

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #19

February 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reyalyn Villegas called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Reyalyn Villegas, Chief Government Relations Officer
Frances Canales, Senate Representative
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, Senate Representative
Jireh Deng, Student At-Large
Jude Khatib, Student At-Large

Voting Members Absent

VACANT, ASI Student-at-Large
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President

Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives
Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations' Designee (Dp @ 3:20pm)

Guest

Genesis Jara, ASI President

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Canales (S) Contreras to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #19, February 21, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 7-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #18, February 14, 2019

(M) Khatib (S) Maya to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #18, February 14, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

Villegas gave the following February CSSA meeting recap:

University Affairs Committee

- ASI should have funding for students at-large to go to CSSA meetings.
- Several amendments were made on the Resolution Regarding Student of Color Safety and Justice for Josiah
- CSSA's Say on Pay Resolution and Resolution for Transparency and Shared Governance in the Selection of New CSU Presidents have been passed.
- Dr. Woods provided update on Graduation Initiative 2025

Graduation Initiative 2025

- Seeks to increase graduation rates across the CSU system while eliminating opportunity and

achievement gaps.

- In the 2017-18 academic year, 105,431 undergraduate students earned their degree – a record high for the CSU with 6,600 additional students graduating compared to the previous year

Social Justice and Equity Committee

Amendments made on Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Title IX Changes Regarding Student Sexual Assault and Harassment Cases

Director Reynas (CSU Bakersfield) led a discussion about Undocumented Campus Employment

- ask for extension of AB 540 through phone banking, postcards, etc.

Legislative Affairs Committee

Committee has voted on the following legislative bills:

- 1) AB 13: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018
This will allow the use of \$7 billion to build more student housing, address the massive backlog of deferred maintenance projects, and possibly open up a new CSU.
 - 2) SB 14: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018
This would authorize the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$8 billion to alleviate the backlog of infrastructure maintenance.
 - 3) AB 140: CA Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program
This will provide student loan forgiveness awards to eligible applicants for up to 24 months after graduation.
 - 4) AB 532: Parking Bill
Three years after being enacted, equitable prices for parking permits in all CSU campuses.
 - 5) Student Athlete Bill of Rights
This bill would require higher institutions to provide athletic scholarships and provide an equivalent scholarship to students who do not have their contract renewed.
 - 6) Rapid Rehousing Bill
This bill would take an already existing best practice in the field of “homelessness” and tailor it to higher educational institutions.
 - 7) AB 540: Competitive Cal Grant Access
This would ensure that all forms of state-based financial aid in California are made equally available to students
- Brief overview of the legislative process.
 - Tabled a few more legislative bills for next plenary meeting.
 - Legislator of the Year: Senator Steve Glazer

CHESS 2019 Overview

March 10th – CHESS Program

- Keynote Speaker
- Workshops and General Sessions (12)
- March 11th – Advocacy Day
- Press Conference from 9am – 10am
- Main Advocacy Point: Fix the current financial aid system.

B. Vice Chair

There was none.

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

Khatib:

- Emailed Senators Steven Bradford Ling Ling Chang
- Chang returned email and requested interview questions; waiting their response

Deng:

- Will be meeting with staffer for Senator Patricia Bates on March 11th, 9:30am

- Waiting for responses from Senators Scott Weiner; Connie Lleyva

D. Senate

Canales: Secured appointment with Assemblymember Cristina Garcia for March 11th, 11am

Maya:

- Passed 2nd reading of California Legislative Bills of Interest
- Many students gave public comments regarding SB24
- Possible collaboration in the future with Jessie Rosales, from the Women’s Foundation of California, free lobbying training

Contreras:

- Working with scheduler for Assemblymember Hong

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- Confirmed meetings with Assemblymembers O’Donnell Petrie-Norris
- Visit pending with staffer for Assemblymember Tyler Diep
- Advocacy Day will include a Women’s Legislative Caucus meeting

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CHES Updates

CHES Orientation: tonight, 6pm, USU-202.

San Miguel: requested committee members who’ve attended CHES before give an account of their experience.

B. Discussion Item: CHES Legislative Visits

Villegas:

- Waiting to hear back from Assembly members Petrie-Norris and Archuletta
- Newly added legislators need to be solidified by Monday

C. Discussion Item: Bills of Interest

Villegas: Requested committee email any additional bills by tonight, so they can be submitted to Vice President Almahdi.

D. Action Item: CHES Leave Behind

Discussion ensued regarding possible leave-behinds.

Piggy bank: 2

Student story bookmark: 0

Cup of noodles: 7

Burnt diploma in a bottle: 1

Fancy diploma: 3

(M) Maya (S) Deng to approve the Cup of Noodles and the Fancy Diploma as the CHES Leave Behinds

VOTE ON THR MOTION

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8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Training Presentation

Villegas: Will be creating a shared Google slides on the following Bills of Interest

Reyalyn	AB 13, SB 14, AB 140
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Jude	AB 540, AB 154, Student Athlete Bill of Rights
Jireh	AB 532, Rapid Rehousing Bill, SB 12
Frances	AB 10, AB 53
Mateo	SB 148, SB 173, SB 24
Justin	AB 302

AB 13: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2020
 SB 14: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2020
 AB 140: California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program
 AB 540:
 AB 154: Public Postsecondary Education: Income Share Agreement: Pilot Program
 Student Athlete Bill of Rights:
 AB 532: Rapid Rehousing Bill
 SB 12: Mental Health Services: Youth
 SB 24: Public University Student Health Centers: Abortion by Medication Techniques
 AB 10: Income Taxes: Credits Low-Income Housing: Farmworker Housing
 AB 53: Rental Housing Discrimination: Applications: Criminal Records
 SB 148: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Success and On-Time Completion Fund
 SB 173: CalFresh: Postsecondary Student Eligibility: Workstudy
 AB 302: Parking: Homeless Students

- B. Action Item: Financial Aid Reform Efforts
 CSSA Vice President Nicholas Howell: gathering student stories how current financial aid model affects them

(M) Maya (S) Canales to approve Financial Aid Reform Efforts
VOTE ON THE MOTION

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9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Villegas: Thanked senate representatives for their bills of interest research.

San Miguel: Today is the last day to pay \$25 CHESS fee; receipts can be brought to tonight’s orientation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 3:29pm.