# Associated Students, Inc. California State University, Long Beach

# LOBBY CORPS MINUTES (FINAL) Meeting #15 December 10, 2020

Voting Members Absent

Hannah Peedikayil, ASI Student At-Large

Ricki Burgener, CSULB AVP University Relations' Designee

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mateo Maya called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Voting Members Present** 

Isabel Cameron, ASI Senate Representative
Sierra Darwin, ASI Senate Representative
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, ASI Vice President's Designee (Arrive 3 p.m.)

**Non-voting Members Present** 

Chrissy Myers, ASI Government Affairs Graduate Student

Staff

Lindsay San Miguel, ASI Assistant Director for Government Affairs and Initiatives

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

# 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cameron (MOVED) Darwin (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #15, December 10, 2020 VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 4-0-0

Approve-Oppose-Abstain

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 3, 2020

Darwin (MOVED) Cameron (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #14, December 3, 2020

**VOTE ON THE MOTION** 

**PASSES 4-0-0** 

**Approve-Oppose-Abstain** 

# 6. REPORTS

- A. Information Item: ASI Chief Government Relations Officer
  - Had final 1-1s with San Miguel, Myers, Hossain
- B. Information Item: ASI Lobby Corps Vice Chair

There was no report

C. Information Item: ASI Lobby Corps Student At-Large

There was no report.

D. Information Item: ASI Senate

# Last meeting

- Approved Consent Calendar
- Passed SR #2021-05 Bylaw Amendments to Chapter I of the ASI Bylaws (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- Reports: ASI President's State of the Associated Students, ASI Academic Affairs Officer, CSULB Graduate Studies Resource Center, ASI Executive Director, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer, CSULB Dean of Students.
- E. Information Item: CSULB Associate Vice President University Relations There was no report.

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Legislation Research Peedikayil (Higher Education) State Legislation, Current/Upcoming

- AB 140 California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program: Would establish the California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program, which would cover student loan payments for two years after graduation, if the student earns less than \$50,000 a year, obtained an undergraduate degree from a California college or university and works in California.
- AB 154 Pilot Income Share Agreement: Would establish a pilot income share agreement
  program at one campus each in the 10-campus University of California and 23-campus
  California State University systems. Under the program, students would be able to pledge a
  portion of future incomes in exchange for reduced tuition. Starting six months after graduating,
  students in the program would give a percentage of their income to their university for 10 years.
- AB 532 California State University Parking Fairness Act: This bill would require each campus of the California State University to make the purchase price of each student parking permit lower than the purchase price of any campus employee parking permit that is valid for the same date or dates, time period or periods, and general location or locations on campus as the student permit.
- SB 660 Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors: This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district to establish a goal of having one full-time equivalent mental health counselor with an applicable California license per 1,500 students enrolled at each of their respective campuses to the extent consistent with state and federal law.
- SB 461 Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students: This bill would make a Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B award recipient enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program who received a Cal Grant award in any term during the academic year immediately preceding a summer term eligible to receive a Cal Grant award for that summer term.

Darwin (Health/Covid Relief)

State Legislation

- CA-SB 56 and CA- AB 4
  - Coming in the opening session of State Legislature in 2021
  - Would allow undocumented citizens under the age of 19 and over the age of 65 to qualify for Medicare Benefits

- Would allow beneficiaries of Medical benefits to retain their PCP if they are registered as a PCP with Medical
- Sponsored by Sen. Maria Durazo and Asm. Joaquin Arambula
- CA AB 19
  - Set to be voted on in State legislature in 2021
  - Expands unemployment benefits in the wake of COVID-19
  - ✓ Until July of 2022
  - Requires non-English speaking citizens to be provided with assistance from department employees that speak their language in order to fill out necessary forms, etc.
  - > Sponsored by Asm. David Chiu, Asm. Ash Kalra, and Asm. Mguel Santiago
- CA AB 93
  - Set to be voted on in State legislature in 2021
  - Prioritizes workers in the food supply industry (including farm workers) for inclusion in state repaid testing and vaccination programs
  - Sponsored by Asm. Eduardo Garcia and Asm. Robert Rivas

# Maya (Social and Racial Justice)

## State Legislation

- AB 57 Hate Crimes: This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to respond to the increase in hate crimes by, among other things, strengthening requirements for law enforcement training and education regarding hate crimes and enhancing statutory prohibitions against online hate and harassment.
- SB 16 Peace Officers (release of records): This bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, make every incident involving use of force to make a member of the public comply with an officer, force that is unreasonable, or excessive force subject to disclosure. (facilitate disclosure processes)
- AB 89 Peace Officers (minimum qualifications): This bill would increase the minimum qualifying age from 18 to 25 years of age. This bill would permit an individual under 25 years of age to qualify for employment as a peace officer if the individual has a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university. The bill would provide legislative findings in support of the measure.
- AB 24 Unemployment Insurance (benefit determination deadlines): This bill would require the
  department to provide a claimant with a notification of the computation used to determine their
  benefits within 30 days of the receipt of the claim and to respond to a challenge by the claimant
  or the base employer based on the computation or recomputation of benefits within 15 days of
  the receipt of the protest, except as specified. This bill would also make technical changes to these
  provisions
- AB 48 Law Enforcement (kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents): This bill would prohibit
  the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents, as defined, by any law enforcement
  agency to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration, except in compliance with specified
  standards set by the bill, and would prohibit their use solely due to a violation of an imposed
  curfew, verbal threat, or noncompliance with a law enforcement directive.
- SB 17 Public Health Crisis (racism): This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the department, in collaboration with the Health in All Policies Program, the Office of Health Equity, and other relevant departments, agencies, and stakeholders, to address racism as a public health crisis.
- AJR- 1 Abolition of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: This measure would urge the federal government to abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement within the

