Legislative Session 2026-2027

# Welcome to AS the Legislative Affairs Council!

**October 26th, 2026**





PRESENTED BY

AS Vice President of Governmental Affairs Triebs

# Agenda for Today

Introduction

Member Introductions

LAC Overview

Parlimentary Procedure and OPMA

Microsoft Teams and Communication

2025-2026 Legislative Overview

WSA

Early ASWWU Legislative Priority Ideas

LAC Timeline

# Your Chair and Vice Chair!



Chair and Vice President of Governmental Affairs: Ashlye Triebs (She/her)



Vice Chair and Coordinator of Legislative Affairs: Stella Keating (She/her)

# WHO ARE YOU?



# Please talk amongst yourselves and answer the following questions!!!

- Name
- Pronouns
- Year and Major
- Why join LAC?
- Issues you want to advocate for?
- If someone where to play you in a biopic, would would they be?

# LAC: An Overview

Our Charter:

**Encourage and Empower**
Western Students to participate in the political process

**Manage and Allocate funding** from the Legislative Action Fund

**Submit and Review**
Legislative Reccomendations to the Washington State Association Legislative Agenda

**Forumlating Policy Positions** for all matters concerning students in higher ed

# 2025-2026 Legislative Session: An Overview

**Basic Needs**

- Washington Postsecondary Food Security Pilot Program Expired in July of 2026

**Undocumented Student Protections**

- SB 5906 & HB 2132 - Both Dead

**Higher Ed Funding**

- HB 2070 - Dead
- Roundtable Funding Formula for Higher Ed - Discontinued

**College Affordability**

- SB 5963 - Passed; SB 5828 - Dead

**Collective Bargaining**

- HB 1560 - Passed

# WSA and Fall GA 2026

Founded in 1972

Member Campuses Include: UW, WSU, WWU, CWU, Evergreen, TCC, and Bellevue College

Fall and Spring GA



# Washington's Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

Passed in 1971
Requires meetings to be open to the public, gavel to gavel
RCW 42.30

# Parlimentary Procedure

**Meeting Flow:**

**Call to Order (by chair)**

**Roll Call**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**Info Items**

**Action Items**

**Adjourn**



# Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Agenda

**10/26/26 | 4:30-6pm | VU567**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Revisions to the Agenda**
3. **Consent Items - Routine business items that do not require discussion**

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| I. | None this week | Triebs | NA min | Doc NA |
| II. | | | | |

