**ASI Legislative Affairs Special Committee minutes of January 19, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER **AT 10:30AM**
2. ROLL CALL

 **Present**: M. Ratcliffe, J. Ching, C. Byrd, C. McKeithen, L. Ramos and D. Lopez

 **Late**: K. Belangel

 **Not Present**: E. Pinlac and H. Erhahon

1. ACTION ITEM **- Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by **C. McKeithen**, seconded by **K. Belangel**, motion **PASSED**.

1. ACTION ITEM –  **Approval of the Minutes May 16, 2016**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016 by **C. McKeithen**, seconded by **J. Ching**, motion **PASSED**.

1. ACTION ITEM – **Approval of the Minutes of May 18, 2016**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2016 by **C. McKeithen**, seconded by **J. Ching**, motion **PASSED**.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT **– Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

 **Lopez** said he is there to speak on the potential tuition increase, if they have any questions they can ask him. He is the CSSA President and has a lot of information about it.

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

 No special presentations.

1. REPORTS

 No reports.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
	1. ACTION ITEM – **VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS**

The Committee took action on the Legislative Affairs Committee Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate J. Ching as vice chair by **J. Ching** seconded by **C. McKeithen**, motion **PASSED**.

1. NEW BUSINESS:
	1. INFORMATION ITEM – **ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**

Chair **Ratcliffe** informed the Robert’s Rules of Order process. They received a sheet describing the rules and process of Roberts Rules.

* 1. DISCUSSION ITEM – **INTRODUCTIONS**

The committee introduced themselves to each other. They started by saying their names, year, major and anything else they would like.

* 1. DISCUSSION ITEM – **CHESS**

The committee discussed logistics and preparation for the California Higher Education Student Summit. He sent an email to everyone with more information on it. It is in March and they will be going to the capitol in Sacramento to discuss more funding for the CSU. **K. Belangel** attended last year; he went every day except the last day. He said there were some good workshops and there are lots of connections. The date falls during finals week, **E. Pinlac** can make a letter for everyone’s professors to move their finals up if they need it they can talk to the chair, **M. Ratcliffe**.

* 1. DISCUSSION ITEM – **POTENTIAL TUITION INCREASE**

The committee discussed the potential tuition increase and methods to combat it. The CSU system is the biggest system and they need more funding. The board of trustees has the final say. **D. Lopez** met with representatives to discuss a few things and how the state can fully fund the CSU. In the past they have only been fully funded once. The CSUs are looking at a 5% increase and UCs at 2% increase. CSSA is trying two new events. One is a march out in March. **M. Ratcliffe** will send a link that explains everything that was said on the potential tuition increase and more information on it.

* 1. INFORMATION ITEM – **WINTER DATES**

The committee discussed potential dates and times to meet in the Winter Quarter. Most students prefer Monday-Thursday. They said Thursdays at 10:30am work for them. **M. Ratcliffe** asked if Tuesdays at 10:30 am works as well in case they want to meet twice a week. One of the students works at that time. He suggested Thursday at 11am, everyone agreed.

1. CLOSING COMMENTS

**M. Ratcliffe** said there will be an event with a Senator speaking about a bill on loans if they are available they should attend.

**D. Lopez** said they want students there who do not represent ASI or CSSA. It would be great if they attend. The board members will not attend because they will be in their board meeting but it depends at what time they end the meeting.

**M. Ratcliffe** said he will forward them the information on the bill. The meetings will be every week on Thursdays and will start at 11am.

1. ADJOURNMENT **AT 11:10 AM**

Meeting Adjourned by:

 **Chair of Legislative Affairs and Lobby Corps**

 Name: Michael Ratcliffe

 Minutes Approved on:

 **2-9-17**

 Date: