

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

February 3rd, 2021

MS Teams

Board Members: Present: Nicole Ballard (VP for Governmental Affairs), Nathalie Wagler (Voter Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator), Mariam Wolters (Outreach and Representation), Jude Ahmed (Director of Legislative Affairs), Natalie Szabo (Local Liaison), Ebon Oluchi (ESP Director), Daniela Rodriguez (ESC Representative), Breaker Chittenden (Student At-Large), Jade Hedeem (Student At-Large), Kaeli McKinley (Student At-Large), and Jennifer Leveque (Student At-Large).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Advisor: Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities)

Guest(s): None

Motions:

LAC-21-W-4 To approve the Western Intersectional Legislative Agenda. **Passed.**

I. Call to Order

Nicole Ballard, VP of Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m..

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Action Items

A. Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda- Wolters

1. Rodriguez stated that under the equitable living and housing item, there was rewording and the removal of SB 5010.
2. Wolters stated that the Disability Access Center item if increasing access to healthcare was reformatted. Wolters stated that SB 5070 was changed to replace the wording "female/gender neutral" with "campus wide restrooms",

and adding the wording “we also ask this bill to become financially mandated by Washington State government”.

3. Ahmed stated that WSA may be proposing this amendment to SB 5070 as well, and suggested rewording to support WSA’s amendment.

MOTION LAC-21-W-4 by Ballard

To approve the Western Intersectional Legislative Agenda.

Second: Ahmed

Action: Passed

V. Information Items

- A. None

VI. Discussion Items

- A. None

VII. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator stated that she will be writing up information about Camp 210 to post on the OCE Instagram. Szabo stated that the Local Lobby Day survey will be out soon as well.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, stated that the SNAP program was federally expanded so that students in 4-year universities are able to access it. Ahmed stated that the bill concerning the removal of the EdTPA requirement is going to the fiscal committee and will hopefully go to a floor vote. HB 1009 related to student health plans is being requested to be read. SB 5227 is scheduled for executive session the following day.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, did not have anything to report.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, stated that [insert report].

VIII. Other Business

- A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 5:00 p.m.