

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #15

January 24, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Almahdi called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Frances Canales, Senate Representative
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, Senate Representative
Reyalyn Villegas, ASI Student At-Large

Voting Members Absent

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

Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives

Non-voting Members Absent

Guest

Genesis Jara, ASI President

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Canales (S) Contreras to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #15, January 24, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-1

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 6, 2018

(M) Villegas (S) Maya to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 6, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-1

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Vacant – no report

B. Vice Chair

- Vacant – no report

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

- Villegas: Attended CSSA meeting at SDSU with President Jara where there were discussions on CHESSE preparations and the 2018-19 CSSA policy agenda. Still reaching out for legislative visits.

D. Senate

- Canales – Elected Mateo Maya for Senator-at-Large, Week of Welcome signups.
- Contreras – Elected Sen. McDonald for Academic Senator and Sen. Contreras to the Senate Audit Committee

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- No report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Board Update

Vice President Almahdi updated the board on current vacancies such as the Chief Government Relations Officer and two Student-at-Large positions. Stressed the importance of filling these positions and utilizing Week of Welcome tabling to encourage students to apply.

B. Discussion Item: CHESS Update

San Miguel updated the board with CHESS details.

- Applications due Friday, February 1st at 4pm
- Interviews held Friday, February 9th from 8am-5pm (block off this time for now) in USU-202
- Mandatory Fee due Friday, February 15th
- Orientation held Thursday, February 21st from 6-7pm in USU-202
- Training held Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30am-3:30pm in USU-306
- CHESS Saturday, March 9th – Monday, March 11th

San Miguel confirmed with the board that they were available. The board agreed.

San Miguel will also email the board with the details.

C. Discussion Item: CSSA Update

President Jara shared with the board that two resolutions were supported at the meeting. One was the Undocumented Students Support, co-authored by Jara, seeking CSU's support for DACA/Undocumented Student resources. The other resolution was Justice for Josiah, a SJSU student that was killed at an off-campus event, but has remained unsolved. The resolution calls for off-campus safety, especially for students of color.

Jara mentioned that they also discussed best practices for CHESS advocacy. The focus will be on Financial Aid reform, which will be a joint partnership between the CSU, UC, and CCC's, focusing on the amount of aid awarded to students and that non-tuition costs are putting a burden on students.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Contreras: Congratulated Sen. Maya on joining the Senate.

Villegas: Welcomed San Miguel back and thanked her for helping with CHESS.