



Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017

3:15pm-4:30pm U-SU Board Room 303AB

Attendees: Committee Members, General Public, and Lobby Corps

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 PM

b. Roll Call

Marcos Montes	<i>Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement</i>	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
David Zitser	President	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Late <u>4:33pm</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
David Garcia	Vice President for Administration	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Neyda Umana	VP for Academic Governance	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Joshua Salazar	Campus Affairs Rep-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused Late <u>3:21pm</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Yessenia Villacorta	Community Affairs Rep-at-Large	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Jacquelyn Acosta	<i>Academic Senator</i>	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Deborah Ascencion	<i>College of Natural and Social Science</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Luis Andres	Local Lobby Corps Officer	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Marcial Romero	State Lobby Corps Officer	◆ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Government Affairs and Leadership Programs (non-voting)</i>	◆ 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: David Garcia	Seconded by: Jacquelyn Acosta						
Motion to approve the Adoption of Agenda for <u>Tuesday, September 5, 2017</u> with added changes.							
Amendment Offered by: Marcial Romero							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add discussion 3.4 for Lobby Reps to Report - 6 In Favor 1 Abstained (Passed) 							
All in Favor	7	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	Passed

d. Approval of Minutes (action):

Offered By:	N/A	Seconded by:	N/A
No minutes to approve for Tuesday, September 5, 2017.			
All in Favor		Opposed	
		Abstained	
Motion:			

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

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

- None.

III. Reports

3.1 Vice President for External Affairs & Advancement

- Marcos – CSSA (3 committees) Campus support to support undocumented students, government actions, and the next step to support the Dream Act of 2017.
- The Dream Act of 2017- they are exploring options to support (i.e. scholarships, hiring students through independent contractors, and Chancellors office as a liaison.)
- Jacquelyn - Is CSU's partnering with UC's?
- Marcos – CSU's are a state agency and are not independent like the UC system. The state is suing Trump.
- Marcial- Once expired, what can we do if they are no longer students?
- Marcos- There is danger because student assistants, faculty, and DACA students can potentially lose their jobs.

3.2 Campus Affairs Representative

- Planning on meeting with Mariel, Title IX Coordinator on Friday, September 22, 2017 to possibly collaborate on a Domestic Violence event this Fall Semester. Looking
- Working with Neyda- surveying the students to bring those issues to the Open Deliberation

3.3 Community Affairs Representative

- Helping Neyda and Joshua, surveying students for the Open Deliberation event. Will be bringing the Ask Big Questions Challenge.
- Up to Ups Competition- "Trick or Debt" tabling event on Fiscal Debt (October 26, 2017).
- Neyda- At what time?
- Yessenia- 3:30pm-6:00pm
- Helping with the NVRD event on September 26th, 2017

3.4 Lobby Corps Officers

- Marcial- Student Affairs- urgent to assist undocumented students to renew their DACA application. They are trying to reach out to this students.
- Search Committee for Dreamers Research Center- there is going to be student representation in t- Might he committee.
- Marcos- Suggestion- Work with ASI, Neyda in particular, to sit students in the Search Committee. Marcus?
- Marcial- It will be discussed in the Executive Committee.
- Marcus- Suggest Neyda to reach out to Jennifer, to get the timeline and when they will meet. Then give that information to Marcial. Find out if they are okay with the partnership first.
- Marcos- Should we get involved?
- Marcus- Students have been part of Search committees. We should see what Jennifer has on plan, and suggest collaborating.
- Luis- U-Pass support.
- David- Requested to report. Not in agenda.

IV. Old Business

4.1 Standing Action Item- The committee will consider and appoint candidates for the ASI Lobby Corps.

- ✦ Marcos – Three candidates for Campus Lobby Corps officer. Appointment for next agenda. Received the applications the day before.
- ✦ Marcial- What are their names?
- ✦ Marcos- Candy, Christian Garcia, and another student at large.

4.2 Action Item- The committee will review Policy 014- LAAC Code of Procedure.

- ✦ Marcos- Carried from previous agenda. Creating and restructuring the positions for Campus and Community Affairs.
- ✦ Marcos- Any suggestions for both positions? For Civic Engagement and Diversity and Inclusion Officer.
- ✦ Joshua- Suggest opening to all ASI members to provide feedback. Wants to work with OSD office.
- ✦ Neyda- Suggest for one of them to be a connector to all campus community, club meets and visits and keeping in tune with all student groups on campus. Civic Engagement can participate with political process.
- ✦ Marcial- Civic Engagement position can be the point person with PBI and Vice Provost.
- ✦ Marcos- Suggest Inclusion Officer should the point person to Vice Provost since he focusses in campus climate.
- ✦ David- Civic Officer should build relationships with Campus (I. e., faculty and students that are working on these initiatives). Diversity Officer need to represent their students (I. e. Transfer, dreamers, and underrepresented students).
- ✦ Marcus- In the College Representatives meeting, David gave College Reps to be the point person to other departments in CSULA. We need to work with Neyda and David to choose point persons.
- ✦ Marcos- Do you recommend a specific department to be point persons?
- ✦ Marcus- Look at the list first for student representation. Establish task force and working groups. ASI needs to be cleared on specific job duties.
- ✦ Marcos- Elections are coming up so we need to finish the specific duties soon.
- ✦ Luis- The position seem similar, should they be one position?
- ✦ Marcos- They are different because Diversity officer, will be involved in inclusion of students. To make sure everyone fees represented. Civic Officer- increasing political participation and to help prepare for civic life after college.
- ✦ Marcus- Inclusion Officer will focus on community groups are marginalized and making sure they have a voice. Civic Life- Finding functions for civic life in the city.
- ✦ Marcial- Will it overlap for the Diversity Officer?
- ✦ Marcos- No because it will be for marginalized people,

- Yessenia- Diversity officer will be the point person for the Civic Engagement officer on what is going on campus to bring appropriate community events.
- Marcos- We are trying to differentiate the positions.
- Marcos- Is there a motion?

