

**Western Washington University Associated Students**

**Legislative Affairs Council**

**Monday, February 25, 2013**

**VU 567**

**Present:** Patrick Stickney (ASVP Governmental Affairs, Chair), Andrew Taylor, Ben Crowther (Legislative Liaison), Evan Fowler, Graham Marmion, and Tom Durham. *Absent:* Amy Stavig, Joseph Levy, Neil Christenson, Eileen Pollet, and Marc Oommen

**Advisor:** Kevin Majkut

**Secretary:** Kaylee Galloway

**Guest:** Tully Smith

**MOTIONS**

**LAC-13-W-10** Approve the minutes from February 4, 2013. *Passed*

**LAC-13-W-11** Approve the minutes from February 8, 2013. *Passed*

**LAC-13-W-12** Approve the minutes from February 11, 2013. *Passed*

**LAC-13-W-13** Approve \$1,200 from the LAF to fund option two of the Backbone Campaign Proposal for WSA Event at WWU. *Passed.*

**Evan Fowler, Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Stickney reported to the committee via phone. There was discussion whether it was appropriate to provide Stickney with a vote. Majkut said that it is fine in certain situations. Fowler acted as chair and allowed Stickney to vote via phone call.

**II. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION LAC-13-W-10 by Taylor*  
Approve the minutes from February 4, 2013.  
Second: Marmion            Vote: No    dissent    Action: Passed

*MOTION LAC-13-W-11 by Taylor*  
Approve the minutes from February 8, 2013.  
Second: Marmion            Vote: No    dissent    Action: Passed

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**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**V. REPORTS**

**A. VP for Governmental Affairs**

Stickney reported that the Environmental lobby trip is scheduled for tomorrow. He said that there was a Day of Action last Friday calling Senator Hill in support of SB 5738 which focuses on a capital gains tax.

## B. Legislative Liaison

February 22, 2013 legislative report as prepared by Ben Crowther, Legislative Liaison. Today marks the end of the sixth week of session. All policy bills must be voted out of their committee of origin by 5 o'clock today. Next Friday, all fiscal bills must be voted out of their committee of origin.

### Updates

**DREAM Act-** The DREAM Act (HB 1817) received a hearing in the House Higher Education Committee Tuesday morning. Over 110 people signed in support, with zero people signing up against. The higher education is unanimously in favor of the bill, including students (WSA), faculty (CoFR), and administrations (COP). The bill was voted out of committee with a do-pass recommendation on Thursday 14-4, with five republicans voting in favor. The bill was amended to removed eligibility for College Bound and to narrow the eligibility to only students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) status. Because of the amendment, the bill will avoid fiscal committees in both chambers. It has been referred to Rules Committee where it is expected to move to the House floor for a vote.

**HB 1322/SB 5195-** Extending State Need Grant to Western Governor's University. This bill is moving forward with our proposed accountability measures. We believe it will pass, and are now focused on creating a template bill for next session. We sparked interest among legislators in both chambers about creating a universal accountability standard for institutions receiving the State Need Grant.

### Bill Status

#### HOUSE

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
HB 1109	Early registration for vets	House Rules	Hansen
HB 1322	State Need Grant for non-profits (WGU)	House Approps	Seaquist
HB 1453	State Need Grant eligibility minimum 3 credits (from 6)	House Approps: Education	Seaquist
HB 1043	Prohibits differential Tuition	Senate Higher Ed	Seaquist
HB 1011	Military resident tuition	House Rules	Appleton
HB 1624	Tuition increase restriction	Dead	Pollet
HB 1669	Self-supporting program transparency	House Rules	Pollet
HB 1817	DREAM Act	House Rules	Hudgins
HB 1843	SNG accountability for for-profits	Dead	Pollet
HB 1878	Full SNG awards for students at private non-profits	Dead	Haler

#### SENATE

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
SB 5180	Access for students with disabilities	Senate Rules	Shin
SB 5173	Self-supporting program transparency	Senate Rules	Kohl-Welles
SJR8209	Const. Amend making higher ed 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest priority	Senate Ways and Means	Baumgartner
SB 5835	Prohibits differential tuition at UW	Senate Ways and Means	Tom
SB 5420	Two-year tuition freeze	Senate Ways and Means	Kohl-Welles
SB 5318	Resident tuition for military	Senate Ways and Means	Bailey

SB 5195	SNG for non-profits (WGU)	Senate Ways and Means	Rolfes
SB 5343	Protects active military from absences	House Higher Ed	Bailey
SB 5730	Child care matching grants	Dead	Ranker
SB 5670	SNG maximum credit recalculation	Dead	Ranker
SB 5655	DREAM Act	Dead	Murray
SB 5548	Prohibits differential tuition	Dead	Ranker
SB 5730	Child care matching grants	Dead	Ranker
SB 5087	Revokes in-state tuition for undocumented students	Dead	Benton

Majkut asked about SB 5420 regarding the tuition freeze. Crowther said that they referred it to Ways and Means. He said that it was a budget issue and that it will probably die before reaching the floor. Taylor wondered who would be filling in for Crowther when he leaves Olympia. Crowther said that other liaisons can help, but that several are heading back to school when he is. Stickney said that he and Crowther will be discussing strategy and ways to stay involved without a liaison's physical presence in Olympia.

#### C. Western Votes

Taylor reported that Western Votes is recruiting for lobby trips. He said everything is set and ready to go for the lobby trip tomorrow. He encouraged people to go to these lobby trips. He said that there are several bills they will be lobbying on. He thanked Tully Smith for all of his hard work researching bills.

#### D. Student Senate

Fowler reported that the Student Senate tabled the 50/50 by 2020 topic indefinitely because information has since changed.

## VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Backbone Campaign Funding Proposal

Marmion wondered when the rally would be. Stickney said March. Majkut wonder about the legality of the night time banner. Taylor said that it is legal. Marmion wondered about it being a distraction to drivers. Taylor said that he has participated in similar events with other organizations without any issue. Majkut said that it is his administrative responsibility to confirm that it is legal before finalizing the funding. He said the committee will assume it is legal for now in approving the expenditure request. Taylor trusts the Backbone Campaign's judgment in saying that it is legal.

#### *MO TION LA C-13- W-13 by Taylor*

Approve \$1,200 from the LAF to fund option two of the Backbone Campaign Proposal for WSA Event at WWU.

Second: Durham

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

## VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 4, 2013

## IX. ADJOURN

## X. OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE WORK

*The Meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m.*