

**LOBBY CORPS MINUTES**

**Meeting #11**

November 8, 2018

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bryanna Siguenza called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Voting Members Present

Bryanna Siguenza, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer  
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President (Ar @ 2:57pm)  
Frances Canales, ASI Senate Representative  
Justin Contreras, ASI Senate Representative  
Mateo Maya, ASI Student At-Large  
Melissa Mejia, ASI Senate Representative  
Reyalyn Villegas, ASI Student At-Large  
Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee

Voting Members Absent

Elena Philippou, ASI Student At-Large

Non-voting Members Present

Joe Nino, Assistant Director ASI Government Affairs & Initiatives Designee

Non-voting Members Absent

**3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(M) Maya (S) Villegas to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #11, November 8, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, November 1, 2018

**(M) Mejia (S) Contreras to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #10, November 1, 2018**

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIES**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**6. REPORTS**

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Elections Day event was very successful; received positive feedback; 300+ attendees
- ASI Communications provided a file of compiled elections work orders
- Will be attending CSSA at CSU San Luis Obispo this weekend
- CSU Board of Trustees will be Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
- The ballot box, located at the Info/Ticket Counter, was full by 3pm

B. Vice Chair

- Elections: very emotional; powerful educational efforts; there appeared to be confusion with Propositions 8 and 10; recommended increasing education efforts
- Commended board for their dedicated efforts to going above and beyond, especially the Students At-Large

C. At-Large Representatives

There was none.

D. Senate

- Recommended for next year there be different stamps for t-shirts and tacos, in order to be more competitive

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- Commended a well-run and successful Elections Day event
- Sent newly elected officials a note of congratulations
- Will be updating rosters with new officials

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Legal Needs Survey Results

Lobby Corps discussed the Legal Needs Survey results and how they will be reflected into our policy agenda.

Rank of importance, per students

1. Publicly Funded Financial Aid (i.e. Pell Grants, Cal Grants, loans)
2. Student Basic Needs (i.e. food and housing insecurity)
3. College Affordability (i.e. tuition increases, housing and textbook costs, additional fees)
4. Degree Attainment (i.e. impacted class availability)
5. Civic Engagement (i.e. voter registration, political engagement, working with the community)

B. Discussion Item: Policy Agenda

Lobby Corps analyzed the 2017-2018 Policy Agenda and the CSSA's policy agenda to begin discussion for the 2019 Policy Agenda.

1. Publically Funded Financial Aid/College Affordability (Siguenza, Villegas, Maya)
  - a. Debt post-graduation
  - b. Success after college
  - c. Tuition costs
  - d. Financial literacy program legislation
  - e. High school through first years
  - f. PARTNERS: The campaign for college opportunities
2. Basic Needs (Mejia, Contreras)
  - a. EBT accessibility; reach out to other universities
  - b. Food waste; BeachBites
  - c. Stigma; changing the language
  - d. Housing
  - e. Mental Health resources; Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
    - 1) Proposition 2
    - 2) Meet students in the middle, bring programs to them (communal dorm areas/dining hall)
    - 3) Share off campus partners to reduce wait times
3. Degree attainment (Canales, Philippou)
  - a. Faculty diversity
  - b. Transparency on career plan; students often confused
  - c. Teaching students how to use degree planners
  - d. General Education (GE) Requirements
  - e. Equity gaps within marginalized students; close the gap

C. Discussion Item: Reports for Student At-Large Members

Lobby Corps discussed new reporting method for all students at large, deadlines, and details that should be included.

Siguenza

- Will email PowerPoint report template
- Reports due Mondays, 12:30pm
- Maya: Long Beach City Council meeting's main issues
- Philippou: CSU Board of Trustee meeting's main issues
- Villegas: to be discussed at one-on-one

#### **8. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS**

Villegas: Alan Lowenthal, along with Provost Jersky, President Conoley, and Dean Bennett, will be visiting the Biochemistry research lab; will bring Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) into the collaborative discussion.

Almahdi: apologized for being late, due to prior meeting ran late.

Siguenza: thanked board, especially Maya, Villegas, and Contreras, for their election involvement efforts.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Without objection** Chair Siguenza adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm.