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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 and legislature. 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

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