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**Associated Students Inc.
San Francisco State University
External Affairs Council
Minutes
September 20th, 2018**

Chair, **Garrick Wilhelm**, has called a meeting of the **External Affairs Council** on **Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 2:00pm - 4:00pm in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152) in the Cesar Chavez Student Center.**

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm

II. Roll Call

VP of External Affairs - Present

VP of Finance - Present

LCA Rep - Present

Sophomore- Present

Junior Rep - Absent

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for September 20th, 2018

Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.

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

Sophomore Rep attended the event "She the People" and did some networking for Associated Students with the intention to expand what Associated Students is and for individuals to take interest in the organization. At the event she met important public figures such as Dolores Huerta and Senator Holly J. Mitchell. **Sophomore Rep** hopes that public figures will take interest in speaking at SFSU and advocate why it is important to be involved in the student government. **VP of External Affairs** attended to the All University Committee on faculty students and staff with disabilities. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned the space that AS will need to build a pantry was discussed in the meeting and the All University Committee would like to give some input of the new plan since they sense there might be some noise issues for students who are sensitive to noise. **VP of External Affairs** announced that they are also interested in receiving an informative presentation on all of Associated Students' services and programs some time this year in order to give input on how AS can incorporate students with disabilities more or be more accessible.

VP of Finance shared that he was designated to sit in the academic senate.

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

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a. Voter Registration Event (Information Item) – Chair

Voter Registration Day Drive/Ballot Bowl Competition updates

VP of External Affairs mentioned “Rock The Vote”, a national campaign that tries to involve young adults to register to vote and participate in voting. The Secretary of State set up a competition for all universities and colleges to compete against each other for the most registrations from each campus. **VP of External Affairs** reported that the last day to register would be October 22nd. He added that they are awarding the campuses with the largest percentage of the student body registered to vote and campuses with the most creative approach to register students. He spoke about a short code texting service for students to send a code via text and receive a link to register. **AED of Marketing and Communications** asked if there was a contract to the service that will be provided and **VP of External Affairs** stated that there will be a \$25 monthly fee and there will a cost of 5 cents per text. **VP of Finance** reported that the funds were approved and assumes will be taken out of special events from the board. **VP of External Affairs** claims part of the benefits that may come from using this service is that it can be used as a pilot for future AS elections and obtain an increase in participation from students. He showed the ballot bowl results for California Universities located on registervote.ca.gov and hopes to increase participation SFSU students to surpass CSU Fullerton’s numbers. He expressed that by directing all of our voters registration to this site will gain SFSU statewide recognition, and mentions this plays into the statewide competition for CSSA and it incorporates the Ballot Bowl competition as one of the factors to obtain credit. **Sophomore Rep** asked what would be the approach for the students who happen to be registered already. **VP of External Affairs** stated that students generally need to re-register since most of them have obtained a different address. He also announced that he sent out a calendar invitation to ask participation from the BOD members to be involved in the upcoming AS Kick Off event taking place Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th, to support and drive student voters registration. He reported that he has been reaching out to student organizations to help promote voters registration, as well as buying sidewalk chalks so that the information can be chalked throughout the pavement on campus and reach out to students. **AED of Marketing & Communications** asked about the overall investment of time and money, and if there is an identified goal for this particular campaign effort. **VP of External Affairs** replied with a goal of 3000 registrations based on a campus community of approximately 35,750 considering faculty, staff and students. **AED of Marketing & Communications** asked if there’s a partnership between the university Government Relations and AS to advertise the upcoming events and help AS by investing time to support student voter registration. **VP of External Affairs** announced that the Government Relations Office provided a registration code to AS to be able to register in the Secretary of State’s website but there is no further involvement from them. He mentioned that there will be an upcoming event in partnership with the university Government Relations discussed later on in the agenda. He states that asi.sfsu.edu/vote is the website link for students to register and gives a description of the content. **AED of Marketing & Communications** asked if AS had the copyrights to use “Rock the Vote” logo on the AS website. **VP of External Affairs** stated that they provided a tool kit with pre printable logos for AS to use. **AED of Marketing & Communications** asked if there was other publicity that needed to occur other than the ASI website prior to the 25th of September. **VP of External Affairs** mentioned that a banner and flyers were requested, and that they were designed for future use.

