

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #3**  
September 8, 2016

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

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

Logan Vournas (ASI Vice President)

Alex Bellenger (Secretary for City Affairs)

Daniel Gomez (Vice Chair/Senate Rep)

Hilda Jurado (Senate Rep)

Ashutosh Pandey (Senate Rep)

Robert Espinoza (Student-at-Large)

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Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee) **AR@ 12:33pm**

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**

Chair Lendrum requested that item 7A1, the election of a Vice Chair be moved after public comments.

**(M) Vournas (S) Jurado to approve the Lobby Corps Meeting #3, September 8, 2016 as amended**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 7-0-0**

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

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #2, September 1, 2016

**(M) Espinoza (S) Gomez to approve Lobby Corps Meeting #2, September 1, 2016**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 7-0-0**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chair/ Secretary for System-Wide Affairs

Chair Lendrum reported the following:

- Preparing for CSSA next week and excited for it. He hopes to be doing some good work. The first meetings were about acclimating and learning how CSSA works, now he is ready to be doing some substantive work.

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Gomez reported the following:

- Participated in the voter registration drive last week. They registered 14 new voters.
- He asked Senate for volunteers and got one response so far.
- Looking forward to seeing what the other voter registration locations will bring in terms of participation and student interest.

C. Secretary for City Affairs

Secretary Bellenger reported the following:

- Attended the City Council meeting this week. They voted on a minimum wage ordinance for Long Beach. Approved the timeline of 2022 or 2023 to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour; Los Angeles has \$15 by 2020.
- The Council is also conducting an investigation on wage theft.
- She was contacted to speak as a panelist on Race, Gender, Identity and the American Presidency at an upcoming Vote 2106 forum. It will be held on October 12, 2016. She clarified that she will not be representing ASI on the panel.

D. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Ms. Farmer reported the following:

- Provided everyone with an invitation for the school accountability forum. They would like three student volunteers to assist with the event. If you are interested or know of anyone, let her know. Volunteers will also be invited to a VIP reception.

E. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- Senate postponed the election for the Senator-at-Large and elected one Senator, College of Education
- Passed the second reading of a resolution commemorating the Bob Cole Choir for winning the title of Choir of the World, and they will be invited to the next meeting.
- Vice President Vournas clarified that they also reopened the Senator-at-Large application.

Student-at-Large Espinoza inquired if the Lobby Corps Student-at-Large application are open. Chair Lendrum confirmed that it is and encouraged members to recruit candidates.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Action Item: Nominations and Election of Vice Chair

Vice President Vournas nominated Senator Gomez and he accepted. There were no other nominations.

Senator Gomez stated that he has served in previous roles like this before; chaired meetings and trained members. In his previous role at Cerritos College he as the Public Affairs Coordinator, responsible for tracking legislation and reaching out to legislators.

**(M) Vournas (S) Jurado to elect Senator Gomez as Vice Chair**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 7-0-1**

B. Information/Discussion Item: Voter Registration Efforts for November Election

Secretary Bellenger reported that the first voter registration drive was on Tuesday, the next one is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3:30pm at the Outpost area. Since we registered 14 new voters on Tuesday, the goal for September 12<sup>th</sup> is 28 new voters. She suggested incentivizing the drive to encourage people to bring a friend and get some food.

Student-at-Large Espinoza agreed with incentives and received a positive response from simply offering CSULB buttons. He also suggested having pamphlets on the propositions.

Secretary Bellenger inquired as to how we can obtain a voter guide. Chair Lendrum suggested the Legislative Analyst Office, which is nonpartisan. Ms. San Miguel recommended the League of Women Voters as another resource.

Chair Lendrum encouraged the Committee to share with students the importance of connecting with important legislative issues verses focusing on the presidential candidates.

Vice Chair Gomez suggested utilizing the EZ-Up for visibility and grabbing students' attention. Chair Lendrum agreed and informed the Committee that questions may come up as to why there is not a polling place on campus. There are several issues; parking and accessibility. Vice President Vournas stated that the main reason is because the campus does not offer free parking. Chair Lendrum stated that we need to stress to students to find out information about their specific polling location.

Student-at-Large Espinoza inquired as to where we get that information. Secretary Bellenger replied that it is mailed to them. Ms. San Miguel clarified that once you are registered to vote, the County Registrar's Office will mail you a voter guide closer to the election date and on the back of the guide they indicate your polling location. Vice Chair Gomez shared that LAVote.net is a good resource.

