

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #3

September 14, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Genesis Jara (Chief Government Relations Officer)
Sofia Musman (ASI Vice President)
Stephanie Argent (Senate Representative)
Danielle Carancho (Vice Chair/Senate Representative)
Hilda Jurado (Senate Representative)
Amanda Kilian (Student At-Large)
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student At-Large) **(Ar @ 12:43pm)**
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) Jurado (S) Argent to approve the Lobby Corps, Meeting #3, September 14, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #2, September 7, 2017

(M) Argent (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #2, September 7, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/ Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Went over CHESS dates
 - Application will open on October 23rd
 - Application Due on November 17th
 - Interviews will take place on December 20th
 - Week of February 12th will be orientation, ideally in the evening
 - Official training would be on Saturday, February 24th from 9am to 3pm
 - CHESS will be March 10-12
- Asked the board for which date and time they think would work best for the orientation
 - Jurado suggested maybe having it the same time as Lobby Corps
 - Carancho asked if they would be able to have it on a weekend

- Jara explained that the orientation would be mostly informational it would be brief, while the training is going to take place on a Saturday and it will be more in depth
- Musman suggested Tuesday
- Carancho suggested Thursday because everyone is already going to be here for Lobby Corps
- Jara concurred and stated that the orientation will be held on Thursday, February 15th
- CSSA meeting is this weekend at CSU Fullerton
- The meetings are open to the public; however, if you did not register in advance meals will not be provided.
- Asked student-at-larges to stay for a bit after the meeting to discuss their areas of concentration

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Phone conference with Max, CEO of RISE Campaign, and Jara. They decided to shift their focus from the RISE campaign to DACA since that is of timely importance
- DACA efforts were discussed in detail later in today's meeting

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Show stated that the Board of Trustees meetings will be held on September 19th and 20th and will report back to the board after those dates.
- Kilian reached out Carol Menard Fulthrop with the Student Emergency Intervention and Wellness Program. Hopes to get a better understanding of the services we provide since housing and food insecurity are big issues on campus.
- Kilian will also be reaching out to the Student Health Services Coordinator to get basic information about what services they have and if they can make any policy recommendations.
- Kilian is also in the beginning stages of organizing their approach for legislative visits and will get a spreadsheet together to update the board on their plans.
 - Jara spoke to Kilian about getting some of the contacts for these organizations to come speak to the board about what they do and what programs they offer.
- Olenslager-Orton reported that they attended the Long Beach City Council meeting this week.
- Centro C.H.A representative Jessica presented on Citizenship Day, September 17
- Next Tuesday, 9/19, they are trying to have Long Beach City discuss the Values Act. This is currently going through the State Legislature and basically states that police don't waste their resources collaborating with ICE.
- Realized that the biggest issue for a lot of the students affected by DACA is money and finding funds for the application fee
- Has been trying to reach out to reps that are supportive of it to shape agenda around. There are two that they are looking at closely, Senate Bill 54 and Assembly Bill 699

D. Senate

Senator Jurado reported the following:

- Senate approved the Shared Governance Policy
- Passed the resolution: Authorization for the Emergency Closure of the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center (IPCDC) for its first, second, and third reading
- Passed the 1st reading for the support of DACA recipients resolution
- Elected two new IPCDC Trustees-at-Large, Adriana Rincon & Kamisha Sullivan
- Carancho added that Chief Diversity Officer informed them that there will be a DACA event on September 24th and offered to pass along contact information for anyone interested in volunteering

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Sent out a link via email regarding the application process for DACA students
- Was asked to share a letter from President Conoley with the board. This letter was sent to various

elected officials, such as Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, Congressional Members Alan Lowenthal, Nanette Barragan, Linda Sanchez, and Dana Rohrabacher

- This letter asked them for their quick assistance with legislative action to protect and assist DACA students
- LA Times Article regarding Chancellor Tim White's speech in DC speaking against the decision to end DACA
- Reminded board that E-blast is sent out Mon-Thurs; contains mostly news related to higher education
- This issue has information regarding upcoming races, such as the mayoral, congressional and others that are coming up through the pipeline
- Carbaugh left a voicemail message for Olenslager and does want to set aside some time to discuss DACA and get a strategic plan written out for the next 6 months out

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Jara edited the agenda according to last week's discussion. These items are as listed, but are not in a specific order:

- Sustainable Funding Model for CSU System
- Mental Health Funding
- Housing and Food Insecurity
- Undocumented Students
- Environmental Justice
- Collaboration with other CSU campuses
- Collaboration with CSULB student organizations
- Campus Transparency

Argent suggested that the collaboration points could be something that is included in each of the points, rather than stating it as its own policy issue.

Olenslager-Orton asked to broaden the undocumented students category to immigrant students, because DACA students are technically documented but are just not getting the opportunities to continue their education.

Jara suggested maybe changing it to marginalized groups, so that it is not just necessarily immigrant or undocumented students.

