

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**

**Meeting #1**

August 25, 2016

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dale Lendrum called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Dale Lendrum (Chair/Secretary for System-Wide Affairs)

Logan Vournas (ASI Vice President)

Alex Bellenger (Vice Chair/Secretary for City Affairs)

Daniel Gomez (Senate Rep)

Hilda Jurado (Senate Rep)

Yasmeen Azam (Senate Rep)

(VACANT Student-at-Large)

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Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee) **AR @ 12:36pm**

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

Ms. Lindsay San Miguel (Interim Asst. Director of Student Involvement & Leadership)

Non-voting Members Absent

Guests

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

**(M) Juardo (S) Gomez to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #1, August 25, 2016**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #23, April 28, 2016

**(M)Vournas (S) Juardo to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #23, April 28, 2016**

Senator Gomez stated that he was not in attendance at the April 28, 2016 meeting.

Chair Lendrum informed the committee that we need to vote on the minutes from the last meeting and that they are correct as he was the recording secretary for the committee at that time. Chair Lendrum also informed Ms. Farmer that she is a voting member of the committee.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-1**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chair/ Secretary for System-Wide Affairs

Chair Lendrum reported the following:

- Welcomed everyone to the Committee and looks forward to an interesting and productive year. He would like to see Lobby Corps build upon the work that was done last year.
- Attended the July CSSA meeting where they chose the meeting locations for 2016-17 and worked on the Policy Agenda.
- Attended CSUnity at CSU San Marcos, where CSSA further discussed the Policy Agenda that will be voted on at the September meeting in San Diego.

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair reported the following:

- There is no Vice Chair at this time.

C. Secretary for City Affairs

Secretary Bellenger reported the following:

- Attended the City Council meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, where they discussed the budget for the city. Development Services received a 2-year grant to work on implicit bias within the police department. The ordinance on the \$15 per hour for minimum wage was postponed two weeks due to development language on the ordinance, but will still go into effect January 1, 2017.

D. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Ms. Farmer reported the following:

- No current report, but will have items for discussion at the next meeting.

E. Senate

Senator Gomez reported the following:

- Attended along with Chair Lendrum, Senators Juardo and Wong, President Flores, Chief of Staff Argame and USUBOT Trustee Tolbert CSUnity at CSU San Marcos. There are system-wide committees available and applications will be open until September 11<sup>th</sup>. Travel expenses are covered by the Office of Student Affairs.
- Senate has been busy with confirmations for ASI board positions including Cabinet, Judiciary and the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center Board of Trustees.
- Vice President Vournas reported that Senate also approved for the first reading the resolution on 100 class, 100 days.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was no old business.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of 2016-17 Lobby Corps Working Rules

- B. Action Item: Election of (4) Lobby Corps Student-at-Large

1) Kristiana Cervania

Ms. Cervania was not in the gallery when Chair Lendrum called her to the podium so the Chair proceeded to move to the next candidate.

2) Robert Espinoza

Candidate Espinoza stated that he has student outreach experience and after last year's knife and ICE incident he has even more drive to want to help the students of CSULB. He shared that he was a part of Beach Team last year and wants to get more involved with ASI.

Senator Gomez asked candidate Espinoza about his time commitment and whether he would be able to commit to the position. Candidate Espinoza shared that he is committed to the position.

Senator Jurado asked candidate Espinoza if he could speak to what experiences he has that will benefit Lobby Corps. Candidate Espinoza spoke about his student outreach experience.

**(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to approve the election of Lobby Corps Student-at-Large – Robert Espinoza**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

3) Emely Lopez

Chair Lendrum informed the Committee that Ms. Lopez's schedule has changed and that she would not be able to attend the meetings so she withdrew her application, but would like to volunteer.

4) Marissa Murphy

Ms. Murphy was not in the gallery when Chair Lendrum called her to the podium so the Chair proceeded to move to the next candidate.

5) Salvador Ramirez

Candidate Ramirez presented that he is a graduate student in the Social Work program. He shared his involvement with Lobby Days last year with the National Association of Social Workers, advocating for an increase in SSI. Through this experience he learned more about issues effecting the elderly and the importance of collective efforts. He also shared that one of his goals is to engage and increase Hispanic numbers in lobbying and to create safe spaces where these voices can be heard.

Senator Gomez asked candidate Ramirez about his time commitment and whether he would be able to commit to the position. Candidate Ramirez shared that he is committed to the position.

Vice President Vournas inquired about his availability since the application states that he is not available on Thursdays due to work. Candidate Ramirez stated that for field work he has the option of a Tuesday/Thursday schedule or Tuesday/Wednesday so he would change his schedule in order to accommodate the meetings.

**(M) Vournas (S) Gomez to approve the election of Lobby Corps Student-at-Large – Salvador Ramierz**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

Chair Lendrum requested a motion to table the election of candidates Kristiana Cervania and Marissa Murphy till next week since they did not show up to the meeting.

**(M) Gomez (S) Jurado to table the election of Kristiana Cervania and Marissa Murphy till the next meeting**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**PASSES 6-0-0**

C. Information Item: Election of Vice Chair

Chair Lendrum reviewed with the Committee the duties of the Vice Chair and informed them that we would be electing a Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Senator Gomez inquired as to why this item was informational only and Chair Lendrum stated that we wanted to fill the Student-at-Large positions first in case one of them was interested in running for Vice Chair.

D. Discussion Item: Voter Registration for November Elections

Chair Lendrum stated that one of the goals of President Flores is to increase voter registration and participation in the elections. The record for ASI to register voters is 1,400 so Chair Lendrum would like to see the Committee match if not exceed this record.

Secretary Bellenger requested everyone's schedules to assist with the coordination of voter registration drives and would like to have ASI Communications create a flier on the Electoral College process. She also shared that

the sentiment for the upcoming elections is that many people are dissatisfied with both presidential candidates and would rather not participate at all.

Senator Gomez inquired as to the resources available to register voters. Chair Lendrum explained that historically we have used paper registration forms; however, Emma Gleeman from the New Voters Project will be at next week's meeting to discuss a possible collaboration and we can explore the parameters of using mobile devices for registering voters.

Senator Gomez inquired as whether or not the Committee is supposed to remain nonpartisan. Chair Lendrum explained that we are to remain nonpartisan. Ms. San Miguel further explained that for candidates we do remain nonpartisan; however, for specific ballot measures especially those concerning education we have taken a stance.

Chair Lendrum informed the Committee that September 27<sup>th</sup> is National Voter Registration Day and he would like if possible for CSULB to participate; however, he has requested more information from an organization and will share this information with everyone as soon as he receives it.

Ms. San Miguel encouraged the Committee to consider focusing engagement efforts on helping to educate students on key propositions, which is often written in a way that can be difficult to understand and turns people off to casting a vote at all for various ballots.

Senator Gomez asked if the Committee was going to receive any training on how to register voters. Chair Lendrum said he is hoping that will be covered at next week's meeting with Emma Gleeman. Vice President Vournas also shared that last year the League of Women Voters came to a Lobby Corps meeting to train them and that they might be willing to come back out again.

Secretary Bellenger shared with the Committee that AAUW offers a webinar on how to register voters, which is a free resource as a student affiliate.

Ms. Farmer inquired as to what organization is currently registering students to vote. She was approached this week asking if she was registered. Chair Lendrum stated that currently this is an off-campus organization.

## **9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Candidate Espinoza thanked the Committee for the opportunity and shared his excitement.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Lendrum adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.