

Sixty-Second Legislative Council

of the

Associated Students

*Begun and held at the University of California at Santa Barbara, in the City of Santa Barbara on the **twelfth of October, two thousand eleven, in the sixty-second year** of our association.*

A Bill

To
Restructure AS Student Lobby

Whereas: All voting members need to be added to the Selection and Term of Office section in order to be appointed.

Whereas: Some of the positions within the committee need to be renamed to match their job description

Therefore let it be enacted by the Associated Students in the Legislative Council assembled:

SECTION 31. A.S. STUDENT LOBBY

A) Charge of the Board:

Associated Students Student Lobby is an organization that strives to unite activism, professionalism, and strategic action planning while implementing local, state-wide, and national campaigns. We initiate, develop, and implement campaigns that alter the relations of power that adversely affect students on the UCSB campus. Student Lobby strives to instigate change within our current political reality, focusing on protecting the rights of students and fighting against the declining accessibility and quality of higher education. To this end, Student Lobby will work on issues affecting all students especially those of under represented communities.

B) Membership:

1) Voting:

~~a) The voting membership, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order may take formal votes on matters including but not limited to:~~

~~aa) Adoption of campaigns and major projects.~~

~~bb) Financial expenditures exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).~~

~~cc) Formal endorsement, letters of support and/or opposition to any and all other matters seeking the official stance of the board.~~

~~b) Student Lobby Officers~~

~~c) Legislative Council Representative(s)~~

~~d) Any registered member who attends three (3) or more meetings per quarter.~~

a) *Legislative Liaison*

b) *Vice Chair*

c) *Local Coordinator*

d) *Outreach Coordinator*

e) *Issue(s) Coordinator*

f) *Labor Coordinator*

g) *Media Coordinator*

h) *Grassroots Liaison*

i) *Treasure*

j) *One (1) Legislative Council Member*

k) *Any registered member who attends three (3) or more meetings per quarter.*

2) Non-Voting:

a) A.S. Advisor

b) A.S. Executive Director

c) External Vice-President for Statewide Affairs

d) State Affairs Organizing Director

e) A.S. Internal Vice-President

f) A.S. President

g) Community Members

h) Graduate Students

i) A.S. Attorney General

j) Committee on Committees Chair

k) A.S. Controller(s)

C) Selection Process and Term of Office:

1) Student Lobby Local Coordinators, *Legislative Liaison Vice Chair, Media Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Labor Coordinator, Local Coordinator, Issue(s) Coordinator(s), Grassroots Liaison, **Treasure***, shall be recommended to the A.S. Committee on Committees, then forwarded to the A.S. President ~~by the EVPLA~~ and confirmed by the Legislative Council. The appointments shall be for a term of one (1) academic year.

2) *The Legislative Liaison and Local Coordinator* shall be recommended to the A.S. Committee on Committees, then forwarded to the A.S. President ~~by the EVPLA~~. It should then be confirmed by a *simple majority (50% +1) vote* of the Legislative Council. The appointments shall be for a term of one (1) academic year.

3) The Legislative Council Representative shall be nominated by the Internal Vice-President and approved by the Legislative Council for the term of one (1) academic year.

4) ~~Local Coordinator~~ *Legislative Liaison* may be removed by the EVPLA with 2/3 approval of Legislative Council.

5) ~~Local Coordinator~~ *Legislative Liaison* shall have the authority to recommend the appointing, and approval, of and removal issue coordinators regarding local affairs to the A.S. Committee on Committees. ~~of all student lobby officers.~~

6) Legislative Liaison shall have the authority to recommend the appointing and removal of issue coordinators regarding statewide and national affairs to the A.S. Committee on Committees.

M D) *Operating Procedures:*

1) *Lobby Meetings:*

a) Will be held on a regular basis with no more than two (2) weeks in between meetings.

b) Will be publicly announced in advance and open to the general public.

c) Student Lobby Officers shall meet on a regular basis no more than two (2) weeks in between meetings, outside of the general board meetings.

d) Meetings will be facilitated by the Legislative Liaison.

e) All meetings must include updates from each appointed position with Student Lobby.

