

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting**

Monday, January 9, 2012

VU567

Present: Uis Maute-Gibson (AS VP Governmental Affairs, Chair), Joe Meyer [in Olympia] (Legislative Liaison), Patrick Stickney (Vice Chair), Ean Olsen (Student Senate Representative), Katherine Barnard, Chris Brown, Ben Crowther, Jared McCardle, Carmen Winquist, Fiona Yau-Luu

Absent: Kevin Majkut (advisor), Chris Savage

Secretary: Katie Savinski

MOTIONS

L-12-W-01 Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 28, 2011 *Passed*

Iris Maute-Gibson, Chair for Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 4:16p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVISIONS TO AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION L-12-W-01 by McCardle

Seconded by Olsen

Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 28, 2011

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

IV. REPORTS

A. AS VP for Governmental Affairs

Maute-Gibson reported that she assisted in the planning of the grassroots organizing training for all of the Associated Students staff, which took place on Saturday. The training was very successful. She said that sign-ups for the Viking Lobby Day event will be sent out this afternoon. She encouraged the committee members to step into the group leader role, and if they had an interest in doing so, to contact her. Two more meetings with WTA will be occurring soon with the Alternative Transportation Fee on ballot. Joe will be bringing bills over the next few weeks for the council to make educated decisions on.

B. AS Legislative Liaison

Meyer reported that the first day of legislative session went well. He gathered a good idea of what some of the bigger issues will be. There are several policy focuses: an attempt to obtain in-state tuition for honorably discharged veterans, shared governance, technical and community college trustees on the Board of Directors, an increase in sales tax for revenue make up, open source textbook and materials, as well as standard course numbers for all institutions in the state. Efficiencies will be looked at critically. Maute-Gibson asked for Meyer to gather more information on the open source textbooks from Faculty Senate.

C. Western Votes

Stickney reported that Western Votes had not met yet.

D. Student Senate

Olsen reported that senate started a “student senate reform” committee which will be meeting later this week. The senate passed an instant run-off voting system which would help eliminate the tie process in elections.

VI. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

A. Viking Lobby Day

Maute-Gibson reported that an email will be sent out tonight with sign-up information for Lobby day. The group will be leaving on Sunday at 1:00pm and returning in the evening on Monday.

V. ACTION ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XI. OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE WORK

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 23, 2012 4:00pm VU 567

XI. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 04:37 P.M.