



Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2016

4:30pm-6:00pm U-SU Board Room 303AB

Attendees: Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee & General Public

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 PM

b. Roll Call

Marcos Montes	Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Kayla Stamps	President	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Excused Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Leopoldo Saldaña	Vice President for Administration	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Bonnie Lee	Secretary/Treasure	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Alex Zhou	Campus Affairs Rep-at-Large	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Nathan Lee	Community Affairs Rep-at-Large	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Dylan Gunaratne	Legislative Affairs Student Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Present ◆ Excused Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late
Candy Noriega	Associate Justice	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Sammantha Moreno	Health and Human Services Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent ◆ Late <u>UnEX</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Intef Weser	Executive Director (Non-Voting)	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Marcus Rodriguez	Director of Programs and Leadership (non-voting)	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By: Bonnie Lee	Seconded by: Kayla Stamps
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>January 31, 2017</u> .	

All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: passed	failed
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d. Approval of Minutes (action):

Offered By:		Seconded by:					
Postponed							
All in Favor		Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the Executive Committee members.



III. Reports

3.1 Vice President for External Affairs & Advancement

- Marcos: CSSA was talking about bills, some reference to undocumented students and tuition increase. Board of Trustees meet today. I feel optimistic, there is no consensus on increase, and a lot of student support. The lobby Corps is doing great. San Francisco CSSA application due tomorrow. CHESS due application due next week on February 8th. Chess is good, get to meet legislators and staff.

3.2 Campus Affairs Rep-At-Large

- Marcos: Update on council?
- Alex: Other colleges are heading it, such as the NSS. We can send club wide emails
- Kayla: Clubs will be more efficient with the council.
- Bonnie Lee: If we get more leverage for funding with CCO attendance, will that help?
- Alex Zhou: A bit.

3.3 Community Affairs Rep-At-Large

- Nathan Lee: Epic community Service opportunities for A.S.I. go to schools to inform students of A.S.I. leadership quality.

Discussion

4.1 2017 Civic Learning And Democratic Engagement Meeting

- Marcos: Conference in Baltimore in June about civic engagement. NASPA. Try to attend and present to conference. We did submit a bid.

4.2 Spring Semester 2017 Initiatives

- Marcos: I am considering taking a project of informing students of what is going on in national level, because the only response is coming from the State. It will probably be a biweekly or monthly communication for students. A podcast

or newsletter to provide updates. One example will be information on Muslim ban affecting students. We will be careful with the information disclosed. We save some articles and designate a place to send them to, and placed in a newsletter. Can contact clubs and organizations who already represent and help their communities. Basically asking how we can support them. It is an important dialogue to have. Maybe team up with the University Times or Golden Eagle Productions.

- Bonnie Lee: When saying student perspective are you asking like a reaction to it or summary of how it will relate to us.
- Marcos Montes: It will be a summary of and how it relates to us. Not our opinion, just staying objective. Thoughts?
- Bonnie Lee: maybe short things, not time consuming.
- Alex Zhou: President Covino sent out an email the other day saying Cal State LA position. We should pressure Administration for more information.
- Marcos Montes: this committee should reach out see how we can get involved.
- Kayla Stamps: I like the idea of a podcast or going live. We can share on our Facebook, interact with students. Podcasts are cool too, like npr.
- Leo Saldana: it would be great to have a face to put to our information, like Lobby Corps.
- Kayla Stamps: We can ask for permission to live at the president's Tower.
- Marcos Montes: Intef we would like your thought on reporting information of National level issues to our students, while staying objective.
- Intef Weser: We can do that. We definitely have to use our website as a platform. It is a lot of time and energy. Coming up with a time line, executing, responsibilities. Think about the best way to do it.
- Bonnie Lee: We can reach out to Golden Eagle Productions.
- Marcos Montes: we need a way to link and work together as one. Last comments?

