



Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 8, 2014

2 – 4 pm U-SU Alhambra Room 305

Attendees: Legislative Affairs Committee, Lobby Corps & General Public

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

b. Roll Call

Shane Vera	<i>President</i>	Excused Absent
Sasha Perez	Vice-President for External Affairs and Advancement	[X] Present
Nicholas Carrillo	Vice-President for Academic Governance	[X] Present
Alina Carmona	NSS College Representative	[X] Present
Nancy Flores	HHS College Representative	[X] Absent
Uriel Serrano	<i>Graduate Academic Senator</i>	[X] Present
Cecilia Villarreal	Housing Commissioner	[X] Present
Penelope Mendez	Student At-Large Representative	[X] Present
Vacant	<i>JRC Representative (non-voting)</i>	Vacant
Marcus Rodriguez		[X] Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	Nicholas Carrillo	Seconded by:	Cecilia Villarreal					
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Friday, August 8th, 2014.</u> Discussion: None								
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	[X] passed	failed

d. Approval of Minutes (action): Approval of minutes for August 8th

Offered By:	Alina Carmona	Seconded by:	Nicholas Carrillo					
Item was tabled. Motion to approve the minutes for August 8 th , moved by Nicholas and seconded by Alina.								
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	[X] passed	failed

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

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

III. Reports

- ✦ Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement: Sasha Perez
- ✦ a. CSUnity and California State Student Association: Sasha reported on the CSUnity conference and provided updates on the Sonoma State California State Student Association. Sasha reported that they have begun creating their policy agenda for the year. The policy agenda is the legislation that CSSA will primarily focus on during its annual lobbying trip in Sacramento. If they would like to recommend legislation for CSSA to have on their policy agenda then please bring it to the committee for further discussion.
- ✦ b. Conference call with National Campus Leadership Council: Sasha reported that her conference call with other student leaders across the state ranging from the CSU to the UC's about Sexual Assault Prevention and college affordability. She discussed replicating what other campus's do in regards to their sexual assault prevention by doing workshops on what sexual assault prevention, awareness events, ally training etc. She discussed having town halls to inform students about where their student fees are going and/or surveying students to see where they think and would like there fee's to go.
- ✦ c. Service Learning Projects: Sasha reported to the committee on her meeting with Taffany Lin on having more service learning projects. She discussed working with community organizations such as the neighborhood council to establish a stronger CSULA presence in the community. Sasha commented that we used to have service learning trips where we would take students to Yuma to help clean the reservation and learn about the culture there.

IV. Action

a. Policy 014-Legislative Affairs Committee Code of Procedure

- ✦ The Committee voted on approving the Lobby Corps Officer positions
- ✦ Sasha provided an overview of why she is recommending approving the Lobby Corps Officer positions.
- ✦ Sasha commented that there are 3 Lobby Corps officer positions we would be approving. The State Lobby Corps officer, the Local Lobby Corps Officer and the Campus Lobby Corps Officer. The State Lobby Corps Officer would work with the legislative affairs representative on statewide legislation and lobbying efforts. They would work with the Legislative Affairs Representative on System wide campaigns and collaboration with other campuses. Sasha then if

Nicholas would like to comment on the other two positions since the committee had been discussing this since last year.

- Nicholas commented on the Local and Campus Lobby Corps Officers. The Local Lobby Corps Officer position would work with local representatives and campuses in building a stronger relationship and partnerships. They would work with the Legislative Affairs Representative on local lobbying efforts and creating fruitful relationships with community organizations in order for us to engage and support the community around us. The campus lobby corps officer would work on campus to identify departments and administrators that we would like to keep an open and positive relationship with. This position would be invaluable for keeping the committee up to date on major campus developments that may have been influenced by legislation of that the committee may want to weigh in on. They will also help with recruitment efforts for the Lobby Corps.

