

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #17

February 2, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Dale Lendrum (Chair/Secretary for System-Wide Affairs)
Alex Bellenger (Secretary for City Affairs)
Logan Vournas (ASI Vice President)
Daniel Gomez (Vice Chair/Senate Rep)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Rep)
Genesis Jara (Student-at-Large)
Christina Wong (Student-at-Large)
Danielle Carancho (Student-at-Large) **(DP@1:05PM)**
Emely Lopez (Student-at-Large)
Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations' Designee)

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

Ms. Lindsay San Miguel (Asst. Director of Government Affairs & Initiatives)

Non-voting Members Absent

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Jurado (S) Carancho to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #17, February 2, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 11-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, December 8, 2016

(M) Vournas (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #15, December 8, 2016

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 11-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jared Giarrusso, CSSA Assistant Director of Government Relations located in Sacramento. He has been in the position for five months and is an alum of SF State. Discussed first tuition increase proposal in 6 years, and the effects it will have on the CSU system and for students present and future. The CSSA is putting in a lot of effort to fight the tuition as well. This is going to be an ongoing conversation. We have to balance priorities, fight the tuition increase and from the student perspective what long term solutions can we come up with. Giarrusso wants to make sure the CSSA board is all on the same page and in agreement, they will provide variety of options that students will pick from. Giarrusso will follow up more on specific details concerning the dialogue taking place at Sacramento regarding long term solutions about tuition increases and issues.

Senator Gomez asked what are we doing. Giarrusso responded that we as an organization we don't do nearly enough in explaining what we are doing on a day to day basis. What we are doing on a regular daily basis is meeting with legislators and advocacy organizations to explain to them our priorities. This year affordability is a main priority and trying to get legislators to commit that they will support us and not allow tuition increase to occur. At the Board level we try to encourage all forms of advocacy.

Vice President Vournas asked if Giarrusso used any student fees or CSSA fees to come to Long Beach today. Giarrusso explained that staff travel is a budgetary item that the finance committee approves, so yes.

Senator Gomez clarified that our role is lobbying legislators. Giarrusso responded yes, that's my role. Since he is located in the Sacramento office he is not sure what that looks like on a day to day basis for the staff in Long Beach.

Senator Gomez asked what's the message. Giarrusso said that the Board determines the policy agenda for the year and that informs the priorities. They are always communicating the priorities to legislators and asking for support.

Vice President Vournas asked what is the message for tuition increase, we want to make sure that message is consistent among all the campuses. Giarrusso responded by saying that the message is a CSU Budget Advocacy Strategy, the role of the state and the governor is to fund the full budget ask. The budget ask includes something for everyone, for the Chancellor – the grad initiative, faculty – an increase of faculty, and for students not having tuition and fee increases. We are discussing ways to engage the CSU BOT in ways that we haven't seen before. All student advocacy methods are important. I do think CSSA could be doing more in how we engage the CSU BOT. We again benefit from students working on multiple fronts.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/ Secretary for System wide Affairs

Chair Lendrum reported the following:

- a. Returning to the table with CSSA to try and fight the tuition increase, and hold them accountable to the promises that were made.

B. Vice Chair

No report.

C. Secretary for City Affairs

Secretary Bellenger reported the following:

- Smart Start Workshop coming up on April 27th working with the Career Development Center
- Keystone pipeline protest on Sunday.
- Please provide your availabilities for tabling and phone banking.

D. AVP Legislative & External Relations' Designee

No report.

E. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- Senate passed a resolution commemorating the CSULB Concert Jazz Orchestra and confirmed the three Lobby Corps Students-at-Large
- Two Associate Justices have been confirmed by Senate.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Information Item: CHESS Training Schedule

Chair Lendrum informed the Board that there will be two trainings for CHESS. The first will be an orientation on February 9th and the other will be the last week in February, most likely on a Saturday based on the results of the Doodle poll.

B. Information/Discussion Item: District and CHESS Visit Updates

Chair Lendrum stated that statewide district visits are being setup on the 23rd by the CSSA. He may not participate, depends on when we have CHESS training.

- C. Information Item: Elected Representative Visits to Lobby Corps
There were no updates.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Information/Discussion/Action Item: Potential Tuition Increase Campaign
Secretary Bellenger informed the Board that SQE doesn't have tabling dates yet.

Chair Lendrum reported that more information will be coming out in the upcoming days and weeks.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

There were no closing comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Lendrum adjourned the meeting at 1:27pm.