4.3 Bill Updates

- Marcos Montes: Bill about Pilot Programs start with students from Elementary through community college through Cal State. That's one Bill, more of idea right now, not really detail. I'll send you a link where you can search up the bills and see how you feel about it. Intef, can we do resolution to oppose a candidate?
- Intef Weser: I think that will probably be okay.
- Bonnie Lee: What if you oppose or for a certain candidate? Do we send a letter to that person? It has to be sent to our Senate.
- Intef Weser: Is there going to be appointments done?

- Marcos Montes: it's been slowed down. It something we can consider on the next agenda. Marcos Montes: I'll send you all an email, today I do not have much detail right now

4.4 Environmental Scan for Strategic Planning

- Intef Weser: We are discussing the future of A.S.I. We can create a little space for this committee when it comes to legislation, impact form the state level. What do you think of this committee for five years?
- Marcos Montes: Things we consider for this committee are opportunities, strength and even threats for the next five years. I'll start. Civic Engagement, but providing students with the right tools to be civically engaged even after graduating. Maybe involves motivating students to do public service. Never dream too small, always dream bigger.
- Leo Saldana: Make it A.S.I.'s responsibility to inform students.
- Marcos Montes: Linking the Lobby Corps more to this committee. A little more official, and more apart of A.S.I.
- Leo Saldana: In just this committee? Or all of A.S.I. as well?
- Marcos Montes: the whole organization, yes. Let us talk about threats.
- Bonnie Lee: Inflation, rise of tuition cost.
- Kayla Stamps: Trump's policy on immigration.
- Bonnie Lee: Maybe that will be a four-year plan to prevent a candidate that's not favored.
- Marcos Montes: Voter registration and Engagement. Private education. How will affect the fee? Pell grant dismissal.
- Intef Weser: Yes, that would affect us. For profit schools are scary.
- Bonnie Lee: Involvement in governor election, or major elections.
- Marcos Montes: How do we get back on the state level. Expanding and continuing to grow. Like the Downtown Campus.
- Intef Weser: We really do not have a presence there.
- Marcos Montes: Building relationship with CSSA, Chancellor, Board of Trustees and being able to lobby them. Specifically, renovations.
- Bonnie Lee: Detailed responsibility to show what organization or position is responsible and how relationships are mapped.
- Marcos Montes: A way for students to understands our position. Basically understanding the CSU System. I want to really focus on the relationship building so we can be heard, and get a response. Be on their radar. I felt during VRD, I could not get a response and was lost.

4.5 Lobby Corps Budget

- Intef Weser: Two areas that the President and VPX have more control over, are for travel to CSSA attendance.

Lobby visits are for mileage, when visiting a representative by driving. We are doing an audit for travel. Chess is

really good because there are developmental tracks to it, but the goal is talking to representatives. Campus funding allocation, and there really was not money allocated for campus and community affairs but it was found from budget priorities, not lobby. Prioritize now for the budget of 2017-2018.

- Marcos Montes; What is the line item of civic engagement suggest?
- Intef Weser: Voter registration, etc. Lobby Corps recruitment and training.
- Bonnie Lee: Will there always be 11 CSSA meetings a year?
- Marcos Montes: Yes, except December.
- Intef Weser: CSSA asked we sponsor CSUnity. CSSA is now going to dedicate staff and funds to CSUnity. Fresno volunteered. That is, it for budget.

IV. Adjournment

Offered By: Bonnie Lee		Seconded by: Alex Zhou				
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	None	Abstained	None	Motion: passed failed

Associated Students, Inc.
 Legislative and Advocacy Committee Meeting
Summary of Actions Taken
 Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

I. Organizational Items:

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	Bonnie Lee	Seconded by:	Kayla Stamps			
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Tuesday, January 31, 2017.</u>						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: passed failed

II Adjournment

Offered By:	Bonnie Lee	Seconded by:	Alex Zhou			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	None	Abstained	None	Motion: passed failed

VIII. CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **Legislative Affairs and Advancement COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the U-SU 303AB. Approved by the A.S.I. Legislative Affairs and Advancement Committee on:_____

Prepared by:
Leopoldo Saldaña
Vice Chair

Confirmed by:

Secretary/Treasurer