Offered By:	Cecilia Villarreal	Seconded by:	Penelope Mendez			
Vote Tally:	Motion to approve the Lobby Corps Officers positions. Motioned by Cecilia and Seconded by Penelope.					
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: [X] passed failed

b. Vice-Chair Appointment: The committee voted on appointing a vice-chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee

Sasha provided a brief explanation to the committee of what the vice-chair would do. She then proceeded to ask if anyone would like to be the vice-chair

Nicholas nominated himself to be vice-chair. Nicholas commented why he would like to be vice-chair. He would like to continue his work with the Legislative Affairs Representative and believes that his experience with the position last year would be a valuable resource that the Chair and committee can look to for support.

There were no other nominations.

Offered By:	Cecilia	Seconded by:	Nicholas			
The motion was to approve Nicholas Carrillo as the vice-chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee. The motion was moved by Cecilia and seconded by Nicholas						
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed		Abstained		Motion: [X] passed failed

V. Discussion

- CSSA Resolution in support of CSU Wide Ethnic Studies Requirement: Sasha provided an overview of what ethnic studies is and that Campuses are looking to get a system wide Ethnic Studies requirement. She commented that they are still in their preliminary stages of the discussion but would like to hear feedback on the issue.
- Nicholas commented that it would be an interesting idea but I would like to hear more information on it because it would seem harder to implement since some campuses already have an effective ethnic studies program while others do not and it would be interesting to see which ethnicities they would require to study.

■ National Voter Registration Drive (NVRD): Sasha reported that we will be having voter registration trainings by the County Registrar's Office and for all committee members to come. It will most likely take place during National Voter Registration Day on September 23rd. She updated the committee on the NVRD event, that she has contacted local offices to attend the event as well.

■ Adjournment

Offered By:	Cecilia Villarreal	Seconded by:	Nicholas Carrillo			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at __ 4 :00 _____pm.						
Vote Tally:	Motion to adjourn at 4pm. Moved by Cecilia and seconded by Nicholas. Motion was approved by consensus.					
All in Favor		Opposed		Abstained		Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed <input type="checkbox"/> failed

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Associated Students, Inc.
Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Committee
Summary of Actions Taken
Friday, August 8th, 2014

I. Organizational Items:

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	Nicholas Carrillo	Seconded by:	Cecilia Villarreal					
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Friday, August 8th, 2014</u> . The motion was moved by Nicholas and seconded by Cecilia Discussion: None								
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed	failed

d. Approval of Minutes (action): Approval of minutes for August 8th

Offered By:	Nicholas Carrillo	Seconded by:	Alina Carmona					
Motion to approve the minutes for August 8 th , moved by Nicholas and seconded by Alina. Motion was approved by consensus.								
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed	failed

IV. Action Items

Policy 014-Legislative Affairs Committee Code of Procedure

- A. The Committee voted on approving the Lobby Corps Officer positions
- Sasha provided an overview of why she is recommending the proposed policy changes.

Offered By:	Cecilia Villarreal	Seconded by:	Penelope Mendez					
Vote Tally:	Motion to approve the Lobby Corps Officers positions. Motioned by Cecilia and Seconded by Penelope.							
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed	failed

e. Vice-Chair Appointment: The committee voted on appointing a vice-chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee

Offered By:	Cecilia Villarreal	Seconded by:	Nicholas Carrillo					
The motion was to approve Nicholas Carrillo as the vice-chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee. The motion was moved by								
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed		Abstained		Motion:	passed	failed

VI. Adjournment

Offered By:	Cecilia Villarreal	Seconded by:	Nicholas Carrillo					
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.								
Vote Tally:	Motion to adjourn at 4pm. Moved by Cecilia and seconded by Nicholas. Motion was approved by consensus.							
All in Favor	Consensus	Opposed		Abstained		Motion:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed	failed

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **Legislative Affairs Committee** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Friday, August 8th, 2014 in the U-SU Alhambra Room 305. Approved by the A.S.I. Legislative Affairs Committee on: October 17, 2014.

Prepared by:

Recording Secretary
Nicholas Carrillo

Confirmed by:

Ruth Ramos

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