4. **Information Items - Items that do not need a vote**

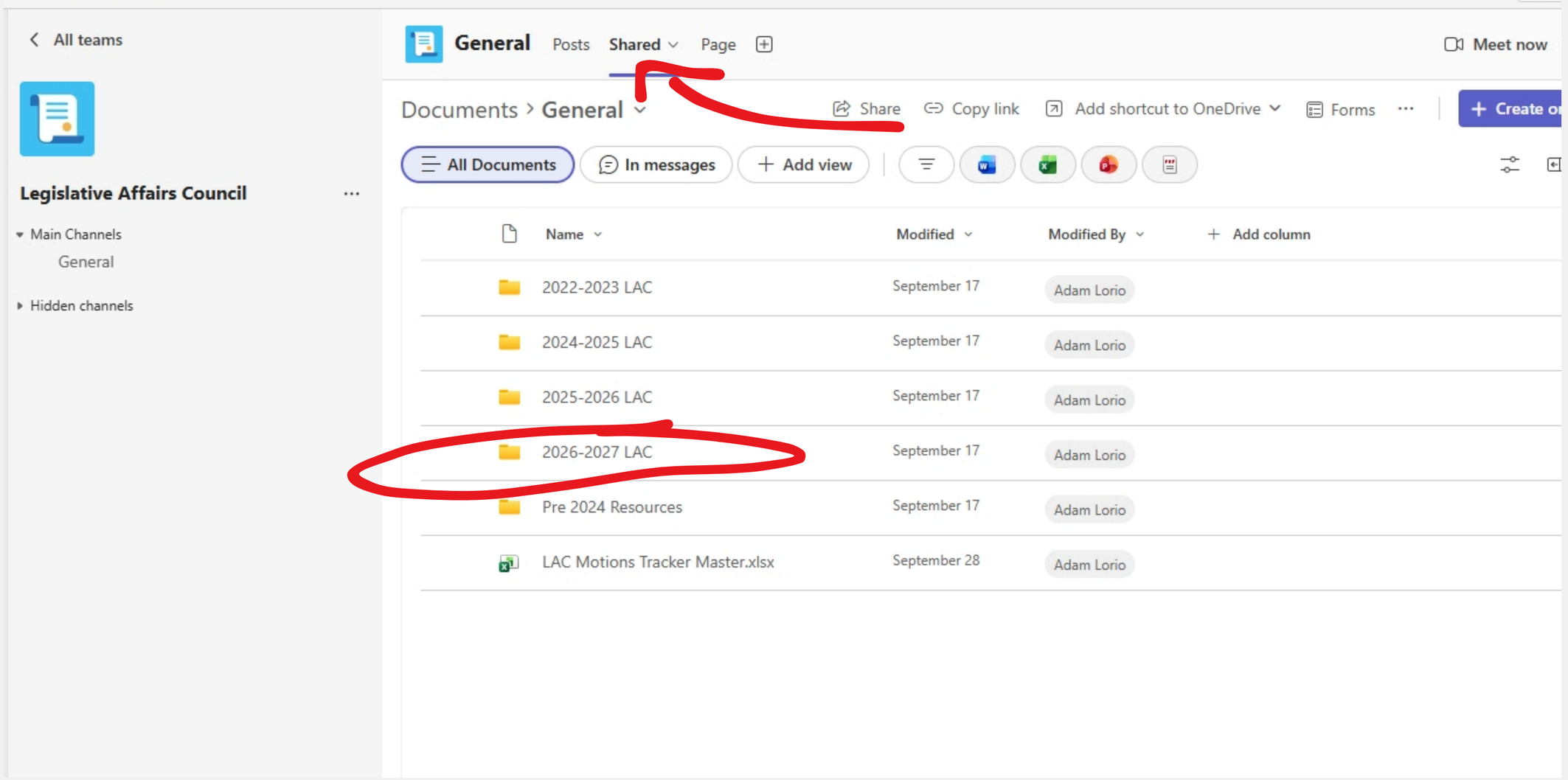
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| I. | What is LAC?<br>- Member Introductions<br>- Parli Pro – Review/Intro<br>- OPMA<br>- Files/Teams Structure<br>- Communication Expectations<br>- 2025-2026 Legislative Overview<br>- WSA- What is it, Fall GA<br>- Early ASWWU Legislative Priority Ideas, LAC Timeline | Triebs | 80 mins | Doc 1 |
| II. | | | | |

5. **Action Items – Items that may need a vote**

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| I. | None this week | | NA mins | N/A |

6. **Call to Adjourn**

# Microsoft Teams: LAC



# Legislative Priorities Brainstorming?



# THE GOLDEN BRICK ROAD TO OLYMPIA: FALL LAC OVERVIEW PT 1

**10/26/26**

**Introduction**

Overview of LAC, 2025-2026 session, What is LAC

**11/02/26**

**Brainstorm**

Legislative Priorities, LAF Overview, WSA Priorities, Assign Interest Areas, Lobby Date

**11/10/26**

**Fiscal Report and Legislative Budget and Strategy**

Finalize Priorities, Strategize Legislative Budget

**11/16/26**

**Drafting of ASWWU Agenda**

WSA Debrief, and First drafting of Leg Priorties, think about reaching out students for testimony



**11/23/26**

**Bill Tracking**

Discuss bill tracking, Concept of Committee Days, Amending our ASWWU Agenda as needed

**11/30/26**

**First Draft**

Read through our first draft of the ASWWU Agenda. Changes?

