

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #8

October 19, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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-Orton (Student At-Large)

Zak Show (Student At-Large)

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

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 #8, October 19, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #7, October 12, 2017

(M) Jurado (S) Carancho to approve Lobby Corps, Meeting #7, October 12, 2017

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator for College of Health and Human Services, Courtney Yamagiwa, spoke to the board regarding the RISE Campaign. Over the past 20 years, there has been a decrease in funding for education, but a consistent increase in tuition. RISE is the first student-led, nonprofit organization to bring together high school, community college, CSU, and UC students to fight for free tuition. Focused on shaping the 2018 election to make affordable and accessible public higher education a top priority.

Proposals for funding free college tuition:

- Budget surplus revenue
- Criminal justice reform
- College for All – Estate tax onto estates that are \$3.5 million or more
- Millionaire tax
- Oil and natural gas extraction tax

RISE also wants to expand access, reduce debt, and increase completion and graduation rates. They hope to do this by develop student leaders on campus, teach students how to organize effectively, and get out the student vote.

They have already accomplished 1 year of community college free in California through AB19.

What can you do to help?

Follow social media pages on Instagram and Facebook.

Sign-up by texting "RISE" to (562) 850-1721

Tonight at 6:30 pm across from the Multicultural Center there will be an informational session for students.

Kilian was glad that Yamagiwa mentioned housing and food insecurity, and asked if that would be something they would work on after accomplishing free tuition goal.

Yamagiwa explained that RISE is focusing on the tuition aspect of it, but a lot of the aid that would have gone to help cover the cost of tuition would be used to help the most at need students.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Will not be present at next week's meeting, Carancho will be chairing that meeting
- Recycle Wars – Senate, Judiciary, Cabinet, BOT, and Lobby Corps will be competing against each other; Last day to turn in all materials will be October 31
- Student Trustee information has been posted on the ASI Student Government Website; applications will be due on January 12, 2018 and interviews will be on February 16, 2018

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Phone banking every Thursday, and Congresswoman Barragan sent an email to say that they support our efforts for the DREAM Act.

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Olenlager-Orton – City Council:
 - Proposal to bring Amazon headquarters to Long Beach. Huntington Beach also put in a bid.
 - Passed a bigger ban on Styrofoam
 - There are 3 seats up for election, so they should definitely keep an eye on that election and the potential candidates
- Show – Nothing to report
- Kilian reported the following:
 - Confirmed a meeting with Assemblymember Matthew Harper for Wednesday, November 1 at 2:30pm; Jurado and Jara will be attending that meeting
 - Filled out the 10 senators on the Google Document
 - Stopped by the CalFresh OutreachDay, but was only able to stay for about 30 minutes
 - Requested meetings with 3 council members and sent specific dates to other representatives for November
 - Kilian, Jara, and Olenlager and will have their first district meeting next Tuesday at 1:30pm with Senator Janet Nguyen
 - Will not be at next week's meeting and will email report to Carancho

D. Senate

Senator Argent reported the following:

- Passed the RISE Resolution and Senate Policy Agenda
- Student came and talked to Senate regarding speakers and hate speech and that they believe it is important to not keep people from speaking at our campus just because we disagree with their viewpoints

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Free college tuition for the first year at community college was signed by Governor Brown
- Handbook of election issues as it pertains to CSU – Focuses on the use of state resources in elections
- Memo from the American Council on Education – Discusses political campaigns and activities on college universities
- October 2017 Legislative updates that affect the CSU
 - Carancho asked if Farmer knew whether AB 1064 passed
 - Farmer is not sure if this passed or if it was vetoed, but will find out and report back
- Asked if Quirk-Silva meeting date was still pending
 - Kilian – Meeting is on Thursday, November 9th at 11:00am

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Dream Act of 2017 Efforts

Jara asked for feedback or input regarding phone banking and tabling efforts.

Olenlager-Orton asked if they could send out a list of people to call when you have free time.

Jara suggested calling during office hours and to pick up the form for phone banking.

Jurado asked everyone to add their 10 senators to the list on the Google Doc so that they can complete it as soon as possible.

