Chair, Gabriel Risk Martins, has called a meeting of the External Affairs Council on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017 at 10:00am – 12:00pm in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152) in the Cesar Chavez Student Center.

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 10:05am.

II. Roll Call
VP of External Affairs – Present
VP of Internal Affairs – Present
VP of Finance – Present
Senior Rep – Present
LCA Rep – Present
HSS Rep – Present

III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda for November 15th, 2017.
Moved by VP of Internal Affairs, seconded by VP of Finance.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes
No minutes to approve.

V. Announcements (2 minutes each). Please submit literature to Chair when meeting begins.
No announcements.

VI. Public Comment (2 minutes each). Must pertain to jurisdiction of Board. Please observe proper decorum. The board is not required to respond.
No public comment.

VII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 89307 of the California Code for the purpose of to consider the appointment, employment, and evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee.
No closed session.

VIII. Old Business
a. USSA Membership (Informational Item) – VP of External Affairs, VP of Finance
   VP of External Affairs and VP of Finance will update the council on the process for USSA membership.

VP of External Affairs and VP of Finance talked about the costs of joining the USSA last meeting.

VP of External Affairs wanted to talk about what is planned with the USSA membership. Regarding the party size, he would like to have a large delegation sent to the events. He does not necessarily want a lot of trips, just a few trips with a large participation of student delegates. It was agreed upon that the Board of Directors would take priority on these trips and then it would attendance would open up to the rest of the students.
VP of Finance broke down the membership by costs. To become a voting member, schools would need to pay 50 cents per student. After compiling a list of costs, 50 cents was determined to be the average most schools pay to be a member. VP of Finance clarified to the rest of the council that the more schools pay per student, the more resources they will get (access to better resources, representatives to talk to, etc.).

Senior Rep walked in at 10:10am.

VP of External Affairs asked the rest of the council who they feel should be going to the delegation.

HSS Rep and LCA Rep strongly agreed that the executive board should be a part of the delegations sent to these conferences.

VP of Internal Affairs agreed that the executive board should have priority to go to these delegations.

VP of External Affairs agreed. He will be drafting up a policy to better explain the process of joining the USSA and bring it to the council at the next meeting.

Motion to go out of the orders of the day into New Business Item D.
Moved by VP of Internal Affairs, seconded by VP of Finance.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. New Business
   a. CSSA Report and Discussion (Informational/Discussion Item) – VP of External Affairs

VP of External Affairs would like to open the floor to any discussion on the CSSA. He asked the rest of the council to share their thoughts and experience at the conference.

Overall, the council thought that it was a positive experience.

VP of Finance found it surprising that San Francisco State University was the school that had the biggest tuition increase. He attributed that to the recently opened, Mashouf Wellness Center and the GatorPass. However, he was still surprised by how large of a tuition increase it was.

Motion to move into New Business Item B.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by VP of Internal Affairs.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

   b. Policy on Sustainability and Plastic (Action/Discussion Item) – VP of External Affairs,
      Senior Rep

   The council will discuss and possibly approve the Policy on Sustainability and Plastic, presented by VP of External Affairs.

VP of External Affairs wanted to finish this policy on sustainability and plastic as soon as possible. He believed that if brought to CSSA and the rest of the CSUs, then it could potentially put a halt to additional overuse of plastic in various areas.

The rest of the council believed that it was in the best interest to table this topic until more research was done and more feedback on the overall policy was given.

Motion to table New Business Item B.
Moved by HSS Rep, seconded by VP of Internal Affairs.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
c. **Resolution on Nuclear Weapons (Action/Discussion Item) – VP of External Affairs**
   
   The Council will discuss and possibly approve the Resolution on Nuclear Weapons, presented by VP of External Affairs.

The council was all sent a file documenting the Resolution on Nuclear Weapons.

**VP of External Affairs** asked the rest of the council to bring up the document and give criticism. He hoped to make it more easily understood to the whole student body.

The council thought that it was a solid draft.

