

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #15

January 25, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 12:31pm.

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)
Melissa Mejia (Senate Representative)
Hilda Jurado (Student-at-Large)
Amanda Kilian (Student-at-Large)
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (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) Musman (S) Mejia to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #15, January 25, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #14, December 7, 2017

(M) Argent (S) Jurado to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 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:

- There is a \$25 non-refundable fee per person for CHES; Pay at the Business Office and they will give you a receipt and give that receipt to San Miguel by February 9th
- Regarding CHES visits, Kilian put together a spreadsheet to help with scheduling and it is available on the Facebook page. Asked all board members to input all legislative visit info into the spreadsheet as soon as possible
- Group assignments will be finalized by CHES orientation date
- Deadline to establish legislative visits for CHES is Feb 28th

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Policy Agenda is finally finished
- Asked members to finish filling out availability for phone banking on DACA; link was sent out on Facebook

C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Jurado – No current updates but will be attending the next CSU Board of Trustees meeting
- Killian – Working on visits for CHES
- Olenlager-Orton – No current updates but will be attending the next City Council meeting

D. Senate

Senate reported the following:

Mejia – They confirmed/elected some students:

- Senator-at-Large – Megan Kim
- Lobby Corps Student-at-Large – Hilda Jurado
- COTA Senator – Sarah Brown
- CNSM Senator – Aaron Jordan
- Board Of Control Senate Representative – Lauren Rhea
- First reading for Beach Against the Increase passed and will be working on improving this resolution
- Senator of the Week – Danielle Carancho
- Argent – waiting on a schedule for a potential College of Business Senator

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

Farmer reported the following:

- Working on student counts so that they are available for legislative visits; please let her know if there are any visits coming up soon so that they may get those numbers as soon as possible

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dream Act of 2017 Efforts

Carancho – Phone banking will still be scheduled until the end of February; They are reaching out to student organizations so that they can collaborate and work together on this effort.

Asked all board members to complete their availability so that they can start reaching out student orgs and finalizing the schedule.

There is a new flyer from ASI Communications that can be tailored for phone banking. They just need to figure out where they will be phone banking so the location can be added to the flyer.

Jara and Senator Yamagiwa recommended phone banking outside and doing it as a tabling session as well so they can reach out to students simultaneously.

Carancho asked for suggestions on the email that is going to be sent out to student orgs asking them for their help. Also asked if they will be providing food/beverages and where they are planning on phone banking.

Musman suggested focusing their efforts and budget towards large-scale events and projects towards tuition increase.

Jurado asked San Miguel how much is left in the budget. San Miguel answered \$300.

Olenlager-Orton asked if they would we be able to reach out to grocery stores for sponsorship and donations.

Carancho agreed and added that they could also ask 49er shops and other on-campus vendors.

Olenslager-Orton stated that they will reach out to Christina Limon and will go from there as far as sponsorships.

Carancho – Phone banking is scheduled on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30pm and Thursdays from 11am-1pm until the end of February.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Legislative Affairs

Carbaugh could not make it, but CSULB Police Chief Fernando Solorzano and Dr. John Hamilton, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs spoke to the board regarding legislative affairs and current efforts.

Farmer wanted to provide some stats provided by Carbaugh. Clearance rates for homicide in Compton as of 2016 were 8.6%, which is really low and a possible explanation could be that they do not have their own police department. In Long Beach they were 72.7%, LA County was 58.2%, and Orange County was 87.7%.

Chief Solorzano stated that they were very much in support of President Conoley's efforts. Their department was able to help the family of the victim from last November's shooting, who was also a student at CSULB. The police department will do whatever they can for the families of our students and the Long Beach community.

Hamilton added that they work with families and links them to services such as grief counseling. They are also working with the victim's brother so that they can start coming to LB State in the fall. They have also been working to come up with a reward for the capture of the suspect.

B. Discussion Item: Tuition Increase Efforts

Jara stated that the emphases would be on the resolution, tabling to inform as many students as possible, and a town hall event. They are waiting to attend the CSSA meeting this weekend so that they can find out what the collaborative voice will be for this campaign before they get into the advertising part of it.

Jara also wants to find out if they are able to lobby to the Board of Trustees directly since many of them do not live in the Long Beach area and will let the board know if that is a possibility.

Carancho added that for the town hall event, they are working with Senate, Judiciary, Cabinet, and CLASC to see if they can all join efforts to plan this event.

Jurado believes that this is a great idea and they can have students come up and share their stories and hear how this increase will affect them.

Olenslager-Orton – They had previously discussed using the hashtag #nobarriers, but have realized that there are true barriers to being a college student. Suggested putting a wall up so that people can write comments or thoughts on it.

San Miguel believes that these are all great ideas and input. However, they are concerned because in the conversations that they have been hearing, they have not been hearing Lobby Corps' name as a leader in these efforts. There is some miscommunication going forward, not everybody is talking to each other.

San Miguel suggested that for the next meeting, they should discuss things like who is on this planning committee, who are the key students, what boards or clubs are they representative of, what is the action plan, timeline, how often tabling will happen, and this board needs to approve the flyer before anything goes out.

San Miguel added that if they are doing a video, they need to consider what are the tangible things that are going to be created and what is the timeline because they need to be able to visually see what this plan is going to look like.

They also need to consider the potential budget impact and the plan also needs to be shared with Executive Officers of ASI so that they are fully informed.

Carancho stated that they have been in contact with everyone that wants to be involved in this and will create a document and will share it with the board.

San Miguel asked that this document be ready before Monday so that it can be sent out with the agenda and can be discussed at next week's meeting.

C. Discussion Item: Goals for Semester

Jara reiterated that the Dream Act and the tuition increase are the main efforts for the rest of this semester. The last two issues are pending if they have enough time:

- Housing Long Beach/Rent Control – They are looking to come back and speak to the board for possible collaboration ideas
- Mental Health Issues – Maybe they will be able to do some informative event on the resources available on campus for students and getting representatives from those programs to come out and speak at this event

Jara added that they are also looking to collaborate more with other CSUs and will definitely be doing this for CHESS and they would ideally be conducting legislative visits together.

Argent has started looking at legislators for visits and wanted to find out if they would be telling them that they are there for CHESS or if they should just list out the policy agenda. Jara encouraged everyone to say that they are there for CHESS when scheduling and then spell out the policy agenda in person.

Jurado added that they have a template written out and they can forward it to the board.

Jara suggested including this in the agenda for next week's meeting so that they can edit it together and that way they are all on the same page.

Carancho spoke regarding mental health and stated that CAPS and Project Ocean have an event called Live Your Life Day and if you want your organization or department to be a part of it, you can reserve a table.

Carancho added that it was brought to their attention that ASI and the university promotes the CalFresh program, but there are only a couple of places on campus that accept EBT. Musman stated that they will look into this issue with the USU and 49er Shops and will keep the board updated.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Jurado a legislative meeting is scheduled with on Friday, Feb 9th at 10:30 am if anyone is available.

Jara asked who could go to the legislative visit this Friday or else they will need to cancel. Carancho and Mejia stated that they could attend this meeting

Olenslager-Orton said they would check in with their employer to see if they will be able to get the day off.

San Miguel informed the board that a former VP is working on Dr. Ed Hernandez's campaign for Lieutenant Governor and they're looking for people to help volunteer for this campaign; Musman has their contact info if you are interested in attending.

Carancho welcomed Senator Mejia to Lobby Corps.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.