b. Public Policy Agenda (Discussion/Action Item) – Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss the public policy agenda for November 2018 with recommendations from the chair. Amended recommendations as acted upon by this council and will be published for public input before being finalized by this council and send to the Board of Directors

VP of External Affairs showed a list of state and local propositions that he personally researched to come up with recommendations that would either support, oppose, or abstain them. He requested input from the fellow board members and then eventually show these recommendations to the student body in order to get their input before this council adopts them as position and forward them to the board of

directors. Proposition A refers to the 425 million dollar bond, repairing the 100 year old Embarcadero Seawall to prevent against earthquakes. He saw no reason for AS to take a position on the Proposition. **VP of External Affairs** stated that proposition B is non binding policy that dictates a “privacy first” standard that requires city departments to justify any need to share information that otherwise would be private. Provides privacy protection to citizens and impacts students who interact with city departments or services, including the police department. Proposition C imposes taxes on businesses with an income over \$50 million per year to raise 250-300 million dollars a year for homeless services and housing. He states that this is intended to create 1000 new shelter beds, and 4000 new affordable homes, as well as provide money for mental health and addiction counseling. He supports this proposition, because if someone currently wants a shelter, there are very long waits but with the new 1000 shelter beds there is more potential that a homeless student could be provided shelter within a week. In regards to mental health and addiction counseling; students attending college for the first time are highly susceptible to depression so more access to counseling would help. Proposition D , the city wants to impose a new cannabis tax, 1-5 percent on cannabis business gross receipts, but took no position as its a new tax that takes away access to cannabis but even with the new tax, it is still less taxes than alcohol so no clear impact on students. **Science and Engineering Rep** seconded that she agrees to take no position as not every student uses cannabis and it would make no sense to take a position on the matter, especially granted the campuses “smoke-free” policy. **VP of External Affairs**, is willing to hear students views on the proposition. **VP of Finance** mentioned the proposition has nothing to do with the mission.**VP of External Affairs** moved on to Proposition E which is a redistribution of hotel tax money to allow arts and cultural districts. It could allow groups in the city to create their own arts and cultural districts, for example an LGBT arts and cultural district in the Castro. He reported that this could help enhance the benefits of living in san francisco and chose to support. This concluded the city-wide ballot propositions. He then moved on the the statewide ballot propositions. Prop 1 authorizes bonds of up to \$4 billion to fund affordable housing projects already in operation. He chose to support as anything dealing with housing has a major impact on students. Prop 2 authorizes bonds to fund existing housing program for individuals with mental illness. This was already previously passed by the legislature, however it was found that without helping those with mental health issues in regards to housing they could not properly help them with their mental health, so this proposition helps the state properly fund the program. He chose to support the proposition as it impacts students by giving them more access to affordable housing. Proposition 3 authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage. He opposed as it is a special interest Special interest that puts some desirable projects among other special interest and is a way for some businesses to make money off of them. **Science and Engineering Rep** mentioned they should contact their Environmental Resource Center about the matter in order to get their input. **VP of External Affairs** agreed on contacting them to see their side. Prop 4 authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children’s HealthCare. This is bond money going to children's hospitals, primarily with UC campuses and is a major building project, and although it may be helpful for students with children, because we are fighting for funding and this proposition would pull from state taxes to pay for the bonds, he placed no position, as he was torn on the matter. Proposition 5 changes requirements for certain property owners to transfer their property tax base to replacement property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. He supports this proposition because it closes loopholes in property tax assessments because the funding received from this could be a beneficial. Proposition 6 eliminates certain road repair and transportation funding and requires certain fuel taxes and vehicle fees be approved by the electorate. This is a bill that repeals Governor Brown’s gas tax that was put in place partially as an environmental issue, as the more gas cost, the less likely people are to use it, however he sees it as a bait bill for Republicans and therefore opposes. Proposition 7 gets rid of Daylights savings time, which he supports as DST typically happens in the middle of the semesters and readjusting to that can be detrimental to some students. **VP of Finance** asked what federal states in regards to DST, **VP of External Affairs** replied that federal law allows states to change them, for example Indiana allows counties to choose and Arizona had no DST. **VP of Finance** moved to change to no position on the proposition to which **Science and Engineering Rep** and **LCA Rep** agreed. **VP of External Affairs** agreed to change the stance from support to no position. Proposition 8 regulates amounts