**VP of Finance** believed that it was worded well. He thought it conveyed the message well. However, **VP of Finance** gave some criticism that he felt would make the entire document more understandable.

**Motion to change “President Donald Trump” to “current president” in Resolution draft.**

Moved by **VP of Internal Affairs**, seconded by **VP of Finance**.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

**VP of External Affairs** stressed that he wanted the document to accurately capture the purpose of the resolution. He invited the council to contribute any criticism if they come across any issues.

d. **Voter Guide/By the Bay (Information/Discussion/Action Item) – Yvonne Leow**
   
   Yvonne Leow will present how By the Bay can help voter registration on the SF State campus.

Yvonne Leow spoke about By the Bay, an initiative in the Bay Area that will serve as a platform to help SF students reach out and become more politically active. He gave some brief background on the program, their goals and responsibilities, and their current timeline. He states that February of Spring 2018 will be a good time to kickstart By the Back because issues would be more relevant around that time.

**VP of External Affairs** offered help to the program. He said that they could help with any marketing or reaching out to the students.

**VP of Internal Affairs** asked if there were any open opportunities for students to become a part of the initiative. She strongly believed that engaging students with internships – even unpaid – would be a good way to raise awareness and get word of the campaign around.

Yvonne Leow said that there were no openings, but would be in contact if one turns up.

**VP of Internal Affairs** emphasized that the board will be a valuable resource to contact for any concerns.

**Motion to move back into the orders of the day into New Business Item A.**

Moved by **VP of Finance**, seconded by **Senior Rep**.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

e. **Resolution on Mental Health (Informational/Action Item) – VP of External Affairs**

   The Council will discuss and possibly approve the Resolution on Mental Health, presented by VP of External Affairs.

**VP of External Affairs** asked the rest of the council to voice their thoughts on the recent draft of the Resolution on Mental Health.

The council approved and had no further comments.

**Motion to approve Resolution on Mental Health.**

Moved by **HSS Rep**, seconded by **VP of Finance**.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
f. **Lobbying Strategy (Discussion/Action Item) – VP of External Affairs**

The council will discuss lobbying strategies for: Dream Act of 2017 and Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculating.

VP of External Affairs discussed lobbying strategies for the Dream Act of 2017. He wanted to set up a time and place the council could meet with representatives to see what strategies are being implemented.

Senior Rep is a bit confused about meeting with some of the lobbyists about the topic.

VP of Finance emphasized that it is important to meet with some of these lobbyists because public perception is important. He believed that the student body needs to see the Board of Directors acting and meeting with lobbyists about these issues. He concluded by reemphasizing the importance of public perception.

VP of External Affairs wanted to meet with representatives to get a clear answer of what is happening. He planned to bring this information to the council at the next meeting. He also planned to set up a council meeting with various representatives after the scheduled Winter Break.

g. **OneCard Town Hall (Discussion Item) – Senior Rep**

The Council will discuss the logistics of the OneCard Town Hall event, presented by Senior Rep.

VP of External Affairs thanked the Senior Rep for providing logistics and handling information regarding the OneCard Town Hall event.

Senior Rep thought the event was overall a success. She mentioned that the overall reception towards the OneCard was positive. She also mentioned that there was an issue of clarity when the poll sheet went around. A lot of the students were confused about some of the wording of the questions that were posted on the survey.

VP of External Affairs asked the rest of the council their opinion on the OneCard.

VP of Internal Affairs does not like the idea that students should be paying for BART. She felt that it would be a better allocation of money to renegotiate with SamTrans because a majority of the student body lives and commutes from Daly City – where BART is not the most effective mode of transportation. She reemphasizes that SamTrans may be more beneficial to students in the long-run.

VP of Finance believed that the survey should be reopened for a longer period of time in order to get a larger sample size from the students. Currently, he does not believe that 200 students is a good indicator of how the student body feels about the OneCard.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:04
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by HSS Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned.

Approved by: Gabriel Risk Martins

Respectfully submitted by: [Signatures]