B. Action Item: Lobby Corps Policy Agenda

Jara followed up with Commissioners Kim and Koch, and they discussed their concern with how long it takes for students to get in to see a counselor or therapist at CAPS.

We need more psychiatrists and a more efficient scheduling process. They also need to address the possibility of having long-term treatment done on campus.

Jara asked how the board could be of service with whatever their action plan is, but they do not really have an action plan yet.

Student Health Services Fee increased by \$30 and these funds were used for hiring two more people and updating the facility to bring it up to code.

Jara's concern is that there is no action plan in the Lobby Corps Policy Agenda compared to the first two major goals.

Olenlager-Orton added that we only have one psychiatrist. Heard that Dr. LeMaster does one-on-one and group therapy sessions with the LGBTQ community; maybe they can incentivize this for professors on campus to provide similar counseling services.

Jara agrees and thinks that it is very important to have professionals that are able to diagnose students and/or prescribe medication or treatment as necessary.

Carancho asked if Senate could work with commissioners to write a resolution on this issue.

San Miguel stated that psychiatrists are not going to start working with someone if they know it is going to max out the number of sessions allowed. In the initial intake interview, they decide whether they are able to help the student themselves or if they should refer them out.

San Miguel also wanted to remind the board that resolutions are a last resort after you have exhausted all of your other resources and tried to work with key players in these issues.

Carancho feels that the commissioners feel that they are at a roadblock with what they can do or what their resources are.

Jara added that they would be following up with the commissioners to see if they have come any closer to an action plan or coming up with tangible goals for improving mental health resources.

Musman spoke to Commissioner Kim as well regarding this issue and stated that they would keep them in the loop with action plan. Believes that they should keep mental health as the number three priority. They might not have an action plan yet, but even just starting to advocate for it is a step in the right direction.

Jara agreed and believes that even if it is just creating awareness of these resources for students and doing research would be advocating for this issue.

San Miguel added that research is action; suggested that they start contacting other campuses to find out what they are doing. These could all be actionable items and would help to better inform suggestions for policies.

Jurado asked if it is possible to have Commissioners Kim and Koch talk to the board about this issue.

Carancho added the bullet points and wanted the board to review the changes so they can vote on it and finalize the policy agenda.

Jurado suggested that they add keeping track of different legislation related to mental health.

Musman thinks that they should change to wording regarding resources broader, not just CAPS or Project Ocean since there are other resources available on campus.

Olenlager-Orton believes that they should start talking about action plans and researching other resources regarding tuition funding and decreasing student loan debt.

San Miguel suggested adding research into other forms of funding and what other states are doing and how this could inform policy suggestions.

Olenlager-Orton believes that they should look at other programs and resources besides the RISE Campaign, since this is just an educational campaign.

Jurado explained that RISE is specifically for California and increasing graduation rates are currently being worked on through this campaign.

Carancho wanted to discuss Title IX and informed the board that the sex equity in education Senate Bill 169 passed.

**(M) Argent (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps Policy Agenda, as amended
VOTE ON THE MOTION**

PASSES 9-0-0

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: RISE Campaign

Carancho discussed tabling sessions for the RISE Campaign and asked if it is something the board wants to focus on more next semester.

Olenslager-Orton asked about the funding formula or if they have people that are advocates for it.

Yamagiwa stated that they are the point person for this campaign on campus.

Olenslager asked if there was a student org or support group that they can create to take that on.

Jurado stated that Lobby Corps is the student org that is working with RISE.

Jara asked if the board believes that they should they start registering people to vote in anticipation of the election.

Carancho believes that they need to get that started with that as soon as possible.

Musman believes that they should table for all of lobby corps efforts instead of just one issue. Added that Senate and other boards might be able to help with tabling.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Musman reminded the board that CHES applications open on Monday and asked them to spread the word.

Argent added that phone banking would be starting next Tuesday.

Musman asked if anybody was available as a designee at tomorrow's HRMC meeting at 10am, two designees are needed; Argent and Olenslager-Orton offered to go to this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:26pm.