



## Choosing an Issue WS A Statewide Legislative Agenda

**Thank you for your interest in helping to create the WSA Legislative Agenda!**

The following documents will provide you with the information that you will need to put together your proposal to the WSA Board of Directors, as well as beginning the planning process for a successful campaign in the spring. The process is outlined below:

- Preliminary discussion of proposals at the October Board Meeting
- Final submission deadline two weeks prior to November General Assembly
- Distribution of compiled proposals one week prior to November General Assembly  
(Review ALL Proposals prior to GA. You will be voting on these after all!)
- Discussion and voting on proposals at November General Assembly
- Compilation of Legislative Agenda

One thing that is important to stress as well is that this should be a civil and intellectual discussion about the proposals that are submitted. It is important that we give equal credence to the arguments of each individual, but that our discussions also do not run on too long. Therefore, we have decided to institute some limits on presentations:

- 5 Minute Presentation from Proponents
- 5 Minutes allowed for Questions
- 5 Minutes allowed for the raising of Concerns
- 3 Minute Rebuttal of Concerns from Proponents
- 3 Minute Response from raisers of Concerns
- 2 Minutes for Final Thoughts and Questions
- Vote

Our hope is not to limit the discussion on proposals, but to have the process executed in a civil and organized manner. If there is a need for any additional discussion on an issue, debate can be extended with a traditional parliamentary motion.

**Please be sure to ask if any questions come up regarding the issue selection process.**

**Vice President of Legislative Affairs Tristan Hanon**



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**Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author(s)/Sponsor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsements:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Action Agenda Item Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1) Describe the Issue (what is the problem & what is the solution).**

**2) Please fill out a Strategy Chart.**

**3) Please explain briefly how/if this issue meets the following qualifications:**

1. Is it winnable?
2. Does it directly impact and improve students' lives?
3. Does it have a clear target?
4. Does it build a measurable amount of power?
5. Does it have a clear and realistic time frame?
6. Does it have a local/state/federal organizing and lobbying angle?
7. Could students build a diverse campus coalition around this issue?
8. Is it likely to be debated and acted upon by the Legislature in the next year?
9. Will it strengthen and expand efforts within WSA?
10. Can you provide background information and the current context of the issue?
11. What creative and/or innovative tactics could we employ to engage the media and excite new students around this issue?