagiwa about booking rooms in the USU so they can get the information out to students.

Carancho asked if Lobby Corps is interested in adopting this campaign as far as booking rooms and being more involved through participation in info sessions.

Jurado added that students have shown interest in volunteering and spreading information to their classmates and friends, so they could spread the word for now. Later, when the CSU Board of Trustees officially announce the potential tuition increase, then Lobby Corps can shift their campaigning focus to that.

Carancho asked if there is any discussion on how many info sessions and room bookings we want to have, or is it just something the board wants to be kept informed about.

Musman asked if this is something we would want to have once a month.

Carancho answered that Yamagiwa stated that they would want to do weekly or biweekly sessions.

Musman believes that once a month would be easier for students to attend and would probably increase participation.

Argent asked what their role would be in the info sessions.

Carancho explained that they would be there to answer questions and provide information to students regarding this campaign; they would also be asked to collect data and numbers so that they can present this to legislators during district visits.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. District Office Visits

Carancho shared the general outline of the format that would be used during the district visits and asked if there was any feedback, additions, or corrections that the board would like to make.

Carancho broke down the format of the outline for the board:

- 1st page is on undocumented students; Support of the Dream Act 2017
- 2nd page covers the Sustainable Funding Model for the CSU System
 - AB 393: Discusses enrollment fees; sponsored by Quirk-Silva and is currently sitting in Senate committee
 - AB 379: A kick start for loan forgiveness
 - Another bill backed by McCarty called Degrees not Debt, and they could add it to this as well
- 3rd issue was mental health; there aren't many bills that are in the works except for a suicide prevention bill
- Also wanted to talk about homelessness and found four relevant laws that could possible be added to the outline:
 - AB 801: Success for homelessness, youth, and higher education
 - AB 1228: Housing priority; housing plans during academic breaks
 - AB 1747: College student hunger relief act
 - AB 1840: State agency hiring preference for students facing homelessness and formerly incarcerated youth
 - Will get more information on each bill and post the information online
 - Musman believes that they can add another bullet point on housing and food insecurity
 - Carancho thinks that they should also have more background information on this issue

Olenslager-Orton added that there was an article that they read recently about how the cost of education is growing as loans are growing.

Carancho said that they would upload it as a Google document and edits and changes can be made before next week's meeting.

San Miguel asked Carancho to send the final version before Monday at 12:30pm to add it to the agenda packet for next week.

Jurado suggested moving additional talking points to a separate page so they are easier to find.

Carancho added that the sustainable funding model section is the only one with additional talking points, but they could find a way to reformat it so it is easier to find. They should have this done by Sunday so it can be sent out on Monday.

Jurado stated that they would be meeting with Quirk-Silva on November 1st for a 30-minute meeting.

Farmer added that they would put in a request for student counts with the Institutional Research and Assessment office.

Olenlager-Orton suggested sending Farmer the dates and names of the legislators we plan on visiting so that they could put requests in for those numbers.

Carancho suggested finding more information regarding AB 393 and where it is currently standing so they can discuss this with Quirk-Silva.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Olenlager-Orton has been talking to people about RISE. Some of the feedback they have received is concerning undocumented students and international students and where they fall in the RISE Campaign.

Carancho explain that it is more of a movement than a campaign. The goal is to join students together to let legislators know that they are fighting for free tuition and will be using their votes to make a change.

Olenlager-Orton understands and wants to point out that they need to keep them in mind because they are part of our student body as well.

Jurado and Carancho agreed that they definitely have to keep those students in mind.

Farmer informed the board that AB 1064 was vetoed, CSU didn't take a position on it, but no reason was given for the decision to veto.

San Miguel informed the board that ASI Judiciary will be hosting a first amendment panel on Wednesday November 1st from 5:30-7:30 pm, called Protesting Rights: Stand, Speak, Empower. Encouraged the board to help promote this event and attend, this should be a highly educational seminar.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Vice Chair Carancho adjourned the meeting at 1:04pm.