2) *Student Lobby must take minutes at every official meeting. Legislative Council must then approve these minutes, even if Student Lobby did not allocate funds during its meeting.*

3) The Legislative Liaison has the authority, without a formal vote of the board, on all expenditures under the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

a) Any such expenditure must be placed into the minutes of the next general meeting.

4) If an expenditure of over five hundred dollars (\$500.00) needs approval that could not wait until the next general meeting:

a) Any two officers may call any emergency phone vote.

b) Those officers calling the emergency phone vote must give detailed information regarding the expenditure at hand.

c) A simple majority (50% + 1) of the officers must be contacted to validate the emergency phone vote.

d) The expenditure request passes with the approval of two-thirds (2/3s) of the contacted Student Lobby officers.

D) Duties and Powers of the Legislative Council Representative:

1) Shall be an elected Legislative Council Representative, appointed by the Internal Vice President to act as the Student Lobby Liaison.

2) Shall serve as the official liaison between Student Lobby and Legislative Council.

3) Shall present all relevant Position Papers passed by Legislative Council to the Lobby within two (2) weeks of the Position Papers passage.

4) Shall be responsible for making weekly reports to Legislative Council.

5) Shall be responsible, in cooperation with the EVPSA, for contacting officers or members of student groups who may be interested in assisting Lobby in promoting Lobby's issues, especially Legislative Council's Position Papers.

6) Shall be responsible for writing all position papers on behalf of Student Lobby campaigns, projects and activities.

E) Duties and Powers of the Legislative Liaison:

1) Shall serve as Student Lobby Chair.

2) Shall serve as the representatives of A.S. Student Lobby in all Statewide and National affairs.

3) Shall oversee all operations, projects, campaigns and activities of Student Lobby members and affiliates pertaining to statewide and national affairs.

4) Must work closely with OSL registered student organizations who currently work on political and/or education issues on a statewide or national level.

5) Shall serve as Legislative liaison to the External Vice President of Statewide Affairs office as written under Article VI, Section 6, I. (Keep and add article to EVPSA)

6) Shall work on recruiting students to attend statewide and national conferences and activities.

7) Shall be responsible for attending at least two non-consecutive Legislative Council meetings per quarter to report on the board's actions.

8) Shall be responsible for coordinating Student Lobby statewide and national travel.

9) Shall become familiar with the materials and information provided by the

Midwest Academy and/or GROW (Grassroots Organizing Weekend) by the United States Student Association.

10) Shall be responsible for maintaining open communication with the SAOD and EVPSA.

11) Shall serve a term of one (1) academic year.

12) Shall serve at least three (3) office hours per week.

~~13) Shall attend all UCSA Board of Directors meetings as an ex-officio member of the~~

Board, as funds permit.

5) *Shall work on recruiting students to attend statewide and national conferences and activities.*

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13) To attend all BBC Chair Council Meetings.

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F) Duties and Powers of the Vice-Chair:

1) Shall assume the responsibilities of the chairperson in his/her absence.

2) Assist Chair in the oversight of all SL campaigns.

3) Shall oversee officer duties.

4) Shall actively recruit members to participate in SL projects.

5) Shall hold a minimum of the three (3) regularly schedule office hours per week.

6) Shall be responsible for the assisting in the completion of the budget package for the following year.

7) To attend all BBC Chair Council Meetings.

G) Duties and Powers of the Local Coordinator (the EVPLA County Liaison):

1) Shall attend all Student Lobby meetings and serve as the representative of A.S. Student Lobby in all Local affairs.

2) Shall oversee all operations, projects, campaigns and activities of Student Lobby members and affiliates pertaining to local affairs.

3) Must work closely with Student Organizations on campuses who currently works on political and/or education issues on a local level.

4) Shall serve as Legislative Liaison to the External Vice President of Local Affairs and be responsible for informing the members of Student Lobby, the EVPLA, and the LAOD of all county legislation affecting the Isla Vista Community.

5) Shall be responsible for attending at least two (2) non-consecutive Legislative Council meetings per quarter to report on the board's actions with the Student Lobby Legislative Liaison.