Argent believes that it is best to keep the wording as undocumented students due to the nature of current events, but suggested maybe adding marginalized groups as a category.

Musman asked if they would be working with the Social Justice & Equity Committee (SJEC) and assisting them with their policies.

Carancho suggested collaborating with SJEC and making that a bullet point on the agenda.

Olenslager-Orton stressed that they should look at the wording because they believe that those students are technically documented and shouldn't be considered illegal or undocumented.

Jurado explained that the most commonly used terminology and suggested reaching out to the Commissioner for AB540 & Undocumented Students to get their thoughts on the best language.

Jurado asked members for their input regarding what the order of priority should be for these items. The items were suggested by and ordered as follows:

- 1) Carancho – Undocumented students
- 2) Musman – Mental health
- 3) Argent – Housing and food insecurity
- 4) Jurado – Sustainable funding model for the CSU system
- 5) Musman – Environmental justice
- 6) Carancho – Collaboration with SJEC

Musman asked if Campus Transparency would be included in each of the sections.

Carancho would like to include Collaborating with SJEC as a main bullet point.

Olesnslager-Orton asked if they would be following whatever SJEC is working on.

Musman believes that SJEC would come up with their own policy agenda, and then they would bring forth the issues that they need assistance and advocacy for.

Jara explained that they would be delegating the main points to members of the board, and they would then be responsible for writing a paragraph for each section.

The points were divided up as follows:

- Carancho – Sustainable Funding Model for the CSU system
- Kilian – Housing and Food Insecurity
- Jurado – Undocumented Students
- Olesnslager-Orton – Collaborate with SJEC
- Show – Mental Health
- Argent – Environmental Justice

Show asked for clarification on what Jara meant when they said they needed to have a paragraph written on each section.

Jara explained that they have to explain what they are advocating for, what the action plan is, and how they will make sure that they are following through with that specific area of interest.

San Miguel suggested doing a paragraph on the background of the issue and then going into what Lobby Corps plans to do.

Jurado asked if there should be a deadline for when this information should be compiled. Suggested that there should be a rough draft completed by next week's meeting.

Jara agreed that this was a reasonable timeline and asked all members to have a rough draft prepared by next week.

Olesnslager-Orton pointed out that the board has not discussed what their position is on each of these items and asked for clarification on what they were supposed to write as a rough draft.

Jara explained that they are not explicitly stating what their position is on these issues, they should focus their information on what efforts are going to be made to work on these issues.

B. Discussion Item: SB 320

Jara had a meeting this morning with Carancho, Jurado, and Argent and went over the bill in depth and compiled a list of questions they had.

They will be reaching out to several different organizations, such as Tony from the Women's Foundation, Student Health Services Center, Women's Gender and Equity Center, and the Student Health Advisory Committee.

They will be meeting again on September 28th and will keep all members of the board updated on what is going on and then they can decide what their position on this bill is going to be.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: DACA Efforts

Jara, Carancho, and Jurado met with Commissioner for AB540 & Undocumented Students Gaby Hernandez and President Nino. They decided that there would be phone banking sessions; schedule will be passed out for members of the board to help participate with this event.

These events will be happening at least once a week for an entire month, beginning next week.

The day before, they will be tabling to provide students with resources and let them know when the DACA renewal date is as well as the phone-banking schedule.

During phone banking, they will be calling legislators who are opposed to DACA, based on research.

There will also be postcards for students to fill out explaining how DACA will affect them.

Kilian offered to pick up info and resources from the DREAM Success Center for the tabling event.

Carancho will reserve the tables and the rooms.

Jurado volunteered to help with reaching out to legislators. Jara suggested collaborating with Kilian since this is something they are already working on.

Script will be written by Jara, but will be reaching out to CSSA to see if they can alter their established script.

Jurado will be making the poster for tabling event and Jara and Jurado will be working on fliers.

Carancho asked for everyone's availability by tonight in order to get everything scheduled and reserved by tomorrow, 9/15.

Argent asked if tabling and phone banking would count as office hours.

San Miguel answered that they would count as office hours.

San Miguel notified Jara that there is a CSSA template in the advocacy binder. As far as postcards being ready by Monday, that might not be possible depending on ASI Communication's schedule and this would be a last minute request for them. Suggested submitting a request to them right after this meeting.

Jurado offered to make another poster for tabling event, letting students know there are resources there.

Carancho stated that those affiliated with these efforts would be considered the DACA Allies.

B. Discussion Item: RISE Campaign

Jara stated that they had a phone call with Max, the RISE Campaign organizer, and they decided to postpone other efforts to prioritize DACA for the next few weeks.

Carancho added that the 1st month is going to be very hectic and they will check back in on Oct 12th.

Carancho also discussed the RISE Campaign. The RISE resolution needs to pass first before asking for Lobby Corps support. They will contact student organizations and clubs on campus as well as CSSA. Hoping to organize an affordable college tuition event next semester.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Jara reminded members to fill out availability for phone banking and tabling events for DACA students.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:14pm.