

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #7

October 7, 2021

(APPROVED)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sierra Darwin called the meeting to order at 2:37p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Carson Aceves, ASI Student At-Large

Isaac Julian, ASI Senate Representative

Karen Galindo, ASI Senate Representative VACANT, Student At-Large Sierra

Darwin, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

Jeana Young, ASI President's Designee

Non-voting Members Present

Joe Nino, ASI Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Initiatives

Voting Members Absent

Isabel Cameron, ASI Student At-Large

Katherine Gonzalez, ASI Senate Representative

Ricki Burgener, CSULB Associate Vice President

University Relations' Designee

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Julian (MOVE) Young (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #7, October 7, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 5-0-0

Approve-Oppose-Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, September 30, 2021

Young (MOVE) Julian (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, September 30, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES

Approve-Oppose-Abstain

6. REPORTS

A. Information Item: ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

- CSSA this weekend; will send out email information with Zoom meeting link
- Finalizing collaboration with Judiciary for the Know Your Rights campaign

B. Information Item: ASI Lobby Corps Vice Chair

- Drafting BeachFront article on homelessness

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

Aceves reviewed the following CSSA supported bills:

- AB 1456 (Medina)
 - AB 1456 establishes two streams of financial aid to focus on the specific needs of students at two-

year colleges and four-year universities. The programs would be renamed as Cal Grant 2 and Cal Grant 4.

- For students at the community college, AB 1456 (under Cal Grant 2) would increase the numbers eligible for aid from 124,000 to a little over 360,000. Students would receive the current \$1,656 level of access award with an adjustment tied to inflation.
- It would shift California's financial aid system to student need model that removes eligibility requirements for age, GPA, and time out of high school.
- CA-AB1185 (McCarty)
 - This bill for applications made in the 2021–22 and 2022–23 academic years only, authorize applicants for these awards to submit complete financial aid applications for the first award year in the academic year immediately following their high school graduation or equivalent for the immediately following award year, and to submit complete financial aid applications for the 2nd award year in the 2nd academic year after high school graduation or its equivalent. SB22 – enable bonds to go out in 2022; when 15.5 bond for K-16 to be split evenly between CSUs.
 - For applications submitted in the 2021–22 and 2022–23 academic years only, this bill would provide that prohibition would instead apply to students who will not be 29 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year.
 - This bill would authorize a student otherwise eligible to receive a California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Award who attended a California community college in the 2019–20 academic year to use the award for the 2021–22 and 2022–23 academic years.

D. Information Item: ASI Senate

Last meeting

- Elected: Government Elections Officer; USU Board of Trustees Student At-Large
- Reports: ASI President; Senators At-Large; ASI Interim Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Initiatives; ASI Executive Director; CSULB Dean of Students; CSULB Associate Vice President of Health and Wellness

E. Information Item: CSULB Associate Vice President University Relations

There was no report, as Burgener was absent.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Policy Agenda

Darwin: requested board members post paragraphs on their respective issues to Teams.

B. Discussion Item: Local Politics Series

Julian: drafting BeachFront article on homelessness, which ties into Local Politics Series with Long Beach's affordability and rent control.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

9. CLOSING COMMENTS

Nino: Miles Aiello, organizing a Rally and March to end offshore drilling, October 9, 12 p.m., Bluff Park, Long Beach, @Miles_Oiello, MOiello@berkeley.edu

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Sierra Darwin adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.