



LOBBY CORPS MEETING

Via Zoom Conference

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October 1, 2020

4:30 p.m. AGENDA

I. Call to Order: 4:30 PM

- Attendance: Ethan Gould, Kathryn Webb, Noah Marty, Samantha Elizalde, Jose Arebalo

II. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2020- Approved

III. Guest Speaker – Nathan Dietrich – Current Director of State and Federal Relations for Sacramento State

- Nathan introduced himself and talked briefly about his 5 years at Sacramento State. His presentation mainly focused on the budget of the CSU system and Sacramento State for the near future. The 2020-2021 state budget was cut by \$299 million. This cut will be the new base for funding. Sacramento State suffered a \$18 million cut. The CSU Board of Trustees has requested a \$237.5 million increase. This request would help fund the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025, mandatory costs, facilities and infrastructure, and would restore 10% of last year's cut. To offset the current cut, Sacramento State is under a hiring freeze, 10% salary cut, travel ban, and early retirement. On the federal level, there has been the CARES Act which gave \$17.8 million to students and universities respectfully. The CSU system and others are advocating for \$47 billion in emergency aid for higher education. The House HEROES Act was passed in May and allocates \$39 billion. The Senate HEALS Act was introduced in July for \$29 billion. It has not been acted on. Nathan then discussed state legislation:

1. ACA 5- Proposition 16. CSU Supports
2. AB 1460- Ethnic Studies. CSU Opposed as it had its own plan. Newsom's signature of AB 1460 into law overrides the CSU plan
3. AB 685- COVID- 19 Notification Requirement. CSU Opposed as it would be hard to implement, and they are working to approve it.
4. AB 2288- Emergency Nursing Regulation. CSU Supported. Modifies the clinical requirements to become a nurse.

Nathan then discussed the Campus Update Document. The goal of this document is to share the depth of the universities preparation and commitment to student success in this challenging environment. He invited the Lobby Corps to look over this document and see what areas they can improve on so that their plan is functional. The last thing he discussed with us is the vote center that will be held on the Sacramento State campus. It

will be open for four days- Oct. 31st to November 3rd. Safety ambassadors will be on site. The county will run it, and Sacramento State will be the venue. It will close at 5 PM on November 3rd. There will also be a drop box available for anyone who would like to drop off their vote-by-mail ballot here. The campus will be promoting this voting center, and said ASI can also promote this voting venue.

- IV. Information Item – Legislation and Ballot Measures
- How to Advocate Presentations: Ethan created a presentation to show members how to successfully advocate for the students. Main points were: Being a student is your best asset, always be prepared for meetings and know what you are talking about, and remember we are advocates not lobbyists. For the next legislative session it is a good idea to keep the legislative agenda and time frame in mind.
 - a. AB 2016 – Cost of Attendance Reporting
 - Noah spoke on this piece of legislation. This legislation would relook at how the CSU system calculates the total cost of attendance. The bill is currently in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. This is an important thing to consider due to the fact that financial aid is currently based solely on tuition and fees, not total cost of attendance. Lobby Corps will be keeping a close eye on this legislation as it passes through the state legislature.
 - b. Filipino Human Rights Act (Federal Bill)
 - Kathryn spoke on this act, as it was presented in the previous CSSA plenary. This federal bill is currently in Congress, and it calls for a suspension of US military aid to the Philippines until human rights violations have been stopped. CSU students are afraid for the safety of their friends and families in the Philippines, as well as their own safety. It is affecting their sense of security and mental health. The CSSA wants to support this and is working with student advocate groups to create a resolution the CSSA can pass and follow through on. It has not been acted on yet in Congress.
 - c. Prop 16 – Repealing Prop 15 (Returning Affirmative Action to California)
 - Ethan and Kathryn spoke on this. Proposition 16 is up for a vote this November in the general election. If passed, it will reinstate affirmative action in California. It will not reinstate quotas, as those are unconstitutional. Kathryn mentioned that CSSA and the CSU Board of Trustees supports this proposition.

V. Announcement – CSSA Day on October 29th – guest speakers include

- a. CSSA President Zahraa Khuraibet
- b. Chair of CSSA Board of Trustees – Diana Vicente
- c. Legislative Policy Analyst – Hannah Bragstaad
 - Kathryn spoke on this topic, and stated that there will be one more guest speaker, Maryana Khames who is the Student Trustee.

VI. Announcement – CSU Student Trustee Position Information

- Was never spoken on as time ran short

VII. Adjournment 5:30 PM