

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #14

December 6, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bryanna Siguenza called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Bryanna Siguenza, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

Genesis Jara, ASI President

Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President

Frances Canales, ASI Senate Representative

Justin Contreras, ASI Senate Representative

Melissa Mejia, ASI Senate Representative

Mateo Maya, ASI Student At-Large

Elena Phillipou, ASI Student At-Large

Reyalyn Villegas, ASI Student At-Large

Terri Carbaugh, AVP Legislative & External Relations (Ar @ 3pm)

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI Student At-Large

Non-voting Members Present

Non-voting Members Absent

Joe Nino, Assistant Director

ASI Government Affairs & Initiatives Designee

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Maya (S) Mejia to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #14, December 10, 2018

Siguenza: Item #6-E: add 3pm Time Certain

(M) Mejia (S) Contreras to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #14, December 10, 2018, as amended

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #13, November 29, 2018

(M) Mejia (S) Phillipou to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #13, November 29, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Submitted California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) work order to ASI Communications; posted CHESS poster on Facebook
- CHESS application available on BeachSync
- Will be meeting with Candice Yee tomorrow regarding policy agenda formatting; board members can

submit suggestions before then

B. Vice Chair

- Encouraged board to self-care during end of semester efforts

C. At-Large Representatives

- Maya: student council meeting discussed budget/resources to assist/support immigrants

D. Senate

There was none.

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

There was none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Student-At-Large Reports

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Work completed since last report

- N/A

Report

- Committee of Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds
 - The motion passed to sell the State University House which is also the house of the Chancellor
 - This decision came about due to the amount of repairs and upgrades that are needed to be done in the next 10 years. The proceeds from the sale of the house will be added to the existing endowment which is currently about \$2 million.
- Committee of Finance and Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds –
 - \$16 billion for five-year facilities needs
 - \$10 billion for academic needs which will go to critical infrastructure, renovation, and growth projects
 - \$6 billion for self-support which will primarily be funded from reserves and financed from revenues
- Committee of Finance
 - The motion passed a basic needs partnership \$15 million and a deferred maintenance of \$250 million
 - The budget request will be delivered to the governor-elect and Department of Finance
 - ✓ The Trustees will advocate for full funding by State
 - ✓ They will start a constitution process with the students
 - ✓ They want to increase enrollment to get more money (Approx. \$98 million)
 - ✓ Instead of making it a one-time request it was suggested by a Trustee to make it ongoing

Any other important information

- Regarding University and Faculty Personnel on our campus
 - CSULB 70% of recruitments over the last 3.5 years have been for temporary status position.
 - Currently 30% of all full-time represented staff have temporary positions.
- Regarding Institutional Advancement
 - 12 out of 23 CSU presidents are women

Villegas

Work Completed Since Last Report

- Finalized preparations for CHES and Legislative Visits
- Created a folder for CHES/Legislative Visits
- Prospective timeline for Legislative Visits (district offices) prior to CHES

Report

- CHES Timeline
 - December 20th-January 25th: Application Period
 - January 31st-February 1st (2pm-5pm): Interviews
 - February 7th (4pm-5pm): CHES Orientation
 - February 9th (9am-3pm): CHES Training
 - March 10th-11th: CHES
- Legislators for CSULB
 - Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell
 - Assemblyman Matthew Harper
 - Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia
 - Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi
 - Senator Ricardo Lara
 - Senator Vanessa Delgado
- Legislative Visits Timeline
 - Goal: Conduct at least 2 legislative visits (district offices) in January and February 2019
 - Currently in the process of scheduling the visits
 - Students chosen for CHES will join the visits scheduled in February

Terri Carbaugh

- The department of Public Affairs was reorganized due to vacancies; many of the new employees are from news outlets
- New employees: Lauren Williams, Gregory Woods

B. Action Item: Approval of the 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

(M) Mejia (S) Maya to approve the 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

Discussion ensued regarding adding the Lobby Corps mission statement.

(M) Mejia (S) Maya to adopt the Lobby Corps mission statement

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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(M) Mejia (S) Villegas to approve the 2018-2019 Policy Agenda

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Debt Free College Act & College for All Act

Bill Summary

The Aim Higher Act is a comprehensive reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) introduced by House Democrats. In contrast to H.R. 4508 (the PROSPER Act), the Democratic bill is designed to give every student the opportunity to earn a debt-free degree or credential that leads to a rewarding career. It makes higher education more accessible by creating targeted programs that allow traditionally underrepresented students to enroll in college and strengthening existing access programs, simplifying the financial aid application, and ensuring students have access to a quality program. The Aim Higher Act also makes college more affordable today and addresses the rising cost of college to reduce the burden on students in the future. Recognizing that the best measure of success is completing college, the bill invests in programs and services – like career counseling and campus-based child care – that will help students graduate and put them on a path to success.

