

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

May 26th, 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), Natale Szabo (Local Liaison), and Breaker Chittenden (Student At-Large).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Advisor: Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities)

Guest(s): None

Motions:

LAC-21-S- None

I. Call to Order

Nicole Ballard, VP of Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Legislative Wrap-Up

1. Ballard stated that all statewide lobbying that the LAC has advocated for has had incredible momentum; legislation has either went through or has strong initiative for the following year. Ahmed and herself met with Alex Rammel concerning the mental health asks and their follow-ups in the following years. Ballard stated that there is a legislative video coming out soon, and elections have concluded with no grievances filed. Ballard stated that election results have not been published yet but the OCE will be posting them later on their Instagram.

V. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator stated that follow-up emails will be sent out to elected officials to confirm their position. She stated that multiple things on the Local Lobby Day agenda have been passed due to state-wide legislation, such as the plastic ban and the zoning laws for family definition. Szabo stated that the language change for a ban on campfires, and overnight camping did not pass. She stated that People First Bellingham have been collecting signatures to support a ban on sweeps, relating to the Camp 210 situation.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, stated that there will be two student representatives from Western sitting on the WSA Executive Board the following year.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, stated that she has been sitting on a panel with the Whatcom County Elections Office to talk about the Student Engagement Hub. She stated that there is a political job event happening the following week.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, had nothing else to report.

VI. Other Business

A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 1:37 p.m.