Offered by:	Marcial	Seconded by:	Neyda			
Motion to table to next LAAC meeting on October 2, 2017.						
All in Favor	All- 7 Votes	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

4.3 Action Item- Resolution in Support of the Dream Act of 2017.

- Marcos – Committee will vote on a resolution in support of the Dream Act of 2017. Suggestions for the resolution?
- Marcos- Resolution to declare our support for the Dream Act: to reinstate the benefits of DACA. There are three phases, first to apply for conditional permanent residency (8 YEARS), then for lawful permanent resident (5 years), then eligible to apply for citizenship.
- Marcos- discussions or motion?

Offered By:	David Garcia	Seconded by:	Neyda Umana			
Amendment Offered by Yessenia Villacorta Second: Joshua Salazar						
- Remove "stands in solidarity", and combine the first and second resolved.						
Motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Dream Act of 2017 with added changes.						
All in Favor	All-7 Votes	Opposed	None	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

- Neyda- First page third to last "Whereas," add "ed" to "gather."
- Neyda- Second page, second "Whereas," Is the first word of each sentence supposed to be capitalized?
- Neyda- Rethinking the word, "young adults" with "students" or "undocumented students" on the first resolve on the third page, and add a period to the third to last resolve after nine-digit number.
- Marcos- A resolution is supposed to be one paragraph sentence.
- Marcos- Called it young adults since they had to enter before the age of eighteen.
- Marcial- How about immigrants?
- Marcos- Too broad. Congress is not going to support all immigrants. Undocumented dreamers?
- Neyda- To use individuals or immigrants can still make our point in the resolution.
- Marcial- Undocumented illegals?
- Marcos- No

- ✦ Neyda- Does not agree with young adults since it sounds like teenagers.
- ✦ Marcos- Marcus?
- ✦ Marcus- If you support the Dream Act then you support those associated and affected by the Dream Act. Remove "stand in solidarity, " and combine with the next Resolve sentence.

4.4 Action Item- Letter to Metro Regarding the U-Pass program.

- ✦ Marcos- The committee will vote on the letter. Letter was taken by Luis. Edits made by me and then Marcus.
- ✦ Luis- Last Paragraph "And we applaud these efforts," trying to remove "and" with "These." Add "more" before affordable. Replace "to" with the word "with"
- ✦ Luis- Second and third paragraph, there is a lot of math but it is important to have.
- ✦ Marcos- Is there a motion?

Offered By:	Neyda Umana	Seconded by:	Joshua Salazar			
Amendment Offered by Luis Andres Second: Joshua Salazar - Change in the last Paragraph "And we applaud these efforts," with "These efforts are commendable but." Also, replace "to" with the word "with" Amendment Offered by Neyda Umana Second: Joshua Salazar - Change Zitzer to Zitser Motion to approve the Letter to Metro Regarding the U-Pass program with added changes.						
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- ✦ Marcos- Should we add more?
- ✦ Neyda- We need to be firmer with Metro, so don't add more.
- ✦ Joshua- Prefers to add "more."
- ✦ Luis- Prefers more because it is the same plan as other colleges.
- ✦ Marcos- Meeting ends at 4:45pm.
- ✦ Rene- Tried to extend time
- ✦ David- Prefers not to add "more" so that they don't question what is affordable.
- ✦ Jacquelyn- Does not want "more" because they will try to negotiate.
- ✦ Marcial- Does Carmen know?
- ✦ Marcus- It is not a secret, we told Carmen about the letter.

4.5 Information Item- National Voter Registration Day on September 26, 2017

- ✦ Marcus- Andrew send the email with the volunteers. We will have tickets and shirts for the event.

- ✦ Joshua- Will be tabling all day with the survey for Open Deliberation.
- ✦ Neyda- Will be there from 12:05pm to 1:30pm
- ✦ Yessenia- Will be there for the whole event.
- ✦ Jacquelyn- Will be there from 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- ✦ Marcial- Will be there from 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- ✦ David G- Dr. Parker's students want to be part of the event.
- ✦ Neyda- Where?
- ✦ Marcos- USU Plaza

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Amendment Offered by Marcial Romero						
- Move Table 5.1 and 5.2 for next LAAC meeting.						
All in Favor	All-8 Votes	Opposed	None	Abstained	1 vote	Motion: Passed

New Business

5.3 Discussion Item- Advocacy Clinic and brainstorm ideas for the event and assign roles.

- ✦ Marcos- I will be with in San Jose advocating. The clinic replaces a LAAC meeting.
- ✦ Yessenia- What day?
- ✦ Marcos- Clinic will be on Oct. 17
- ✦ Joshua- He will support the Clinic.
- ✦ David- He is happy to do it.
- ✦ Rene- Do you feel comfortable to do the clinic without you?
- ✦ Marcos- He will create a template for the clinic so we can still do it.
- ✦ David G- Recommends a group chat and invite working groups so that everyone feels supportive.
- ✦ Marcos- He will create a plan.

Adjournment

Offered By:	Marcos	Seconded by:	N/A			
Adjourn the meeting at 4:52pm						
All in Favor	N/A	Opposed	None	Abstained	None	Motion: Passed

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CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **Legislative Affairs and Advancement Committee** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Tuesday, September 19TH, 2017 in the U-SU 303AB. Approved by the A.S.I. Legislative Affairs and Advancement Committee on: October 3, 2017.

Prepared by:

Yessenia Villacorta
Vice Chair

Confirmed by:

Secretary/Treasurer