



# Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, September 6, 2016

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM U-SU Board Room #203

Attendees: Vice President for External Affairs & Advancement, Reps-at-Large, Appointed Member & General Public

## I. Organizational Items:

### a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM

### b. Roll Call

Marcos Montes	<i>Vice President for External Affairs &amp; Advancement (VPEAA)</i>	XPresent
Alex Zhao	Campus Affairs - Rep-at-Large	XPresent
Nathan Lee	Community Affairs - Rep-at-Large	XPresent
Kayla Stamps	President	XPresent
Leopoldo Saldana	Vice President for Administration	XPresent
Princess Josephine Umayam	<i>JRC Representative (non-voting)</i>	XPresent
Intef W. Weser	<i>Executive Director (non-voting)</i>	XPresent
Marcus Rodriguez	<i>Director of Programs and Leadership (non-voting)</i>	XPresent
Guests of the Gallery	Aaron Castaneda, Jeovany Aguilar, Bonnie Lee	

### c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	Leopoldo Saldana	Seconded by:	Nathan Lee
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Thursday, September 6, 2016.</u>			
All in Favor	4	Opposed	0
		Abstained	0
Motion: PASSED			

### d. Approval of Minutes (action):

- ✚ Marcos Montes: Approval of minutes will be suspended for next meeting.

## II. Public Forum/Announcement:

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

- Aaron Castaneda: I've been attending CSSA the last 4 months and am passionate about it. I want to continue to attend CSSA monthly meetings in order to become an executive member in the future.
- Marcos Montes: Criteria to attend CSSA will be discussed in 4.1 (4a) and 4.2 (4b) of today's agenda.

### III. Reports

- a. Vice President for External Affairs & Advancement – Marcos Montes
  - CSSA system wide committee available for A.S.I. applicants to apply. Deadline is September 11, 2016, 11:59PM online.
- b. Committee Members  
-NONE-

### IV. Old Business

- a. California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) Attendance
- b. California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary Meeting Attendance
  - Marcos Montes: Criteria for Attending CSSA, CHESS, Lobbying Trips Criteria handout is an outline drafted of what we look for participants traveling with me and Kayla to these events. There are 2 additional positions available for travel. This is a great opportunity for people to attend committees for the system wide committees.

- o **Criteria for Attending CSSA, CHESS, Lobbying Trips (action):**

Offered By:	Kayla Stamps	Seconded by:	Nathan Lee				
Motion to approve the Criteria for Attending CSSA, CHESS, Lobbying Trips.							
All in Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	PASSED

- c. Setting Legislative Priorities
  - Marcos Montes: Prioritize increasing CSULA presence at the state level such as CSSA. We will act on it in the next committee.

### V. New Business

- a. Vice Chair Appointment
  - Leopoldo Saldana: Can we review the duties and responsibilities of Vice Chair for this committee.
  - Marcos Montes pulls up Legislative Code of Procedures Policy 14, Section 4 and Vice Chair responsibilities is read aloud.
  - Leopoldo Saldana states his interest.

- o **Vice Chair Appointment (action):**

Offered By:	Kayla Stamps	Seconded by:	Nathan Lee			
Motion to appoint Leopoldo Saldana as Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs.						
All in Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: PASSED

b. BRIEF: Letter of Support RE: AB 801 (Bloom)

- Kayla Stamps: This is a letter of support for a bill that assists homeless students who encounter obstacles preventing them in succeeding academically in school. It provides them priority registration, fee waivers, and other support services. There's a bill for Governor Brown to sign and this letter is to show support for this bill.
- Marcos Montes: This bill is being reviewed by Governor Brown and this letter is to show support for this bill as it allows students to overcome barriers they face. This is an example of what we can do to advocate, by drafting letters to support, oppose, or have neutral positions for issues.
- Marcus Rodriguez: Drafting letters show a need and support.

c. PRACTICE: Bill Analysis RE: AB 1224 (Baker)

- Marcos Montes: This is an example of how a bill is written, digest, it's summary, and bill text, which are the bills codes. Once a bill is drafted, it allows legislative to vote for it. This particular bill allows students financial aid to match inflation instead of the school tuition. Let's analyze the pros and cons for this bill and whether we should support or oppose it.
- Nathan Lee: What does it mean by capping the monetary value students receive?
- Marcus Montes: It's a cap that reflects inflation and may differ every year.
- Kayla Stamps: This is not good because financial aid is dependent on inflation and students are effected as they may not receive adequate aid if it changes every year.
- Marcos Montes: Currently, aid covers full tuition and a little more. For example, when the recession hit, school tuition increased but Cal Grant was increased also to match tuition. It really effected students who did not receive Cal Grant.
- Marcus Rodriguez: You may vote for a bill, against a bill, or create a resolution, then campaign to spread awareness about it. To spread awareness for students, we can craft a resolution and summarize the bill in a digestible format.
- Marcos Montes: How do we vote on a bill's resolution?
- Marcus Rodriguez: We can craft a resolution in support or against a bill and propose to the Board of Directors (Board). With the bill analysis, we can present to students about how a certain bill effects them by providing them info. Afterwards, we may take our resolution to either compose a letter, campaign it, or take an action in response to advocate this bill.

