

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**  
**Meeting #13**  
November 30, 2017

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:33pm.

**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) **(Ar @ 12:40pm)**  
Amanda Kilian (Student-at-Large)  
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student-at-Large) **(Ar @ 12:35pm)**

Voting Members Absent

Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee)  
VACANT (Student-at-Large)

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) Argent (S) Carancho to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #13, November 30, 2017**  
**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 5-0-0**

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

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #12, November 16, 2017

**(M) Argent (S) Carancho to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #12, November 16, 2017**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 5-0-0**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Student representative from FUEL came before the board and wanted to find out what the progress was for the Dream Act of 2017 and if there was any information that they could disseminate to students.

Jara explained that Lobby Corps has been tabling and phone banking for the past couple of months. They have stopped these efforts for the rest of the semester, but will continue next semester. Also discussed the postcards that students have been filling out and they have been using as leave behinds for legislative visits.

Jara encouraged FUEL to collaborate with Lobby Corps in the spring semester for phone banking.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- Lobby Corps has a vacant student-at-large position, which will be posted tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup> on BeachSync. Asked board members to let students know about it and encourage them to apply.
- Asked for a district visit update from Kilian
  - Kilian stated that they met with Assemblymember Matt Harper in Costa Mesa. Went well and

they covered a lot of topics. They spoke about legislative session and Harper believes that it is good that they were going to CHESS in March.

- Talked about DACA and support for students.
- Discussed in state vs. out of state tuition; Harper doesn't believe that out of state, international, and undocumented students should get in state tuition and Kilian challenged this notion.
- Overall it went well and Harper supported Lobby Corps' policy agenda, especially sustainable funding model for CSU.
- Jordan Wynne from Housing Long Beach will be coming back next week to give more concrete information on how Lobby Corps can help with affordable housing efforts.
- CHESS – They need to start configuring a list of which legislators they plan to meet with and asked Kilian to create a list so that board members can fill in whom they want to meet with. Everyone will be in charge of contacting the legislators they are meeting with and setting up those visits.

#### B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Discussed contacting student organizations with Jara before today's meeting and will be in charge of contacting student organizations for collaboration on Dream Act efforts next semester.

#### C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Olenlager-Orton: City Council did not meet last week and they do not have a scheduled for this week; nothing to report
- Kilian: Speaking with a representative from Holly Mitchell's office and is trying to set up one final meeting for the semester with them

#### D. Senate

Senator Argent reported the following:

- Senate passed the resolution for its 1<sup>st</sup> reading for ASIMBOT Bylaw Amendment
- Passed resolution for 1<sup>st</sup> reading commemorating Dr. Jeane Caveness
- There was a discussion regarding campus climate which was related to the ASI Stands resolution which is still in the works.
  - Musman commended Senator Argent for chairing the meeting

#### E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Absent; nothing to report

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion Item: Dream Act of 2017 Efforts

Carancho will be reaching out to SLD to get a list of all of the active student organizations on campus. Will be sending out an email blast and find out what their availability would be so they can set up tabling and phone banking.

Argent suggested that they could do the same availability calendar that they did for this semester and they could send them the gaps that there are in the schedule.

Carancho will create a Doodle poll and will create a schedule based on those responses.

Jurado added that they could talk to them and have them phone bank during their organization's regular meeting times.

Jara said that they wanted to start this around January 29<sup>th</sup> and go until the first or second week of March.

B. Discussion Item: Tuition Increase Efforts

Jara received an email from Maggie White, CSSA President, which confirmed the tuition increase proposal from Chancellor White. The proposal would increase:

- \$228/year for in state, full time, undergraduate students
- It would be a larger amount for out of state, credential, and graduate students

This proposal will be voted on by the CSU Board of Trustees on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and will be implemented during the fall 2018 semester.

The system has requested a 2018-19 budget increase from the state of about \$282 million. Of that number, \$152 million are mandatory costs, such as employee compensation increases that must be fulfilled.

However, Governor Brown has indicated that they will only grant the system \$102 million in new funding this year, leaving a deficit of about \$50 million just for mandatory costs. The tuition increase proposal is in response to this anticipated deficit.

With that increased defunding, and even with the proposed tuition increase, there would likely not be funding for the graduation initiatives effort, enrollment growth, or any growth on deferred maintenance.

They will be working to secure Chancellor White's attendance at the next plenary meeting at CSU Dominguez Hills in January so that the CSSA Board of Directors will have the opportunity to engage with them directly.

In the meantime, they will have more information for the board by December 1<sup>st</sup> after their meeting with the Chancellor's Office leadership. They will let Lobby Corps know what information they gained from that meeting and propose steps for 2018.

Carancho stated that starting next semester they wanted to get the ball rolling. Brought up bringing back OPA, which was a resolution that was written last semester on tuition to add additional things to make it more relevant this time around as well as add steps that they could take.

Carancho is thinking of throwing an event on campus to educate students as far as tuition increase goes and thinks they should use RISE to help mobilize students on campus.

Jara agreed that they should focus on getting the word out and encouraging students to be a part of the movement.

Jara added that RISE is planning on having an event and it could be something that Lobby Corps is present at and could collaborate with.

Carancho added that they should focus on lobbying CSU Board of Trustees members individually and thinks they could start these efforts at CHESS and inviting them to the events on campus.

San Miguel recommended working with President Nino so that they can include information regarding the tuition increase in their monthly newsletter that goes out to all students.

San Miguel also suggested creating an informational video that can be played on the website and throughout the Student Union, Student Recreation and Wellness Center, and that can be uploaded to social media. Additionally, she recommended utilizing 22 West Radio for PSA's.

Carancho asked if they would be able to collaborate with college councils and possibly going through them to set up a large event.

San Miguel thinks that this would be a good idea and they should definitely join efforts with other organizations on campus to increase the amount of students that are informed and their engagement in lobbying efforts.

C. Discussion Item: CHESS Interviews

Jara stated that interviews start tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am in USU-202. There is no exact end time, but they plan to be done around 5:00pm.

There will be around 3-4 candidates per session.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Jurado informed the board that Ricardo Lara is having an open house and they will be posting the informational flyer on the Facebook page. Jurado plans to head over after ASI's Fall Mixer tomorrow afternoon and encouraged everyone to go.

San Miguel stated that Cabinet is having their Consciousness Collection Art Show tonight from 6-8pm at USU-100. They will have artwork that was created by and for veterans, the LGBTQ community, international students, and wellness affairs.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 12:57pm.