Lobby Core Committee Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2010

I. Call to Order: Vice Chair Candelario calls meeting to order at 6:10pm

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Thomas Candelario, Joe Tafoya, Esther Santa Ana, Samrawit Assefa, Kourtney Bell, Shahid Beig (Ex-officio)

Absent Members: Saundra Reyes, William L. McGee

Guests: Rafae Khan

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion: (Assefa) to approve agenda.
Amendment 1: (Bell) to amend the agenda; to strike off Approval of Minutes under the Consent Calendar.
Amendment 1 Carries.
Main Motion Carries as Amended.
Note: Vice Chair Candelario recommends updating the Lobby Core Committee Roll Sheet.

IV. Special Presentation: None

V. Public Discussion: None

VI. Action Calendar

A. New Business

1. Select Committee Chair:
   Vice Chair Candelario states that the committee members can self nominate or nominate other committee members for the position of Chair. The duties of Chair include:
   • Preparing an agenda.
   • Schedule a meeting.

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- Chair the proceedings of the meeting.
Vice Chair Candelario opens the floor for nominations. Nomination of Kourtney Bell by Samrawit Assefa. Vice Chair Candelario announces that by unanimous decision, Kourtney Bell is the Chair of the Lobby Core Committee.
Congratulations!!!

2. Set Year Goals
Chair Candelario opens the floor for discussion on goal settings.
Vice Chair Candelario provides a brief background on the Lobby Core Committee and highlights the following:
- The main objective of this committee is to promote the practice of lobbying on issues that have been approved by the BOD or the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- Mentions that AB 656 which is an Oil and gas excise tax is of highest priority for CSUEB and all the 23 campuses as well. Our job is to support the bill in any possible way.
- Chair Bell suggests that the committee needs to come up with strategies for convincing the Legislators, talk to the staff members and find out who is more unlikely to support AB 656. He further states that the committee should prepare bullet points regarding what needs to be addressed to the Legislators and carry out mock interviews among the members to prepare for the question answer session.
- EVP Beig mentions that ASI supports AB 656 and also suggests the Lobby Core committee members to go over the AB 656 bill and present their views on the Bill at the Lobby Core Committee meeting.
- Vice Chair Candelario suggests that the goal settings be addressed in the next Committee Meeting and requests the members to come up with their suggestion on committee goals by the next meeting. He also encourages the committee members to do their research on the Legislators.
- EVP Beig mentions that the committee will end in June and hence there is a lot to achieve as a committee and is hopeful that the members will work towards achieving their goals.
- Chair Bell suggests that we can come up with new ideas by looking at agendas of other schools and also meeting with them.
- Speaker’s List: Beig, Bell, Candelario and Khan.
3. AB 656 Events:
Vice Chair Candelario highlights eh following:
- He met with Alberto Torrico's Deputy Chief of Staff, Trisha Tahmasbi.
- Mentions that Torrico is the author of AB 656.
- He states that in the coming 10 weeks there will be a lot of events surrounding AB 656.
- Once the events are finalized, the committee members will be informed.
- Encourages the committee members to think of events surrounding AB 656.
- EVP Beig suggests that the plan of action for Lobby Core Committee should be to speed up on Lobbying and Legislative Affairs Committee can take care of events.
- Chair Bell shares his suggestion on AB 656 events.

VII. Round Table Remarks
- EVP Beig mentions that he will provide pointers to the committee members on how to conduct meetings and prepare agendas.
- Chair Bell states that he is honored to be accepted as the Lobby Core Committee Chair and will do his best to accomplish the goals of the committee.
- Tafoya believes lobbying is a great experience and wishes the committee all the best for their upcoming endeavors.
- Khan is hopeful that the committee will do a great job. Good Luck!
- Assefa mentions that the first meeting has been a great learning experience.
- Santa Ana expresses her happiness on being a part of the committee and congratulates the new Chair.

VIII. Adjournment
Motion: (Santa Ana) to adjourn the Legislative Affairs Meeting at 6:33 pm.
Motion Carries.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Kourtney Bell
Minutes Approved On:
01/29/10
Date

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