Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2010

I. Call to Order: Chair Candelario calls meeting to order at 7:03pm

II. Roll Call
Members Present
Thomas Candelario
Stephanie James
David Hutchinson
Sherri Canedo
Kourtney Bell
Mark Laluan
Jasmin Lacap
Rafae Khan (Ex-officio)

Absent Members
Joe Tafoya (Ex-officio)
Bob Williams (Ex-officio)

Guests

III. Consent Calendar
A. Appointment of Vice Chair:
   Motion: (Bell) to appoint a Vice Chair to the Legislative Affairs Committee.
   Motion Carries.
   Chair Candelario opens the floor to nominations. Bell nominates Jasmin Lacap as the Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs Committee. Lacap accepts the nomination. Chair Candelario announces that Jasmin Lacap is appointed as the Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee.
   Congratulations!!!

B. Approval of Agenda:
   Motion: (James) to approve agenda.
   Motion Carries.

C. Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2010:
   Motion: (Laluan) to approve Minutes of January 29, 2010.
   Motion Carries.

IV. Special Presentation:
A. Kourtney Bell, Lobby Corps Update:

"Students working for Students!"
Chair Candelario opens the floor to Bell to provide an update on the Lobby Corps Committee. Following were the highlights of his presentation:

- Lobby Corps Committee interacts with legislative offices and Executive offices both at the state and local level.
- So far met with two state officials i.e. Assembly members Sandré R. Swanson for 18th Assembly District and Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (CA). Current Office: State Assembly; Current District: 20. We were able to gain approval from their offices for SB 969 and SB 917.
- Next week, we will meet with Senator Corbett and Mayor Sweeney.
- Last night met with Vice Mayor of Fremont Robert (Bob) Wieckowski, whose a long-time resident of Fremont. He attended Fremont public schools and graduated from Kennedy High. He is also supportive of AB 656.
- Lobby Corps Committee would also like to improve the available Internships for the Political Science Majors.
- We will try to establish a local government Internship with Mayor Sweeney's help.
- Candelario suggests that the Lobby Corps Committee should look at Bill AB 540.

V. Public Discussion: None

VI. Action Calendar:
A. Old Business:
   1. March 22nd:
      Chair Candelario states that he has organized for a 28 passenger bus to go to Sacramento. Please confirm your attendance. Chair Candelario asks Cancedo and Bell to work together in order to prepare for the event. Chair Candelario mentions that he would like to see the item “Restoration of Budget at the Governor Stated” on the Lobby Corps Committee’s Agenda.

   2. March 4th:
      Chair Candelario states that March 4th was a great event and a lot of students participated. SQE did a great job at the event!!

B. New Business:
   1. Spring Town Hall/Ellen Corbett:
Chair Candelario asks the committee members if they want to have a Town Hall event. Ellen Corbett has approved of this event already. The format of the event is such that we want people to submit questions and have the questions answered. After a brief discussion among the members, it was decided that they would do the event on the 20\textsuperscript{th} and 21\textsuperscript{st} of April, 2010.

2. CA Democracy Act, Signature Gathering:
Chair Candelario states that this act has been formally endorsed by the ASI Board of Directors in the form of a Resolution. He suggests that the committee members should do tabling regularly and signature gathering. Khan suggests that class presentations should be done in order to gather signatures.

Motion: (Canedo) to do a formal Signature Gathering for the California Democracy Act.
Motion Dies with two opposes.

3. Chess/CSSA:
Chair Candelario mentions the following on Chess:
- Allows students to interact and network with leaders from across the state, learn how to recruit, organize and train volunteers.
- Teaches how to Lobby.
- The conference will begin with a welcome reception (April 23), it will provide two days (April 24-25) of educational sessions followed by a press conference and “CSU Student Advocacy Day at the State Capitol,” (April 26\textsuperscript{th}).

VII. Round Table Remarks:
- Laluan: will be attending a conference at Santa Clara this weekend.
- Bell: good meeting, very informative! Congratulations to Lacap.
- Lacap: thanks the committee members and looking forward to working as a team.
- Candelario: encourages the committee members to work with Bell on the Lobby Corps.
- Canedo: congratulations to Lacap and mentions that she is proud of the Lobby theme.
- Khan: congratulations Lacap!!

VIII. Adjournment
Motion: (Laluan) to adjourn the Legislative Affairs Meeting at 7:55 pm.
Motion Carries.
Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Thomas Candelario

Minutes Approved On:
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Date