- Department of Homeland Security
- AJR 3 John Lewis Voting Rights Act: This measure would urge the United States Congress to pass, and the President of the United States to sign, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would update and restore Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

# Federal Legislation

- S.4263 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act: To amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.
- H.Res. 918 Promoting Minority Health Awareness and supporting the Goals and Ideas of National Minority Health Month in April 2020: This resolution supports the goals of National Minority Health Month to bring attention to health disparities faced by minority populations and encourages federal and state governments to collect and publish racial and ethnic data related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019)
- H.R. 6869 Minority Business Resiliency Act of 2020: This bill permanently authorizes the Minority Business Development Agency and provides funding for the agency to assist minority businesses affected by COVID-19

# Cameron (Gender Equity and Family Issues)

# California Youth Empowerment Council

- AB 1858, as introduced, Luz Rivas. California Youth Empowerment Act: Would create the California Youth Empowerment Act to address, among other issues, the growing need to engage youth directly with policymakers
  - establishes the California Youth Empowerment Commission in state government consisting of 24 voting commissioners between 14 and 25 years of age
  - commission to be advisory in nature, for the main purpose of providing meaningful opportunities for civic engagement to improve the quality of life for California's disconnected and disadvantaged youth
  - Commission would regularly conduct meetings, in accordance with specified timeframes and procedures, and, among other duties, formally advise and make recommendations to the Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Governor, on various legislative and fiscal issues affecting youth
  - ➤ Governor would appoint an executive director of the California Youth Empowerment Commission to assist the commission in carrying out its work and financial policy making/commission expenditure
  - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201920200AB1858

# Expansion of CalFresh for college students

- SB 20, as introduced, Dodd. Student nutrition: eligibility for CalFresh benefits.
  - Expands CalFresh eligibility for college and university students
  - Currently few exceptions for students to receive benefits
  - Commission would provide written notice to students who qualify for a waiver of the community college enrollment fee that they qualify, or may qualify, for benefits under the CalFresh program.
  - This bill would require the board of governors to adopt regulations so that a student who qualifies for this fee waiver, and whose household income is below 200% of the federal poverty level, may also qualify for CalFresh benefits to the maximum extent permitted by federal law.
  - The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation, through the annual

Budget Act or another measure, to provide allocations to community college districts to provide incentives for their students to apply for, and receive, benefits under the CalFresh program.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202120220SB20&search keywords=California+State+University

# Amending Previous Law to Include Emphasis on Racial Equity

- SB 17, as introduced, Pan. Public health crisis: racism.
  - ➤ Existing law establishes an Office of Health Equity in the State Department of Public Health for purposes of aligning state resources, decision making, and programs to accomplish certain goals related to health equity and protecting vulnerable communities
  - Existing law requires the office to develop department-wide plans to close the gaps in health status and access to care among the state's diverse racial and ethnic communities, women, persons with disabilities, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning communities, as specified.
  - This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the department, in collaboration with the Health in All Policies Program, the Office of Health Equity, and other relevant departments, agencies, and stakeholders, to address racism as a public health crisis.
  - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202120220SB17&search\_keywords=gay

# Suicide Prevention Training in K12 Education

- AB 58, as introduced, Salas. Pupil health: suicide prevention policies and training: school-based health programs: pilot program.
  - An act to amend Section 215 of the Education Code, to add Section 124174.8 to the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 14115.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to pupil health.
  - ➤ Would require suicide prevention training for staff in K-12 schools to be updated by 2022
  - > Twice a year trainings required for teachers and staff
  - Focus on concrete suicide prevention plans in schools
  - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202120220AB58&search\_keywords=gay

## Hossain (Housing and Food Related)

# Housing

- AB 1436 COVID Eviction & Foreclosure Moratorium (Chiu): Makes it so that tenants cannot be
  evicted for unpaid rent from during COVID state of emergency, or 90 days after. The rent is
  converted into regular consumer debt. Defers mortgage payments.
  - > This bill would enact the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020
  - ➤ The bill would prohibit a landlord from applying a security deposit to satisfy COVID-19 rental debt or applying a monthly rental payment to any COVID-19 rental debt unless the tenant agrees in writing.
  - Other details that are more relevant to homeowners
  - https://openstates.org/ca/bills/20192020/AB1436/
- SB 1085 Inclusionary Housing Density Bonus (Skinner, Caballero): Makes it easier to get zoning concessions for buildings that contain some affordable housing.
  - Currently, a project needs to have at least 5 homes before it can use the Density Bonus. SB1085 eliminates this requirement, allowing small buildings such as duplexes get an extra

unit in exchange for some affordable housing. It also creates more options for moderate income housing (where rents are affordable to people making 80–120% of area median income) and student housing to use the bonus.

# **Food Security**

- AB1082 Student Nutrition, eligibility for CalFresh Benefits (Dodd): Existing law requires community college districts to charge students an enrollment fee of \$46 per unit per semester but provides that students meeting certain requirements qualify for a waiver of this fee.
  - > Seems to be inactive
  - This bill would require the board of governors to adopt regulations so that a student who qualifies for this fee waiver, and whose household income is below 200% of the federal poverty level, may also qualify for CalFresh benefits to the maximum extent permitted by federal law.
  - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201920200SB1082#: ~:text=SB%201082%2C%20as%20introduced%2C%20Dodd,nutrition%3A%20eligibility%20for%20CalFresh%20benefits.&text=Existing%20law%20also%20requires%20the,program%20under%20the%20federal%20regulation

#### 9. CLOSING COMMENTS

Maya: wished board good luck on finals and Happy Holidays.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Chair Mateo Maya adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.