



LOBBY CORPS MEETING

March 18, 2021 4:30 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order. 4:31 PM**
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2021. Approved.**
- III. Discussion Item**
 - a. What higher education topics and issues are you passionate about?
 - Students took turns raising hands and expressing what they are interested in. Topics included affordability issues such as long term college affordability and ensuring basic needs are met while in college. Other topics included an inclusive campus such as decolonizing class material and ensuring all students feel safe and welcome on college campuses.
 - b. SB 17 – (Pan) Office of Racial Equity
 - Vanessa gave a background on what this Senate Bill advocates for. SB 17 would create an Office of Racial Equity and an accountability office. The goal of this office would be to create a racial equity framework that they would then send to all state departments to ensure the California state government is following this framework in their work. The bill discusses how racism is a public health crisis, and how racism has been hurting people since the beginning of California’s history. It also discusses how people who face racism also face chronic stress, which can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, and premature aging. Moreover, COVID-19 has highlighted discrimination and racism in our society. Therefore, creating an office that addresses this public health crisis will be beneficial to California citizens.
 - Noah: reached out to Diana Tate Vermiere to get more information on this topic. She believes this could be an extremely important bill. The only thing Lobby Corps may want to look into is how this bill would impact organizations and institutions that already are very progressive. Would it change their rules?
 - Kathryn: Some examples of how this would relate to higher education organizations include our financial aid centers. Another aspect this



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would impact would be vaccination centers to ensure equity. It is a wide reaching bill.

- Jose: Would like to see that this bill also ensures accurate data on this topic is reported from statewide organizations. Currently, there is not a lot of data recorded and having data is beneficial in addressing problems and creating solutions.
- Kathryn: Has this bill been introduced to the Assembly yet?
- Noah: This bill has also been amended a bit since the initial fact sheet that was provided.
- Vanessa: This bill has been introduced in the Senate.
- Jose: This bill is currently in the Government Organization Committee.
- Noah: A hearing for this bill will take place on March 23rd. After it is out of the Governmental Organization Committee, it will go to the Judiciary Committee.

IV. Action Item

a. AB 367 – (Cristina Garcia) Menstrual Products

- Move to take a stance of Support of AB 367 Cristina Garcia, Menstrual Products. Moved by Samantha and seconded by Joseph.
 - o Vanessa: Background on the bill. AB 367 seeks to help eliminate period poverty among students and the public by ensuring 50% of all bathrooms in K-12, CSUs, and public institutions are stocked with menstrual products.
 - o Joseph: Will the menstrual product just be in female only bathrooms?
 - o Kathryn: No. It will be 50% of all bathrooms, including female, male, and gender neutral bathrooms.
 - o Noah: Kathryn is correct. The 50% is general so that the products can be dispersed across campus.
- Vote in favor: Samantha, Joseph, Jose, Noah, Wayne.
- Votes against: None
- Motion passes unanimously.



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- b. AB 396 – (Gabriel) Cal Fresh: Educational Programs
 - Move to support AB 396 Cal Fresh Educational Programs. Moved by Samantha, seconded by Noah.
 - o Vanessa: gave background on this bill. AB 396 would require CSU campuses to register any programs they have that would make Cal Fresh available to students by 2022. That way, more students can be eligible to receive help. If this bill is passed, it would allow campuses to help their students at no additional cost since this is a federally funded program. The biggest program that can qualify college students are Employment in Training programs.
 - o Noah: In complete support of this. Not every student can work 20 hours a week, and this bill promotes student success.
 - o Kathryn: This bill addresses a short term concern of food insecurity brought on by COVID-19 and the long term concern of food insecurity students have always faced.
 - Votes in favor: Samantha, Jose, Joseph, Noah, Wayne.
 - Votes against: none
 - Motion to support passes unanimously
- c. Governor's Budget Proposal- Dual Admission for Community College

Transfer Students

- Move to continue tracking this program. Noah moved and Samantha seconded.
 - o Vanessa: gave background to this bill. This program would be implemented in 2023 and would ensure guaranteed admission to a student's choice school for transfer students who graduate with an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT) in two years. Right now, the ADT only applies to 40 programs and guarantees admission to a CSU, but not to the choice CSU of the transfer students. In addition, this program would allow potential transfer students to access campus resources at the CSU closest to them. This program also would have CSU send a



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letter to potential students with their potential financial aid package if they were to go to their university. The problem is that UC and CSU schools will need to ensure there is space on campus, and this could include raising GPA requirements.

- Kathryn: The CSU universities can also create supplemental admission requirements in addition to a higher GPA. Also mentioned another preexisting program known as TAG- Transfer Admission Guarantee. Basically means that a transfer student is guaranteed admission into the CSU closest to their community college campus. For example, Kathryn went to community college in Ventura County, so she could TAG into Channel Islands University. In addition, a few other states have implemented a program similar to this proposed one.
- Noah: There is not a lot of research on this bill just quite yet. The Chancellor Office (CSU) and President of the Board of Regents (UCs) are currently seeing how this program would impact their campuses. He would like to see more analysis on this before Lobby Corps takes a stance.
- Kathryn: found an article from San Diego State University that got their student perspective on this program. I can send to Vanessa if Lobby Corps would like to review.
- Vanessa: Yes please send that over.
- Vote in favor of tracking the bill: Jose, Noah, Samantha, Wayne, Joseph.
- Votes against: none
- Motion passes unanimously

V. Announcements

- Vanessa: There is a hearing on AB 940, expanding mental health services, introduced Asm McCarty, that will be heard next week in the Assembly health committee. They are looking for two students to testify on this bill. If you are interested, please let us know before the end of Friday so we can get more information to you.



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- Noah: If you would like to support but are not comfortable with providing a public testimony, then you can always submit a public comment saying you generally support the bill.
- Kathryn: There is also a public hearing on AB 367, which the committee supported today. The California Student Council Association is looking for two witnesses to testify, specifically anyone who has experienced period poverty. If you are interested, please let us know by 11 AM on Friday so we can get you more information. If you support this bill but do not want to publically testify, I recommend submitted a written or spoken public comment.

VI. Adjournment 5:10 PM.

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