

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #1

August 31, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Genesis Jara (Chief Government Relations Officer)
Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President)
Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)
Danielle Carancho (Senate Representative)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative)
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)
Nicolas Olenslager (Student At-Large)
Zak Show (Student At-Large)
Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

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

Non-voting Members Absent

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Carancho (S) Jurado to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #1, August 31, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #28, April 28, 2017

(M) Argent (S) Carancho to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #28, April 28, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 9-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Dela Cruz, Digital Media Coordinator, spoke to the board regarding their role in ASI Communications department

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/ Secretary for System wide Affairs

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Welcomed every one to Lobby Corps
- Wants to keep our mission at the forefront which is to serve our students
- A goal for Chair Jara is to create a policy agenda which will outline the policies and issues that the board would really like to focus on this year
- Reminder that Lobby Corps picture will be on 9/14 at 12:30pm before the meeting

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair reported the following:

- No vice chair appointed

C. At-Large Representatives

At-Large Representatives reported the following:

- Kilian, Olenslager, and Show expressed their excitement to be a part of Lobby Corps and ASI
- Kilian also articulated an interest in the policy and advocacy regarding the California housing crisis and hopes to be able to work on that with Lobby Corps

D. Senate

Senate reported the following:

- Carancho summarized what Senate has accomplished recently:
 - Approved the 2017-18 Presidential Cabinet Working Rules
 - Approved the Shared Government Policy for the first reading
 - Confirmed a new University Student Union Board of Trustees, Trustee-At Large Simran Nath
 - Elected a new Senate rep for ASI Media Board of Trustees, Kristel Aranas
 - Elected a new Vice President, Sofia Musman

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- National news is that President Trump is allowing DACA to end
- On behalf of Terri Carbaugh, Farmer asked what the board's thoughts were on this program ending

7. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lobby Corps Orientation

Chair Jara explained the role of Lobby Corps within ASI:

- Sub-committee of the Senate committed to make student's voices be heard at the state level
- Partnered with CSSA, California State Student Association
- Responsible for coordinating legislative lobby visits, which will be district office visits and capital visits once they go to CHESS in March
- Coordinate voter registration drives and educational campaigns
- Track legislation concerning students
- Maintain relationship with CSSA, CSU Board of Trustees, and Long Beach City Council

B. Approval of Lobby Corps 2017-18 Working Rules

San Miguel summarized the purpose of the working rules and the changes that have been implemented since last semester:

- Went from 4 Students-at-Large to 3, with each student focusing on a specific role: CSU BOT, City Council and District Visits
- Senate created a by-law change stating that any officer that is elected by the Senate can be removed by them if they are not upholding their responsibilities

**(M) Jurado (S) Carancho to approve Lobby Corps 2017-18 Working Rules
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 9-0-0

C. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Jara discussed the role and responsibilities of the vice chair and stated that elections and nominations would be conducted at the next meeting. Responsibilities include:

- Shall preside over the committee in the absence of the chair
- Assist the chair in the training of members and student advocates
- Update Lobby Corps advocacy binder ensuring that accurate information and resources are listed
- Assist the Student-at-Large representatives with planning Advocacy Day
- Creates fact sheets and lobby briefs for the committee to prepare for legislative visits
- Serves as recording secretary, as needed
- Assist the chair and committee, as needed

D. Recommendations from 2016-17 Lobby Corps

Genesis went over the recommendations from the previous committee:

- Continue looking for a long term funding source and have Board of Directors approve it
- CA AB1062 – Post Secondary Education Trustees
- CA AB393 – Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory System Wide Fees and Tuitions
- Voter registration drives suggestions
- Issues of interest
 - Homelessness
 - Food security
 - Tuition and fees

E. Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Chair Jara opened up the floor for discussion and asked committee members to share any issues of interest for the upcoming year.

Carancho discussed the RISE campaign, a non-profit focused on making college tuition free statewide for families making 150k or less; they are trying to gain student support for the campaign. Carancho stated that a link would be sent on the Facebook page.

Musman brought up mental health issues and attempting to gain more funding for support programs and counseling and assisting students in gaining access to these resources.

Argent discussed the housing and food insecurity issue on campus and hopes that it will be something they can work on throughout the year.

Kilian would like to focus on the undocumented students and reiterated that with the DACA program not being renewed, it is something that should be worked on very closely.

F. Student-At-Large Areas of Focus

Each student will have a different emphasis and they will be assigned at the next meeting.

Jurado explained that pages 3 and 4 of the Working Rules explain what the roles of each of these areas would be.

San Miguel emphasized that attending these meetings and taking notes are important in order to report back to Lobby Corps after each meeting.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

San Miguel shared some information regarding an undocumented DACA support group on September 6th from 10am-3pm in USU-307. They will have some information available there such as an immigration attorney, CAPS and Dream Success Center resources.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:06pm.