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- I. Call to Order 4:34PM
- II. Roll Call Sidra Nawaz, Coleton Matics
- III. Approval of Minutes from 11/4/21 Meeting Postponed until next meeting.
- IV. Guest Speaker Career in Advocacy
 Sarah Couch, Legislative Director at California State Senate
 - a. Sarah graduated from Sacramento State with a Bachelor's Degree in English and Film Studies, and a Master's in English Literature. She was involved with the Office of Governmental Affairs and the California Student Summit Association. Sarah spoke about the importance of the people's involvement in government.
 - b. Sidra asked, "What was the best part of the Capital Fellowship Program?"Sarah said that she was involved with the Assembly and Senate programs.It is an 11-month program that teaches you about advocacy andlegislature. She explained how in the position she grew her knowledge



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about different issues that she had not previously been informed about. She found herself asking many questions and being curious about the behind-the-scenes systems of government which is what initially motivated her to apply.

c. Sidra asked, "How did your knowledge about higher education issues help when you joined other committees? Also, what other committees did you end up working on that you liked?" Sarah answered with her previous experience with advocacy and knowledge about higher education issues did help her with working on other projects. During her time at Sacramento State, she was a part of the ASI Finance and Budgeting Committee which was her first introduction to committees. Sarah emphasized that she got involved with many different groups because she always said yes to opportunities. Although she lost her ASI President Election by 1 percent, she became CSSA President shortly after. Sharing



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about her major, she told the committee how we need more artsy people involved with our government. There are many aspects important to our government, so making sure everyone is represented is important. She left us with a piece of advice for Lobby Visits which was to make sure you stay focused on discussing your issues within the time frame for your meeting.

V. Presentation – How to Advocate and Mock Activity Visits – Postponed until next meeting.

Sidra Nawaz

VI. Announcements

- a. Elections Committee Recruitment contact Nicole if interested.
- b. ASI Scholarship winners will be announced on November 29, 2021.
- c. Lobby Corps meetings will continue next semester held at the same time.

 Be sure to submit a committee interest form if you are not appointed.



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VII. Adjournment - 4:59PM