

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES
Meeting #22
March 15, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

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)
Melissa Mejia (Senate Representative)
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)
Nicolas Olenslager (Student At-Large)
Hilda Jurado (Student At-Large)
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) Carancho (S) Jurado to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #22, March 15, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #21, March 8, 2018

(M) Mejia (S) Argent to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #21, March 8, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Nino congratulated Chief Government Relations Officer, Genesis Jara on their win for the 2018-19 ASI President position, as well as everyone who ran for working hard.

Also congratulated everyone on a successful CHESS conference and legislative visits and commended everyone for all of their hard work.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Nothing to report

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Turned in the 3rd article for Beach Against the Increase column and that will run in next week's issue
- Need more stories, so if anyone is interested or knows anyone who is, direct them to Carancho

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Olenslager – Posted a Daily 49er article on the Values Act that passed at the City Council meeting
- Kilian – Heard back from Lowenthal and they won't be able to attend the Town Hall event
 - Jara informed Kilian that they would not be able to have Rendon submit a video because it would require a lot of extra work logistically speaking
- Jurado – Board of Trustees will meet next week and they will attend that meeting. The finance committee will meet then too, and they will try to take a very detailed report for Lobby Corps. Is hoping that they will provide the numbers/information for what they used the funds from last year's tuition increase for.

D. Senate

Senate reported the following:

- Passed Resolution commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music
- Confirmed the Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, Robert Munoz

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Provided a document from Teri Carbaugh that addresses the Graduation Initiative and why it is important to maintain funding for this program
- Reached out to Institutional Research & Assessment and they were informed that students are able to request information from them for legislative visits

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tuition Increase Efforts

Jara met with ASI Comm regarding the signage that they had discussed in prior meetings, and wanted to know if the board had any suggestions for a call to action so that students know that the event is open to all students.

Mejia suggested something along the lines of "Join your student advocates" or "The time is now!"

Farmer suggested, "Your voice counts" or "Time is almost out", something that lets students know they are a part of it and also connotes a sense of urgency.

Jurado suggested "Fight the tuition increase, the time is now!"

San Miguel suggested including information on how students can get involved on the flyer they will be handing out and the event flyer.

Musman is shooting the video with ASI Production on Tuesday, 3/20 from 9-11am.

Jara has looked the script over and sent it to San Miguel. If anyone on the board has any edits, please send those in by the end of today.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. CHESS Recap/Debrief

Jara asked board members for input and feedback on how they feel that CHESS and their legislative visits went.

Carancho stated that it went really well. They did have a couple of meetings where they had to meet with staffers, but they did meet with Josh Newman and they spent an extra 30 minutes with them. They received a lot of information on the resolutions/bills that they are supporting.

Carancho also thinks they should send out a survey to participants to get feedback that they can use for next year's CHESS visits. They created a document with some of the questions that they could ask.

Jara asked Carancho to upload that document onto the LC Facebook page so that they can all look at it and make changes or add questions.

Jurado believes that their group was very well informed and diverse and they all worked really well together. Noticed that their group became more and more confident as the weekend went on and towards the end, they were taking the lead on the visits.

Musman thinks the visits went as well as they could have possibly gone. They did have to meet with a couple of staff members, as opposed to legislators themselves. O'Donnell's meeting went really well and they actually gave them direct answers as to what bills they would support.

Kilian agreed with Jurado and believes that they all did really well and were very prepared. Also enjoyed watching the members of their group learn the process and become more comfortable speaking with legislators.

Olenlager thinks it is a great idea to ask participants for their feedback on CHESS and feels that this is a great recruitment opportunity for next year's board. Feels that they should definitely reach out to them and let them know how what positions are open and how to apply.

San Miguel confirmed that she sent all participants an email with that information.

Jara thought the conference and meetings went really well. Noticed that legislators really appreciated the handouts that they had, such as the Beach Against the Increase column, the list of bills, and postcards.

Carancho asked if it would be possible to work with Senate to create a resolution with the new bills that they were provided with during CHESS.

Jara said that the first step would be to look over the bills, and a lot of them were already on their list of resolutions, so they would have to see which ones are different and if it would be worth it to write another resolution.

Olenlager asked if they have an Active Minds chapter on campus.

Carancho explained that the Commissioner for Disability Affairs, Christiana Koch, spoke to Senate about that and how they are trying to bring the Send Silence Packing program to campus.

Musman added that they know a few people that are a part of Active Minds chapter on campus, and they are not sure if they would be able to bring the Send Silence Packing program here because it is pretty expensive.

Carancho kept everything leading up to CHESS visits, so they suggested putting all of this information in a folder for next year so that they could use those templates for letter writing.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Mejia attended the City Council meeting and noted that it did not end until 10:20pm. Doering was there for public comments, along with around 40 people. 2 different motions were passed to separate the defense funds and carve outs.

There was a suicide on the CSU Chico campus and it was very traumatic for the students there. Believes that it is very important to continue to advocate for students to receive the mental health services that they need as this is still a huge issue for college students.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm.

RECORDED BY:

Diana Duran, Lobby Corps Recording Secretary

Date

APPROVED BY:

Genesis Jara, Lobby Corps Chair

Date