

LOBBY CORPS MEETING

April 1, 2021 4:30 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order- 4:31 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2021. Approved.
- III. Discussion Item
 - a. <u>AB 1467 (Cervantes) Student safety:</u> sexual assault procedures and protocols: sexual assault counselors
 - i. Vanessa gave an overview of the bill: AB 1467 would add procedures onto existing sexual assault reporting procedures. This includes helping students find alternative housing and academic schedules. It also would establish Sexual Assault Counselors that are independent of the campus Title IX office. They would be required to maintain confidentiality and help students achieve accommodations and stay away orders. This bill would also authorize counselors to assist victims in obtaining accommodations such as academic support, adjustments to course schedules, work schedules, and stay away orders. Would also make sure the BOT is working with campus officers when reviewing procedures and policies.
 - 1. Noah: Interested to hear from the authors. Recommend to reach out to the CSUS Victim Advocate for perspective on this. Seems like a good bill.
 - b. <u>AB 1377 (McCarty) Student housing:</u> California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2021: community college student housing
 - i. Vanessa gave an overview of the bill: AB 1377 if passed would enact the CA Student Housing Revolving Loan Act. The goal is to provide affordable student housing by providing loans to qualifying applicants of the UC, CSU, and CCC so they can build affordable housing. To fund this program, the California Student Housing Revolving Fund would be established. This bill also requires the California School Finance Authority to administer a competitive grant program to CCCs to help determine if they can provide affordable rentals. This program is dependent on fiscal appropriations each year from the state legislature.
 - 1. Kathryn: does the bill's referral to "applicant" mean the university or the student?



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- 2. Vanessa: Has reached out to the office for the bill with questions and will report back to the committee with updates
- c. AB 1456 (Medina & McCarty) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Reform Act
 - i. Vanessa gave an overview of the bill: AB 1456 has a goal of making the Cal Grant easier to access for low income students. It would take away the age requirement, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) consideration, GPA, and time out of high school from the Cal Grant application. This bill would also split the Cal Grant into two categories- one for community colleges and one for four year institutions. There are some potential problems such as middle income students becoming ineligible for Cal Grants. In addition, the more eligibility there is for Cal Grants, funds for the grants could go down.
 - 1. Noah: shared a graphic from CSSA about Cal Grant reform. Stated the initial hope for reform was to create a tier system.
 - 2. Vanessa: Please send the graphic for future reference.
 - 3. Kathryn: Shared the CSSA analysis of the bill and stated it will be up for a vote in the CSSA legislative affairs committee in the next April plenary. Also stated that there is some other legislation that addresses scholarships and grants that could complement this bill, so we should look out for them as well.
- d. AB 1290 (Lee) Student Aid Commissions
 - i. Vanessa gave an overview of the bill: AB 1290 would expand student representation on the Student Aid Commission from 2 students to 4 students. This way, there will be one student representative from the UCs, CSUs, CCCs, and a private institution. Their terms are 2 years and tuition would be waived for these students during their term. One question is the tuition waived be different for each student since each institution is different?
 - 1. No further discussion.

IV. Action Item -

- a. SB 17 (Pan) Office of Racial Equity
 - i. Noah moved to track SB 17 (Pan) Office of Racial Equity. Joseph seconded.



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- 1. Vanessa reminded the committee of the provisions of the bill: SB 17 would create the office of racial equity, which would work to create a racial equity framework that all state departments will follow. The bill also discusses how racism is a public health crisis, and individuals who face racism also face health problems such as chronic stress. COVID-19 has highlighted the racial discrimination that has been apparent and hurting citizens since the beginning of California's history.
 - a. Noah: There has been an in-depth analysis of the bill to see how it would impact state departments, but there is no financial analysis in this report.
 - b. Kathryn: Do we have an update on if individuals working in this office will be paid? It seemed like this office would be composed of volunteers, but they are doing a lot of work that should not go unpaid.
 - c. Vanessa and Noah: No updates on how much they would be paid

V. Announcements -

- a. **Vanessa**: I need an ASI board member to sponsor a resolution on AB 367. Noah responded that Samantha is willing to write a resolution.
- b. **Noah**: The last ASI working board is May 5th, and this is the last time to get something for consideration onto the board agenda. So next Lobby Corps meeting is the deadline to introduce bills to Lobby Corps for discussion.
- c. **Kathryn**: CSSA is next weekend, April 10th and 11th. Recommend attending the meeting, will send out an email next week with more information. For board members, only two meetings left to attend in order to fulfill your strategic priority.

VI. Adjournment. 5:00 PM.



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