Secretary Bellenger requested that as they are completing registration forms to please fill out the box in the bottom right corner with her name to make it easier for her to just sign the forms.

Vice Chair Gomez asked how soon can we get Beach Team involved? Ms. San Miguel recommended giving them at least three weeks to get oriented into the program since their first meeting isn't until next week. She also suggested connecting with the Secretary for Government Recruitment to schedule a time to present and conduct a voter registration training at one of their meetings.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Information Item/Discussion Item: Proposition 55

Chair Lendrum reviewed Proposition 55 from the California Legislative Analyst's Office. They are nonpartisan and do not take a stance, just provide information.

Proposition 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment

- A Yes vote on this measure means: Income tax increases on high-income taxpayers, which are scheduled to end after 2018, would instead be extended through 2030.
- A No vote on this measure means: Income tax increases on high-income taxpayers would expire as scheduled at the end of 2018.

Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact

- Increased state revenues ranging from \$4 billion to \$9 billion each year from 2019 through 2030, depending on the economy and stock market.
- Increased funding for schools and community colleges of roughly half of the revenue raised by the measure.
- Increased funding for health care for low-income people ranging from \$0 to \$2 billion each year, depending on decisions and estimates made by the Governor's main budget advisor.
- Increased budget reserves and debt payments ranging from \$60 million to roughly \$1.5 billion each year, depending primarily on the stock market.

Ballot Label – Fiscal impact:

- Increased state revenues - \$4 billion to \$9 billion annually from 2019-2030, depending on economy and stock market. Increased funding for schools, community colleges, health care for low-income people, budget reserves and debt payments.

Background

- Over half of the State budget is spent on education. 15% of the State's budget is on corrections/rehabilitation.
- An extension of Proposition 30, income tax increase approved by voters in November 2012.
- Prop 55 is being publicized as an extension of Prop 30. It will not be an additional tax increase, it's just an extension of the existing tax increase.
- Students and young voters were instrumental in passing Prop 30 and they did it in areas where community colleges were located.

#### Education

- Annual required spending on education – the State Constitution requires the state to spend a minimum amount on K-12 schools and community colleges each year. This “minimum guarantee” grows over time based on growth in state tax revenues, the economy, and student attendance. This year, the state General Fund will provide over \$50 billion towards the minimum guarantee.
- Prop 55 passage would have an impact on roughly 13 million Californians.

#### Proposal

- Ultimately this measure (1) extends for 12 years the additional income tax rates established by Proposition 30 and (2) creates a formula to provide additional funds to the Medi-Cal program from the 2018-19 state fiscal year through 2030-31.

Vice Chair Gomez stated to make sure you understand that Prop 30 provided money for all levels of education and Prop 55 is only offering it for K-12 and community colleges. There is money going to the General Fund, so the idea is that we may receive some extra funding.

Chair Lendrum stated that if we as a state pass Prop 55 and generate more revenue even if just K-12 and community colleges that's still going to help out the CSU's and UC's because we will have a larger General Fund. The four systems are interrelated in so many ways; in his opinion it's a win-win.

Secretary Bellenger inquired if we could take a stance since CSSA has decided not to. Vice President Vournas replied that yes, we can. Chair Lendrum clarified that he's not sure whether or not CSSA has formally taken a stand, and believes that they should get more information at the September meeting. The CSU BOT has not yet taken a stand either.

Chair Lendrum would like Vice President Vournas to clarify with Mr. Haller whether the Senate can draft a resolution in support of Prop 55 if the CSU BOT has not taken a stance.

Chair Lendrum stated that we can draft a resolution to the Senate in support of this proposition and the same to the CSU BOT. Vice President Vournas clarified that resolutions in Senate need to have at least one Senator as a co-author or sponsored, so typically the Senate representatives on this Committee.

Senator Pandey inquired if this proposition would only benefit students from California. Chair Lendrum explained that it would benefit students in California, which would include international and non-resident students' tuition wise, because there would be no increases.

## 9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Lendrum apologized for his casual attire at the meeting.

Vice Chair Gomez invited everyone to the LatinX heritage month events that will be taking place all month long.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection** Chair Lendrum adjourned the meeting at 1:18pm.