



Welcome to the Legislative Affairs Council

2024-2025

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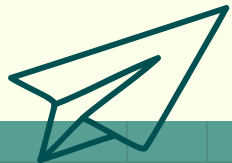
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Introductions

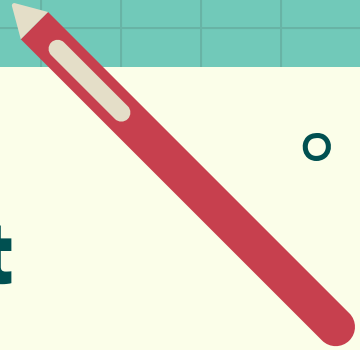




Aspen Cates-Doglio

He/Him/They

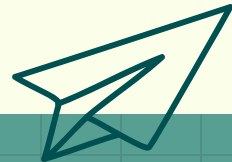
- Position: ASVP for Governmental Affairs and LAC Chair
- Experience: Served on the LAC last year, was involved in the Lobby Day Planning team, Chair of the 42nd LD Dems, Secretary of the Whatcom Dems
- Priorities: Fully Funding WWU and Basic Needs on Campus
- Fun Fact: My mom is a member of the state house (Beth Doglio) and I was on the WWU Rocket League Team my first year



Chris Rosenquist

He/Him

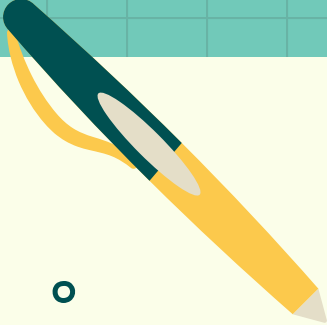
- Position: OCE Coordinator of Legislative Affairs (DOLA) and Vice Chair of LAC
- Experience: Political Science student with a specialty in Legislative Affairs and previously served as Ethics Board Coordinator and Intern at the Veterans Affairs Admin
- Priorities: Per-Student Funding (and pleaseeeeeee no cuts)
- Fun Fact: I am an avid backpacker and love to cook with my roommates, I have also watched hundreds of hours of C-span





Introductions

- What are your Pronouns?
- What position do you have in LAC?
- What unique experience do you bring to the LAC?
- What legislative priorities do you want to focus on this year?
- Two fun facts one related to politics and one that has nothing to do with the LAC.



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What is the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC)?

LAC Charge



The purpose of the Legislative Affairs Council is to increase student engagement in legislative processes that may impact ASWWU members by:

- Encouraging civic engagement and student participation in the political process.
- Creating, reviewing, and proposing Local, State, Federal, and other proposed Legislative and Administrative Agendas to the Associated Students of Western Washington University (ASWWU) Executive Board of Directors
- Submitting recommendations to the Washington Student Association (WSA) statewide Legislative Agenda.
- Establishing contact with elected officials to ensure that student perspectives are being considered at all levels of government.
- Formulating policy positions for all matters concerning students in higher education for approval by the AS Executive Board of Directors
- Allocate funding from the Legislative Action Fund in accordance with the Fund's stated purpose and all University Policies and Procedures on behalf of ASWWU Government.

Membership



Voting Membership

- ASVP for Governmental Affairs (Chair): Aspen Cates-Doglio
- OCE Coordinator of Legislative Affairs (Vice Chair): Chris Rosenquist
- OCE Local Issues Coordinator: **Currently Vacant**
- ASWWU Senator At-Large: Louis Hay
- Graduate Student: **Currently Vacant**
- Student At Large: Matt Condon
- Student At Large: Priscila Nunez Martinez
- 3 Student Representatives from the Centers: **All Currently Vacant**

Non-Voting Membership

- Secretary: Ruby Stegeman
- Advisor: Adam Lorio

Lobby Day

2025 Lobby Day Plan

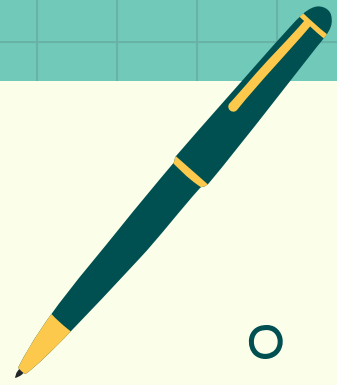
Name: Western Lobby Day

Dates: February 9th and 10th

Checklist for Western Lobby Day

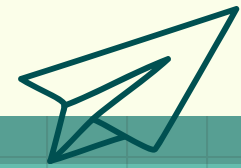
- Lodging
 - **Not Red Lion**
- Food
 - Lunch Day 1 (Likely on Campus)
 - Dinner Day 1 (Chipotle?)
 - Hotel Breakfast
 - Lunch Day 2 (Meconi's?)
 - Dinner Day 2 (Pizza?)

- Transportation
 - One Charter Bus
 - WWU 8 person Van
- Training
- Advertising/Recruitment
- Meetings with Legislators
- ASWWU Legislative Agenda



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Legislative Agenda



ASWWU Legislative Agenda

Outline

Our recent Legislative Agendas have been too lengthy making them less effective. "Do less better"-Adam Lorio

Agenda Item #1: Fully Fund WWU

Agenda Item #2: Washington College Grant expanding the MFI from 65% to 70%

Agenda Item #3: Create a bill and find a sponsor

Agenda Item #4: Basic Needs

Agenda Item #5/6: Should we send out a survey to students that highlight ASWWU's top issues?



