

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**

**Meeting #18**

February 15, 2018

**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)  
Amanda Kilian (Student-at-Large)  
Nicolas Olenslager-Orton (Student-at-Large)  
Hilda Jurado (Student-at-Large)

Voting Members Absent

Melissa Mejia (Senate Representative)  
Autumn Farmer (AVP Legislative &  
External Relations Designee)

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 Agenda, Meeting #18, February 15, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 7-0-0**

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

A. Lobby Corps, Meeting #17, February 8, 2018

**(M) Jurado (S) Argent to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #17, February 8, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**PASSES 7-0-0**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chair/Government Relations Officer

Chair Jara reported the following:

- CHESS Orientation is tonight, 2/15 from 6-7pm in USU-202. Orientation will cover the basics of lobbying and information that everyone needs to know
- Training will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>. This session will allow them to go more in depth into specific issues and presentations as well as mock legislative visits
- Legislative visits: There are 6 booked and confirmed so far, so keep booking those. Currently in contact with 2 state legislators trying to finalize those meeting dates and times
- CSSA is this weekend at Cal State Maritime so they will hopefully have an update for the board by next week

B. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Carancho reported the following:

- Went on a legislative visit with Jurado to Senator Lara's office. Did not have the opportunity to speak

with them regarding the tuition increase and Lara asked to postpone this conversation until May

- Attending a Housing Long Beach Event with Mejia.

#### C. Students-at-Large

Students-at-Large reported the following:

- Olenslager-Orton – Was not able to attend the City Council meeting this week, but read the report and found that they are looking to pass a state law this for permits and buildings that would give more control at the capital versus at the municipal level
- Kilian –
  - Received two responses for Town Hall Event; Quirk-Silva cannot attend because they will be traveling, but they offered their full support of this event and Lobby Corps' efforts. Student Trustee Emily Hinton is able to attend.
    - Kilian asked if there are there any other people they would like them to reach out to for the Town Hall Event
    - Carancho suggested
    - San Miguel suggested reaching out to O'Donnell and Lowenthal
  - Has not been able to confirm any legislative for CHESS yet
  - Will continue to keep phone banking for the Dream Act
- Jurado –
  - Informed the board that there is a recall for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Judy Pierce for fraud for hiring their boyfriend as Chief of Staff and allowing him to go on paid leave from December-February while they were working on different campaigns. There are also talks that this would constitute sexual harassment because Pierce was their superior.
  - Senator Lara meeting – Lara currently sits on budget meetings and informed Carancho and Jurado that the \$92 million that the governor proposed will definitely increase, which is why they did not want to discuss this issue. They stated that they would continue to advocate for higher education and on behalf of students.
  - Created a leave behind that thanked the Senator for their time and for listening to students and some brief information as to what the key efforts for the CSU system are and ways that they can support students as a whole
    - San Miguel asked if this leave behind was specifically written for Lara, or if it was something that they could use for other legislators and senators
    - Jurado explained that it could definitely be used for other legislative visits, you would just have to change the name

#### D. Senate

Senator Argent reported the following:

- They discussed the commencement ceremony and the controversy that is surrounding that
- Assigned a senator to Human Resources Management Committee
- President Nino and Chief Diversity Officer Elasmr gave their reports
- AVP of Student Affairs, Mary Ann Takemoto came and discussed how the fee increase was being used. Fee revenue will amount to about \$2.25 million per year and that is paying for:
  - 3 new psychiatrists
  - 1 new case manager
  - A psychiatrist that would be on staff for more hours
  - New programs such as:
    - Acupuncture
    - Dietitian/dietary services
    - Smoking cessation program a
    - Currently working to develop a new wellness program
    - Working on creating an after hours nurse hotline

- Some of the money went to scheduled pay raises from existing contracts
- They have a large scale, \$4.2 million project planned that would bring their examination rooms up to code, upgrade equipment, and put more gender neutral bathrooms in

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- Farmer was absent; nothing to report

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion Item: Dream Act of 2017 Efforts

Kilian stated that there were two people that joined them for phone banking and someone came from their journalism class and interviewed them regarding this issue and Lobby Corps' efforts.

Added that it seems like a lot of Republicans were backing a different bill titled the Secure and Succeed Act. Their understanding of this bill is that there is a lot of negotiation going on, and the Dream Act may be abandoned in its current form in favor of a more bipartisan bill. Crafted over the President's proposal to offer citizenship but with the caveat being to increase border security money.

Argent stated that one student found out about phone banking from BeachSync and the other person found out about them from the Dream Success Center.

B. Discussion Item: College for All Campaign

Jara has still not heard back from the Korean Resource Center regarding this campaign, but will keep the board updated with any new information.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

There were none.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Jara adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm.