

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #22

March 14, 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
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, Senate Representative
Jireh Deng, Student-at-Large
Jude Khatib, Student-at-Large
Hamzah Khatib, Student-at-Large

Voting Members Absent

Frances Canales, Senate Representative

Non-voting Members Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives
Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations' Designee

Guest

Genesis Jara, ASI President

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Maya (S) J. Khatib to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #22, March 7, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #21, March 7, 2019

(M) Contreras (S) Deng to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #21, March 7, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 8-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- CHESS was successful; everyone did a great job
- Conducted 12 legislative visits in total
- All of the teams had positive feedback

B. Vice Chair

There was none.

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

J. Khatib

- CHESS was a great experience
- Received a follow-up email from Senator Chang's office regarding a bill she sponsored on cyberbullying.

Villegas will put the bill on next week's agenda for the board to discuss.

H. Khatib

- Thank you for the opportunity to join Lobby Corps

D. Senate

Maya

- Confirmed an Associate Justice
- First reading for Bylaw amendment for elections section

Almahdi elaborated that the bylaw amendment is to make our practices consistent with the bylaws.

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- Preparing for Hill Day, March 27th; appointments confirmed with Alan Lowenthal, Harley Rouda

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CHESS Recap/Debrief

Maya: it was good networking with other CSU's, especially getting ideas, workshops were educational. Personally learned a lot about the CSU budget and Basic Needs.

Deng: nice to meet other students and the connection amongst our student delegation.

Villegas: the budget workshop presenter is interested in coming to campus to give the presentation. Encouraged everyone to stay connected with their group.

Villegas asked the board for recommendations for next year.

Almahdi: we definitely had the largest delegation there besides Sac State. We should keep the group large.

Maya: provide more information about CSSA and how to get involved.

Almahdi: inquired about getting the CSSA bills before we leave for CHESS to better prepare.

Jara: stated that it is up to the VP of Legislative Affairs as to when they put them on the agenda. Jara will encourage them to do it sooner as they agree it would be better.

J. Khatib: expand on existing information covered at orientation regarding CSSA.

Maya: allow for time to prepare for the chant at the orientation or training.

B. Discussion Item: Goals for the Remainder of the Semester

Villegas asked the board what goals Lobby Corps should focus on for the rest of the semester.

Contreras: district visits since many legislators are facing re-election in 2020; now is a good time to visits and make them prioritize putting students first.

Villegas asked if Contreras had a list of potential legislators to visit.

Contreras: offered to start to work on it

Villegas asked the board to bring in at least two names for the next meeting.

Maya: there's no way to find advocacy organizations on campus; no central place for students to come together around advocacy related issues. Maybe the board could work on creating a directory.

Almahdi: the directory should be of non-profits and bipartisan

Villegas: Associate Justice Barillas is working on a Know Your Rights video regarding how government is designed and how it works both State and Federal levels. He would like Lobby Corps to be involved.

San Miguel: stated that this video is hoping to address students' rights as it relates to political involvement. For example, how can you speak during public comments at your city council meeting or how do you connect with your state representatives if there is an issue. The same even for how to speak at a CSU Board of Trustees meeting. Basically covering the process on what your rights are as it relates to the city, state and federal governments.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Villegas: thank you to Senator Maya for the Cup O'Noodles idea. Some staffers commented on how cool and personal they were.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm.

RECORDED BY:

Lindsay San Miguel, Asst. Director Government Affairs & Initiatives

Date

APPROVED BY:

Reyalyn Villegas, Chief Government Relations Officer

Date