Legislative Agenda Item #1 ^o




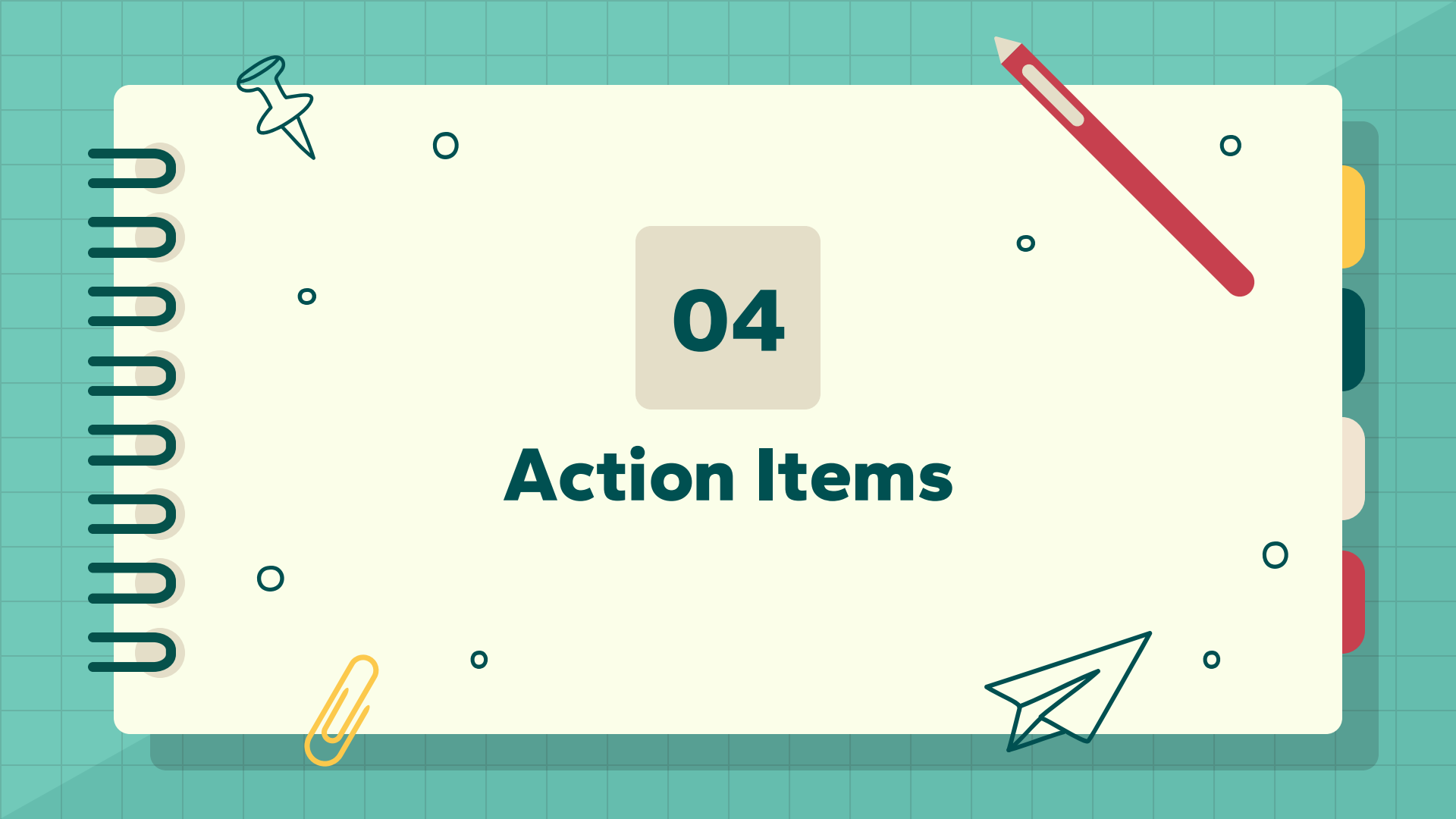
Fully Fund Western Washington University



Per Student Funding *\$21,400,000*

Western Washington University has consistently received some of the lowest per student funding over the past three decades when compared with other public four-year institutions. Over time, this policy has eroded Western's base budget causing a serious structural budget deficit. After the fund-split policy pre-spends the vast majority of tuition dollars on compensation dollars, Western is left with very little flexibility to respond to student needs in terms of high-demand programming, critical campus infrastructure, and student support services. Since the state is contributing more dollars per student at every other institution, tuition dollars at Western simply do not go as far to cover these gaps. This implicit disincentivizing of increasing enrollments works against statewide educational attainment goals.



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Action Items



Action Items


Legislative Agenda Item #1 and Lobby Day Outline

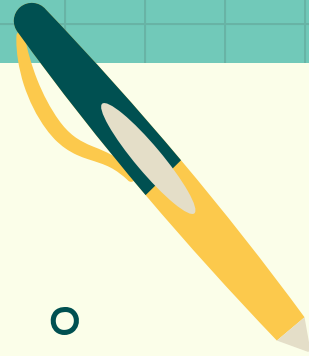
Asking for a motion to approve Fully Funding Western Washington University as our number one ask for the 2025 Legislative Session.

Asking for a motion to set the date of our Lobby Day.

Asking for a motion to set the name of our 2025 Lobby Day.

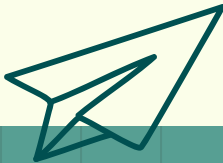
Any other motions that have come up in discussion today.





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How to Read a Bill





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