6) Shall play an active role in voter registration and voter turnout campaigns on campus and in Isla Vista.

7) Shall work in coordination with the Legislative Council representatives to formulate resolutions in response to state and federal county legislation, which if passed, shall be used as a lobbying tool per discretion of the members of Student Lobby.

8) Shall coordinate all lobby appointments with local, statewide, and federal public officials regarding local issues.

9) Shall, to the best of their ability, build a rapport and working relationship with the office of public officials in our district through regular meetings.

10) Shall hold a minimum of four (4) office hours per week at least one (1) in each office.

11) The Local Coordinator is the County Liaison of the EVPLA office. Selection of the Local Coordinator shall be jointly chosen by the incoming EVPLA and incoming Student Lobby Co-chairs.

H) Duties of the Student Lobby ~~Recruiter~~ Outreach Coordinator:

1) Shall actively recruit students into participating in Lobby efforts and issues.

2) Shall work in conjunction with the Student Lobby Statewide and National as well as Local Coordinators in maintaining communications with other student groups on campus.

3) Shall be responsible for all outreach activities including but not limited to the following:

- a) Class presentations
- b) Tabling
- c) Welcome week activities
- d) Open house
- e) Student Organizations presentations.
- f) Creating flyers, posters, and signs

4) Shall hold a minimum of two (2) office hours per week.

I) Duties of the Issue(s) Coordinator(s):

1) Shall be the leading director for a specific Student Lobby campaign and/or project.

2) Shall oversee all activities, strategies, and implementation of their specific campaign and/or project.

3) Shall work closely with the EVPSA on creating awareness, publicity and implementation.

4) Shall work with the Recruiter(s) to create original messages and recruitment strategies for their specific campaign and/or project.

1) Shall become familiar with the materials and information provided by the Midwest Academy and/or GROW (Grassroots Organizing Weekend) by the United States Student Association.

6) Shall hold a minimum of two (2) office hours per week.

J) Duties of the Issues Coordinator on Labor:

- 1) Shall be responsible for informing the members of Student Lobby, the EVPSA, the EVPLA, SAOD, and Legislative Liaison on all labor issues dealing with or affecting the University of California.
- 2) Shall be responsible for maintaining communication and coordinating labor efforts with the United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS) Organization.
- 3) Shall maintain communication with the USSA Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) Director in coordinating statewide and national labor days of action and running labor oriented campaigns.
- 4) Shall work with and maintain communication with the Institute for Labor and Employment within the University of California.
- 5) Shall maintain communication with the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) and inform student lobby members of their actions.
- 6) Shall coordinate labor oriented campaigns in conjunction with registered student organizations on campus.
- 7) Shall maintain communication with local Union chapters and chapter leaders.
- 8) Shall hold a minimum of two (2) office hours per week.

K) *Duties of the Media Coordinator:*

- 1) Shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of all major campus wide, local, statewide, and national media contacts.
- 2) Shall work with the other officers to promote and advertise the activities of Student Lobby.
- 3) Shall prepare and distribute all media press releases and media advisories as designated by the EVPSA and/or Issues Coordinator(s).
- 4) Shall hold a minimum of two (2) office hours per week.

L) *Duties of the Issues Grassroots Liaison:*

- 1) Shall be responsible for instigating and maintaining communication with community organizations, the non-profit sector, as well as statewide and national networks, coalitions, and grassroots entities.
- 2) Shall be responsible for presenting and/or recruiting members of the board for potential conferences, training sessions, job-opportunities, and information provided by the Midwest Academy and/or GROW (Grassroots Organizing Weekend) by the United States Students Association.
- 3) Shall coordinate at least two (2) training sessions on grassroots campaign skills throughout the year.
- 4) Shall serve two (2) office hours per week.

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~~N-M)~~ Duties of the Treasurer:

1) Has responsibility for fiscal management of the Committee.

2) In conjunction with the Chairs, shall prepare Committee's budget for the following year.

3) Give a weekly financial report to the Committee.

4) Take minutes and distribute to Student Lobby.

5) Hold two (2) regularly scheduled office hours per week.

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