- Marcos Montes: Once we establish our positions, we can create a safe center list, or potential Allies, as a point of contact in support of our analysis.
- Kayla Stamps: After establishing positions of the bill, what's the next step?
- Marcos Montes: We can recommend the resolution to the Board for approval. Once approved, we can post or spread awareness to the students.
- Marcus Rodriguez: There are strength in numbers. Once we have a connection with other schools, we can connect with them and we can each create our own resolutions then collectively compile them and send out to appropriate avenues for leverage.
- Marcos Montes: For Legislative Committee, it'll be back in session in December and people in the committee will write legislations to propose and discuss for action. As students we are empowered here and in CSSA to be able to influence the policy making world.

- Motion to Extend Discussion of PRACTICE: Bill Analysis RE: AB 1224 (Baker) for 7

**Additional Minutes (action):**

<b>Offered By:</b>	Kayla Stamps	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Leopoldo Saldana			
Motion to extend discussion for 7 additional minutes.						
<b>All in Favor</b>	4	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b> PASSED

- Leopoldo Saldana: Does college tuition change due to inflation?
- Marcos Montes: I believe tuition does not change with inflation which allows CSU to be affordable.
- Kayla Stamps: Assume inflation increases and financial aid is capped where it may pay for the students full tuition, what can we do if that were to happen?
- Marcos Montes: Unfortunately, higher education has limited state assistance. CSSA has advocated and gained more funding for higher education but that may not be enough.
- Kayla Stamps: What's Marcos Montes opinion about this legislation.
- Marcos Montes: I would vote against it because by tying inflation and financial aid assistance would cause a lot of fluctuation in what we can offer to the students every year. When this legislation was proposed, it was to save the State money where students pay the difference in tuition. This billed died quickly but it's a good bill to analyze.

- Motion to Vote in Opposition of the Bill: AB 1224 (Baker) (action):

<b>Offered By:</b>	Leopoldo Saldana	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Kayla Stamps			
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Motion to vote in opposition of the Bill: AB 1224 (Baker).

<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Motion:</b> PASSED
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- Marcos Montes: Afterwards, we will send a recommendation to the board and why we oppose the bill.

d. Los Angeles Measure M

- Marcus Rodriguez: This measure was proposed by Metro. We have to analyze it critically because when it passes, it takes two-thirds vote majority to overturn, which tends to be very difficult. We have to take account whether public transportation include a higher education component. The reason is because, as a CSULA student, we are more concerned whether it services the area where students reside to and from and if it mentions any student ridership. For such a large matter, instead of creating a resolution, we can educate students by creating a packet of relevant information that may effect students so they may take their own stance.
- Kayla Stamps: Express lanes are used to control traffic but they are also exclusively for people who can afford to pay.
- Leopoldo Saldana: There a lot of expansion Metro is undertaking and I feel we need to look at all the components and analyze this bill individually.

o Motion to Extend 10 additional minutes to discuss Los Angeles Measure M (action):

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Kayla Stamps</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Leopoldo Saldana</b>
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- Marcus Rodriguez: We have to consider the County's perspective because while it may benefit many people, it may also entirely overlook other groups of people or cities.
- Leopoldo Saldana: Against the expansion of the express lane but for the rails, we need to carefully consider.
- Marcos Montes: Word of caution, expanding rails may gentrify the cities it services. Some questions to consider are to consider the perspective using when analyzing this measure and whether to draft a resolution or a packet.
- Kayla Stamps: Can we do a case study or get more information from Metro?
- Marcus Rodriguez: May be difficult to get a comprehensive analysis of this measure as we would need Metro to present the case and any groups or organization to counter this measure in order to educate the students on both sides of the matter.
- Marcos Montes: We can do a townhall to explore more avenues after the voter registration even. Then we can draft questions to educate and engage students.
- Marcus Rodriguez: This is an opportunity we can engage faculty to assist in making questions.

**VI. Adjournment**

- o **Motion to Adjourn meeting at 5:46 PM (action):**

<b>Offered By:</b>	Leopoldo Saldana	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Kayla Stamps			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM.						
<b>All in Favor</b>	4	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b> PASSED

Meeting adjourn at 5:46 PM.

Associated Students, Inc.  
Executive Committee Meeting  
**Summary of Actions Taken**  
Friday, August 8, 2014

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**IV Action Items**

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**V. New Business**

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## VII. CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Friday, August 8, 2014 in the U-SU 303AB. Approved by the A.S.I. Executive Committee on:\_\_\_\_\_.

Prepared by:

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Recording Secretary

Confirmed by:

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**Bonnie Lee**  
Secretary/Treasurer

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