The Aim Higher Act consists of proposals introduced through Aim Higher, the House Democratic legislative campaign launched in May 2017, amendments offered by Committee Democrats during the December 2017

markup of H.R. 4508, and research-based reforms developed in consultation with higher education practitioners and thought leaders.

This bill summary provides information on how the Aim Higher Act improves access to a quality degree, makes college more affordable, and increases college completion.

(M) Maya (S) Mejia to approve Debt Free College Act & College for All Act

Discussion ensued regarding waiting to receive CSSA's stance on bills.

(M) Mejia (S) Maya to postpone Debt Free College Act & College for All Act indefinitely

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

B. Discussion Item: Undocumented Students Resolutions

CSSA Resolution – Commitment to Increase Opportunity for Undocumented Students in the CSU

Whereas, the California State Student Association (CSSA) is the single recognized voice for over 474,000 students of the California State University (CSU) system; and

Whereas, the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), as a student-led organization, strives to improve the lives of California State University (CSU) students by advocating for student needs and engaging students in system-wide, state, and federal higher education policy making; and

Whereas, CSSA is committed to servant leadership. As stated in the 2018-2019 policy agenda, "CSSA will pursue its mission guided by the belief that our purpose in our leadership roles is to serve the communities to which we belong with empathy and care." and <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gatUhwjHtHkskjJGZWm2jsqvaqaUn0G/view>

Whereas, a 2017 resolution by the Academic Senate of the CSU urged increased support for undocumented students, including encouragement for CSU campuses to not enter into agreements or enforcement actions with law enforcement agencies and that California U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives draft and pass federal legislation that provides DACA protections for undocumented students; and <https://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2017-2018/Documents/3303.pdf>

Whereas, the leader of the California State University System (CSU) Chancellor White stated his disappointment with the U.S. Administration's decision to rescind DACA by stating, "This program enabled thousands of academically qualified Californians to pursue their dreams at California State University campuses, and was widely acknowledged as a strategic benefit to our state and, indeed, our nation." and

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csuo-system/news/Pages/Chancellor-White%27s-Message-to-CSU-Community-on-DACA.aspx>

Whereas, in 2017 the CSSA Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of the undocumented community stating, "That CSSA strongly urge and assist individual campuses that have not had the resources available to establish resource spaces, hire student support services, or professional staff members to support undocumented students." and

<https://www.calstatestudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/05-06-17-Resolution-Supporting-Undocumented-Students-in-the-CSU.pdf>

Whereas, the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was rescinded on June 16, 2017, and it's still existing uncertainty, continues to jeopardize the safety and well-being of undocumented individuals within the CSU system; and

Whereas, the uncertainty of the current national politics causes tremendous apprehension amongst students, as well as disruption in our classrooms and schools, which is not conducive to student learning and has a detrimental impact on overall student achievement; and

Whereas, The rejection of four proposals to potentially replace DACA failed in the U.S. Senate and leave the undocumented community throughout the nation in limbo with their legal status; and therefore, be it https://www.washingtonpost.com/powerpost/as-immigration-showdown-looms-in-senate-trump-administration-is-doing-everything-in-our-power-to-stop-bipartisan-plan-official-says/2018/02/15/e0cff9d0-1260-11e8-8ea1-c1d91fcec3fe_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.6d4bc07c812e

Resolved, That CSSA refuses to marginalize any CSU student on the basis of their immigration status; and be it further

Resolved, That CSSA calls upon its members to create, and encourage campus communities to create, stipend-based internships that allow undocumented students to gain valuable career experience; and be it further

Resolved, That CSSA calls upon the California Department of Social Services to consult with CSU Campus Resource Centers, in identifying Community Based Organizations that provide confidential and specific counseling and legal services for undocumented students; and be it further

Resolved, that Department of Social Services funding be distributed proportional to the student population and capacity of respective CSU campuses, and be it further

Resolved, That CSSA calls upon the CSU to connect undocumented students without DACA status with career and continuing education options post-graduation, and be it further

Resolved, That CSSA calls upon the CSU to maintain funding for these services, regardless of changes in state or federal budgets, and be it further

Resolved, That the CSSA call upon the U.S. Congress to preserve and extend the DACA program to allow our students, staff, and faculty to regain certainty and fairness in their lives; and be it further

Resolved, that CSSA calls upon the U.S. Congress to expedite the passage of legislation that will protect our undocumented students from deportation and ensure their rights in the U.S., and be it finally

Resolved, that this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, CSU Academic Senate Chair, Adam Day, CSU Presidents, CSU Associated Students, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education,

Jose Medina, Chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education Ben Allen, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, and Governor Gavin Newsom.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Siguenza: wished board good luck on finals; commended graduating Mejia's Lobby Corps service

Mejia: voiced appreciation for time on board; Swap, Don't Shop! event on Dec 12th, 12-2pm, USU-205.

Nino: CSU budget request is highest ever requested which is even more difficult with a new incoming governor; tuition increase may be a possibility.

Maya: wished the board good luck on finals and best wishes for the holiday.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Siguenza adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm.