



LOBBY CORPS MEETING
October 7, 2021
4:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order- 4:30 PM
- II.** Roll Call- Sidra, Kathryn, Nathan, Ellen, Alexandra, Lexi, Samantha
- III.** Approval of Minutes of 9/23/21 Meeting
 - a. Moved by Samantha, Seconded by Alexandra. Approved.
- IV.** Guest Speaker – Federal & State Advocacy

Nathan Dietrich, Associate Vice President, Public Affairs & Advocacy at CSUS

 - a. Nathan focuses on government relations at the state and federal level, while also working with the downtown campus and Anchor University. He talked to us about what the university is doing in terms of advocacy. Wants to work with Lobby Corps, where he supports us and we can help his office in advocacy efforts. There is overlap, and sometimes we may have differing opinions. Has met with ASI President Samantha, Legislative Affairs Coordinator Sidra, and has worked with CSSA Liaison Kathryn and is excited to work with all of Lobby Corps again.
 - i. Updates on where bills are that Sac State supported last year. Big things were the budget and AB940. A mental health bill introduced by Assemblymember McCarty. Nathan receives a copy of the resolution

passed by ASI, and then sends the resolutions in support of legislation to the legislators that represents students at the Sac State campus. What we do matters, and the messages are conveyed to our legislators. In terms of advocacy visits, it will be virtual meetings for the short term, and Nathan will call on Lobby Corps for student representatives. Lobby Day in May will hopefully be in person. The timing is important as this is when the legislative cycle really picks up, and is right before the budget is approved. The meetings will start with a policy briefing and what Sac State is doing well, as it is a good strategy to show the legislators why they should fund us. They are trying to do an alumni box lunch to get more Sac State pride at the capital while also reaching legislators. Can be one day or a number of days, and this is a priority for Nathan. Wants support and partnership with ASI and Lobby Corps.

- ii. Updates on bills: Menstrual products bill. AB 1456 unlikely to be signed by the governor, which is unfortunate since students put so much work into this. Keep this as a priority for this year.
- iii. Federal level: pushing for Pell Grant expansion and doubling the Pell, ASI can get involved in it and work alongside the UC in these advocacy efforts, as it is a national movement that would help all college students. Congress is proposing a \$500 increase to Pell introduced in the House, which is only 1/3 of what president Biden proposed.
- iv. Federal: Undocumented students get access to financial aid.
- v. Get involved: get involved with Lobby Corps to start your career in politics! Nathan wants to be supportive in getting students to join Lobby Corps.
- vi. City Issues: Housing. Supporting homeless and hungry students, councilmembers that cover Sac State, want to support food pantry.
- vii. Redistricting- Opportunity to engage with the redistricting commission and share with them what you think community interest is in Sacramento. Redrawing lines for congressional constituencies, which will have political implications.

viii. Congressional contacts: if we want meetings, Nathan can support us in that effort if we want to invite them into Lobby Corps or push our priorities.

b. Question from student: Why will AB 1456 not pass?

i. The governor may deem it duplicative, too costly, and too complicated.

c. Will try and get members/staff on campus. Best way to get them on our side is to get them engaged. Opportunity to meet representatives next Tuesday, October 12 as McCarty is coming to the Well reopening.

d. Advice for someone who has not lobbied → be patient and be authentic. Effective strategy: patient, develop a relationship on a personal level with members and staff and an issue level. Can start now. Students are the best advocates for themselves and for the university. Students are proof why they should do the right thing, be authentic in who you are, it gets their attention.

e. Nathan will send us CSU legislative agenda

i. How does CSU, CO, and Sac State differ in their advocacy?

1. CSU and CO pretty much on same page. Will adopt priorities and a budget request. Campus: if they feel very differently from the CO, Sac state can oppose it, but will be thoughtful and strategic.

f. Nathan emphasized the importance of support from Sen Pan and Asm McCarty, as they both are in influential positions in the state legislature.

V. Introduction of new members

a. Name, major, and what you hope to get out of Lobby Corps

i. New members introduced themselves.

VI. Presentation by Kathryn Webb on CSSA

a. See attached presentation

VII. Discussion of Lobby Corps Recruitment Ideas

a. Have been emailing political science professors, making students aware, doing classroom presentations.

- i. Ideas: tabling, social media, directing students to the website.
- ii. Some members found out through other centers on campus.
- iii. Tabling would be a great way to get students involved. Focus on recruiting freshmen and sophomores, and transfer students. Emphasize this is great for an introduction to politics.
- iv. Ask for department/college chairs to include in their emails that promote scholarships and internships, since more students read these emails.

VIII. New Business

- a. Research on Higher Education Bills from 2021 Legislative Cycle
 - i. Want to give Lobby Corps members the opportunity to analyze their own bills and report back to Lobby Corps. Oct. 10 is the deadline for governor to sign. Goal for next meeting is to have Lobby Corps members research a bill in CA, and tell us about it! Tell us if it was signed, and if it wasn't, why? Bring back your research to the next meeting on October 27th.

IX. Announcements

- a. Lobby Corps is virtual for fall 2021 to increase student accessibility. Next semester we will reevaluate, 70% forecasted in person for next semester. It will be the same Zoom link for the rest of the semester.
- b. Attend CSSA this Saturday, October 9th from 9:30-3:30 PM!

X. Adjournment- 5:26 PM

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