outpatient kidney dialysis clinics charge for dialysis treatment. He chose no position as it does not have much impact on students. Proposition 9 was the Initiative that would divide California into three states but was taken off the ballot by the California Supreme Court. Proposition 10 expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential property. This removes arcane restrictions keeping cities from implementing rent control and some cities from implementing rent control at all, and this proposition removes those restrictions and could hopefully help San Francisco and other cities to further control rent so they're lower for students so he chose support. Proposition II requires private-sector emergency ambulance employees to remain on-call during work breaks, and he chose no position as this is mainly between unions and employers. Proposition 12 establishes new standards for confinement of specified farm animals and bans sale of non-complying products. He felt there would be a great amount of environmental outcry around the issue as it puts in place specific definitions on the space necessary for confined animals and he supports.

**Motion to approve the recommendations with the change of Prop 7 from support to no position
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.**

LCA Rep left 2:51pm

IX. New Business

a. Elected Official Internship Fair (Information Item) – Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss cosponsoring an Internship Fair with the university Government Relations.

VP of External Affairs mentioned that Government Relations has asked them to co-sponsor an Elected Official Internship that is scheduled for October 3rd. AS would only participate as the organization asking for tabling space and allowing our front desk people to direct people to the table they will be at.

LCA Rep entered at 2:53pm

b. Election Fair (Discussion/Action Item) - Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss hosting an election fair on October 29th to allow those running for office in San Francisco/San Mateo Counties to table so students can be informed about the November ballot.

VP of External Affairs proposed to schedule a fair for October 29th, the Monday before the election, as a way to provide education for students on the ballot. This would allow people running for state-wide and San Francisco county offices. He previously checked to see if they could take a position on the bills or invite elected officials and found that if they take any general fund money from the campus, they cannot and in addition, Government Relations could not be involved because they are general fund. If they do not take from general fund, then they can participate. He brought up an example of a former fair that was successful in helping students get involved in the electoral process and for people running for office to listen to students. For the fair, he reserved Jack Adams Hall which will accommodate 35 tables, as well The Plaza for tabling. Depending on how many people RSVP, they can have elected officials in Jack Adams Hall and the campaign support for initiatives AS supports in The Plaza, and the tabling there could draw people up to Jack Adams Hall to provide more information. They could provide a ballot card that people could use to make notes on officials they've met and votes they might want to make. If there are more than 35 elected officials showing, they can have half-tables. **VP of Finance** asked if they could have a giveaway students could participate in by using the ballot cards, **VP of External Affairs** answered yes as there are no rules against that, however he intended to simply give attendees a ballot to take notes on and to see how it influenced them. He wanted to discuss how the officials would be tabled, for instance would they put candidates

for the same office next to each other. Also he anticipates not too many candidates will actually show up but rather representatives for them, and will inform Government Relations which candidates will be attending. They will base the tabling arrangements based off of the RSVP's they receive. **Sophomore Rep** asked is there a way to know different districts students live in, **VP of External** mentioned that they could run into trouble if they invite some candidates but not others and instead proposed making a district map that students could utilize to meet candidates in their districts. He clarified that they have to be completely fair to every candidate and cannot take a position in a partisan race.

Motion to hold an election fair on Oct 29, 2018, that will invite candidates for every office in San Francisco County and the initiatives Associated Students is supporting.

Moved by Sophomore Rep, seconded by LCA Rep.

