

Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, Long Beach

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES
Meeting #17
February 3, 2022
(APPROVED)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sierra Darwin called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Carson Aceves, ASI Student At-Large
Isabel Cameron, ASI Student At-Large
Karen Galindo, ASI Senate Representative
Isaac Julian, ASI Senate Representative
Sierra Darwin, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer
Jesus Gonzalez, ASI President

Voting Members Absent

Ricki Burgener, Associate Vice President University Relations Designee
VACANT, Student At-Large
VACANT, ASI Senate Representative

Non-voting Members Present

Joe Nino, ASI Assistant Director, Government Affairs and Initiatives

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Julian (MOVE) Cameron (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #17, February 3, 2022

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

Approve-Oppose-Abstain

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes Meeting #16, January 27, 2021

Gonzalez (MOVE) Galindo (SECOND) to approve Lobby Corps Minutes Meeting #16, January 27, 2021

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

Approve-Oppose-Abstain

6. REPORTS

A. Information Item: ASI Chief Government Relations Officer

- Looking forward to resuming in-person instruction
- Met with Burgener and University Relations Office
 - Discussed mental health and the university's initiatives towards meeting Lobby Corps policy agenda's mental health goals
 - University has projects underway to increase student to CAPS counselor ratio
 - University received federal funding hiring of four more full-time faculty
- Working with Carson and Cameron to develop additional Lobby Corps media
- Voting Equity Panel: February 24, 3 p.m., Lobby Corps hosting this in-person event

B. Information Item: ASI Lobby Corps Vice Chair

- Coalition project: researching resources provided by Darwin

- Working on bills of interest
- Met with Gonzalez to discuss mental health bill

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

- USUBOT meeting: Discussed equity within Basic Needs and financial aid within the CSU
- Governor Newsom recently announced California for All College Corps
 - Program will give 6500 college students \$10000 in exchange for 450 volunteer hours focused on K-12 education, climate change, and food insecurity
 - Begins in August 2022

Cameron

- Will report after city council meeting posts online, as they have spring class during meeting time

D. Information Item: ASI Senate
Last meeting:

- Approved: Consent Calendar
- Reports: ASI President; CSULB Director of Athletics; ASI Director of IPCDC; ASI College Senators; CSULB Dean of Students; ASI Executive Director; ASI Interim Director of Government Affairs and Initiatives

E. Information Item: CSULB Associate Vice President University Relations

- CSU Advocacy Day: February 9
- Scheduled meetings
 - Assemblymen Patrick O'Donnell and Al Muratsuchi
 - Staff members from Senators Gonzalez and Umberg
 - Assemblywoman Petrie-Norris and Nguyen

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Logic Model

What Is the 'gap'/problem?

- Lack of room for students in legislative advocacy, low civic engagement of students, low voter registration of students, lack of awareness about elections

What is the program being developed to bridge the gap?

- Inputs
 - What do we need to achieve our goals?
 - ✓ Tables
 - ✓ VR Forms
- Outputs
 - What do we have to do to ensure our goals are met?
 - ✓ Create educational materials for students
 - ✓ Host voter registration drives
 - ✓ Communicate via Teams in between meetings
 - ✓ Host events that raise awareness for elections
 - ✓ Assign tasks to complete
 - Who needs to participate/be involved/ be reached?
 - ✓ Ricki Burgener

- ✓ Our Community Partners- LWV
- ✓ Other ASI branches and boards
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Clubs/organizations
- Outcomes - Impact
 - What do we think the participants will know, feel, or be able to do after participation in the program?
 - ✓ Students will know more information about voting
 - ✓ Students will be able to successfully fill out a ballot
 - ✓ Students will know more about the process of lobbying
 - How do we think the participants will behave or act differently after participation in the program?
 - ✓ Increased confidence when voting
 - ✓ Increase students voter turnout rate
 - What kind of impact can result if the participants behave or act differently after participation in the program?
 - ✓ The amount of students voting in elections will increase
 - ✓ Students will participate in government affairs
 - ✓ Students will attend Lobby Corps meetings.
 - ✓ Students will have a better understanding of the voting process

B. Discussion Item: Bills of Interest

Darwin

- AB 1602 - California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022
- AB XXXX - Financial Aid Reform
- AB 1671 – California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022

Julian

Mental Health

- SB 224 - Pupil Instruction: Mental Health Education
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB224
 This bill would require each school district, county office of education, state special school, and charter school that offers one or more courses in health education to pupils in middle school or high school to include in those courses instruction in mental health that meets the requirements of the bill, as specified.
- SB 465- Mental Health
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB465
 This bill would require the commission to report to specified legislative committees the outcomes for people receiving community mental health services under a full service partnership model, as specified, including any barriers to receiving the data and recommendations to strengthen California’s use of full service partnerships to reduce incarceration, hospitalization, and homelessness.

Higher Education

- AB 403 - Fair Access to College Textbooks Act
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB403
 This bill would establish the Fair Access to College Textbooks Act as part of the Donahoe Higher Education Act. The act would prohibit a campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, an independent institution of higher education, or a private postsecondary educational institution from assessing an automatic charge for instructional materials, as defined, to

a student, or enter into an agreement with a book publisher or other entity to assess the charge.

- AB 914- Public Post-Secondary Education: California State University: Proficiency Level of Entering Students

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB91

This bill would instead require the California State University to provide specified information to the Legislature about the placement of freshmen at each of its campuses for purposes of certain general education requirements in one report to be submitted by April 1 of each year. This placement information would include the number of freshmen at each campus, the freshmen's levels of placement for general education written communication and mathematics and quantitative reasoning, an analysis of the factors used by the university in its determination of freshmen's levels of placement, an analysis of any equity gaps by income, race, or ethnicity within and across the university's levels of placement, and the university's plan to address any such gaps.

Cameron

- SB 641 – CalFresh for College Students Act

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB641&search_keyw ords=student

- AB-417 Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB417&search_keyw ords=student

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Lobbying Training Exercise

Darwin gave a lobbying training and led a lobbying training exercise.

9. CLOSING COMMENTS

Aceves: will spring Lobby Corps meetings be virtual or in-person?

Darwin: spring meetings will be hyflex.

Darwin: directed board members to post their bills of interest on Teams.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Sierra Darwin adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.