

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

Monday, April 2, 2012

VU567

Present: Iris Maute-Gibson (AS VP Governmental Affairs, Chair), Patrick Stickney (Vice Chair), Katherine Barnard, Chris Brown, Kaylee Galloway, Fiona Yau-Luu, Tom Durham, Jared McCardle, Chris Savage

Absent: Joe Meyer (Legislative Liaison), Kevin Majkut (advisor), Ean Olsen, Ben Crowther, Carmen Winquist

Secretary: Katie Savinski

MOTIONS

- L-12-S-01** Approve the minutes of Monday, March 5, 2012. *Passed*
- L-12-S-02** Approve to support the Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2011, Senate bill 540.
- L-12-S-03** Approve to support the DREAM Act 2011, Senate bill 952.
- L-12-S-04** Approve to support the POST Act, Senate bill 2032.

Iris Maute-Gibson, Chair for Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVISIONS TO AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION L-12-S-01 by McCardle

Seconded by Stickney

Approval of the minutes of Monday, March 5, 2012

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

IV. REPORTS

A. AS VP for Governmental Affairs

(Chris Savage entered 4:04)

Maute-Gibson reported that board positions on the Washington Student Association are open. She encouraged the members of LAC to apply and participate in the election process. She explained that the time commitment for such a role would be roughly two hours a week. She offered to send out contact information to those who may be interested. She said at the next WSA meeting there will be a focus on voter registration. She hoped that Western will bring strength to this discussion as Western continually brings in high voter registration rates. Stickney said that the goal is to have 2,000 students register by October. Maute-Gibson said that special session will end on April 10th. There is currently no information coming out and nothing that can be done at this point. She hoped that contact with legislators can be made to let them know that there is student support behind them. She explained that Meyer has a class at this time and won't make it to the meeting. She said that travel is worked out for the trip to Washington DC. The administration will be giving their agenda later this week. This will be an action item next week.

B. AS Legislative Liaison

Meyer was not in attendance

C. Western Votes

Stickney reported that Western Votes is meeting tomorrow at 4:30pm for the first meeting of the quarter.

D. Student Senate

Brown reported that senate's first meeting is Thursday at 4:00pm. Chris Savage will be the new Student Senate representative. Separation

V. ACTION ITEMS**A. Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act 2011 (S. 540)**

Maute-Gibson said that these resolutions will be going to the board this week. Brown asked what the enforcements mechanisms are in regard to the bill. Maute-Gibson explained that it means there will be an involved duplicate reportage system with the Department of Education.. .as well as different ways to report that Title IV is still being maintained or met.

MOTIONL-12-S-02 by Stickney

Secoded by McCardle

Approve to support the Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2011, Senate bill 540.

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

B. DREAM Act 2011 (S. 952)

Maute-Gibson said that she will bring any amendment that may be made to this bill back to the committee to review.

MOTIONL-12-S-03 by McCardle

Secoded by Barnard

Approve to support the DREAM Act 2011, Senate bill 952.

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

C. POST Act (S. 2032)

Maute-Gibson said that Senator Murray is a sponsor for this bill. She said that showing leadership in support of this bill will be very positive. Maute-Gibson explained that this mechanism would ensure that money received from the federal government would be used for proper purposes, (i.e. not for advertising).

MOTIONL-12-S-04 by McCardle

Secoded by Stickney

Approve to support the POST Act, Senate bill 2032.

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

VI. OTHER INFORMATION

Maute-Gibson said that she is bringing an update to the LAC budget at the next meeting. She has a proposal that anything related to WSA should be pulled out of the Legislative Action Fund. She reminded the committee that the last candidate filing day is tomorrow, April 4th. She added that the applications for AS jobs are due on Thursday, April 5th. Stickney reported that the non-profit organization that he volunteers for is having a fundraising gala. Maute-Gibson said that the American Association of American Women is holding their all-day, all-paid for, convention next weekend. She encouraged the committee to let her know if anyone is interested in attending.

VII. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:38 P.M.