No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.

c. Mock Ballot for Non-voting Students (Discussion/Action Item) - Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss having a mock polling place in Cesar Chavez Plaza Level for students who cannot vote (immigrant students, international students, formerly incarcerated, under 18) so their voices can be heard also. We will also discuss inviting all other CSU and possibly UC Associated Students to participate. <http://castudentmockelection.sos.ca.gov>

VP of External Affairs proposed providing a polling place in the student center as a mock ballot for students who aren't able to vote, which would include all non-citizen students including international, students under 18, and students formerly incarcerated and therefore not eligible to vote. This could be used as a way to hear the voices of these students even though they are not recognized as voters. He had the idea of taking it up to CSSA in order to have the chance to publicize what our students say as well as what students in other CSU's are saying. **VP of Finance** asked what they would do with the information, to which **VP of External Affairs** answered that they would have a press release publicizing the results of the students who don't have a voice. **VP of Finance** asked if they could give the results to senators and legislators. **VP of External Affairs** replied with yes, proposing that it could also be used as an opportunity to ask questions about issues on campus. **VP of Finance** if there was a way to have a polling place on campus, **VP of External Affairs** mentioned 7 Hills as a nearby polling place rather than having one on campus and risk making those who can't vote feel excluded. **VP of Finance** proposed asking Government Relations to have a polling place in student center. **VP of External Affairs** stated that would have to be decided by the elections office for San Francisco County, that decide polling places based off the meets and needs of the precincts, and that the more the campus registers voters, the more likely they are to grant the polling place. **VP of Finance** proposed having both the mock and the actual voting in the same location. **VP of External Affairs** explained they could contact the elections office and ask if they could have it in the student center rather than 7 Hills. He mentioned that if both ballots are in the same place there is a chance a student could cast a vote in the wrong place. **VP of Finance** asked if they could put the separate ballots in different rooms. **VP of External Affairs** replied that they can ask. **Science & Engineering Rep** mentioned that only about 10 percent or less of the the students even live on campus so they would have to make another trip just to get there. **VP of External Affairs** that generally you're expected to vote in your precinct and that students aren't being asked to vote specifically in 7 Hills but rather if they are already on campus, have somewhere nearby to utilize. **VP of Finance** mentioned he thought it would be smarter to have one here on campus, **Science & Engineering Rep** pointed out that the library would be a good place they could use for a polling place as it's centrally located on campus and easy for students to transit there from classes. **VP of External Affairs** replied saying he believes that the election office put the polling place in 7 Hills because they had been offered it, and that they can make a motion to have AS offer their facilities as a polling place.

Motion to move forward with a mock balloting initiative on campus and invite other campuses to join.

**Moved by VP of Finance, Seconded by Sophomore Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.**

d. Civic Engagement Fellowship/Competition (Discussion/Action Item) - Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss the CSSA Civic Engagement competition and bring back Lobby Corps under the name Civic Engagement Fellowship.

VP of External Affairs introduced *CSSA Civic Engagement* competition, where students in every campus can participate in activities of civic engagement around initiatives that CSSA supports and mentioned we are teamed up by CSULB, and showed an activity sheet that showed different activities and the points received for completing them. He proposed having an internship or fellowship for students to join named Civic Engagement Fellowship formally known as Lobby Corps, but that the name was taken so they would have to come up with another title. The students that join would become a part of an assembly within the council and would meet on a regular basis with an opportunity to travel and meet with elected officials. **VP of Finance** asked what the recruitment selection process would be like. **VP of External Affairs** thinks they should put out an application process where people send letters stating why they would be good candidates for this type of fellowship and create it more like an internship opportunity, perhaps even interviewing them, but the process would be determined by an assembly to be decided at a later date.

e. Assembly Assignments (Discussion/Action Item) - Chair

The External Affairs Council will discuss council member assignments to assemblies and their potential structure and function. The Council charter will then be changed to meet the new structure.

Motion to table Item E to next meeting.

Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by VP of Finance.

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

-Item tabled to next meeting-

X. Adjournment

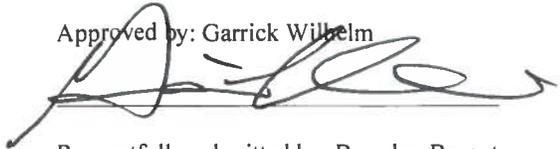
Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:25pm

Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by VP of Finance .

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by: Garrick Wilhelm



Respectfully submitted by: Brandon Bryant

