

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**

**Meeting #16**

January 31, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Almahdi called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President  
Frances Canales, Senate Representative  
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative  
Mateo Maya, Senate Representative  
Reyalyn Villegas, ASI Student-at-Large  
Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, Student-at-Large  
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Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives

Guest

Genesis Jara, ASI President

**3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(M) Maya (S) Villegas to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #16, January 31, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, January 24, 2019

**(M) Canales (S) Contreras to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, January 24, 2019**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Almahdi: CHESS applications due tomorrow, Friday, 4pm, please spread word.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Vacant – no report

B. Vice Chair

- Vacant – no report

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

Villegas: 70<sup>th</sup> District Assemblymember O'Donnell is available to meet next Thursday, 2:30pm; Villegas will reschedule to meet in March, during CHESS.

D. Senate

Canales: approved minutes; College Reports; invited committee to attend the Social Justice in Teaching event Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-1:45pm, Alamitos Bay; encouraged committee to apply/advertise for scholarships

Maya: tabling opportunity to advertise for CHESS was lost today due to canceled Week of Welcome.

Almahdi: passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Mascot Referendum resolution; will go to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer: Terri Carbaugh has accepted a position at Brandman University as Vice Chancellor; Jeff Cook is our Interim Vice President; office has merged with the university's Marketing & Communications Department; new department name will be Strategic Communications; department will be assigning a specific government relations person; legislative profiles are being finalized for CHESS

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Discussion Item: CHESS Updates

San Miguel

- Deadline tomorrow, 4pm
- 21 applications received, as of 2pm
- Typically, it's a delegation of 21 (students, Lobby Corps Committee)

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: CHESS Interviews

Almahdi reviewed proposed interview questions

**(M) Canales (S) Maya to approve CHESS Interview Questions**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

B. Discussion Item: CHESS Legislative Visits

San Miguel: met with Villegas to review completed/pending local legislative visits; need to finalize the six Sacramento legislative visits; need to communicate with other delegations, in order to collaborate on office visits; visits timeframe is 8:30am-4pm

Villegas: 6 legislators were identified by former Chief Government Relations Officer; will meet with Jara to establish order of priority and additional resources; will utilize committee members' assistance in setting legislative visits

C. Discussion Item: Bills of Interest

Almahdi: resolution identifying Bills of Interest needs to be drafted by February 7<sup>th</sup>, in order to be presented to Senate on February 13<sup>th</sup>; resolution will require three readings by Senate

San Miguel: resolution needs final approval by the February 27<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting; bills can be reviewed at [www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)

Jara: will compile bills that align with Lobby Corps Policy Agenda.

D. Discussion Item: Leave Behind for CHESS

San Miguel: Leave-behind issues should reflect CSULB issues of concerns and the bills of interest (i.e. 22West articles that dealt with tuition)

Canales: recommended compiling bills of interest first, in order to identify an accurate leave-behind.

**9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Alamhdi: reminded committee to advertise CHESS deadline and Lobby Corps At-Large vacancies; will create Google Doc for Bills of Interest resolution

Contreras: will create a Google Doc for the bills of interest list.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Vice President Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 3:12pm.