

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Legislative Affairs Council  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 VU 460A**

**Present:** Patrick Eckroth (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Nora Selander (Vice Chair), Haley Newhouse (Western Votes), Josie Ellison (Legislative Liaison), Bridget Doyle Williams, and Henry Pollet

**Absent:** McKenzie Dent, Lisa Rosenberg (Advisor)  
**Secretary:** Bryce Hammer

**MOTIONS**

- LAC-16-W-4** Motion to strike the WSA funding request. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-W-5** Approve the minutes from 1-12-2016. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-W-6** Approve fund not-to-exceed \$1050 for the USSA January Board Meeting. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-W-7** Motion to approve the funding request for VLD not-to-exceed \$1,700. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-W-8** Motion to pass all three proposed ELD agenda items. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-W-9** Motion to adjourn. **Passed.**

**Nora Selander, Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 4:26pm.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A.** Nora asked for any revisions to the agenda. Patrick suggested removing the WSA Board of Director's funding request because it wasn't ready yet.

*MOTION LAC-16-W-4 by Pollet*

Motion to strike the WSA Funding Request from Info Items.

Second: Doyle Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed. Item removed.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.** *MOTION LAC-16-W-5 by Eckroth*

Approved the minutes from 1-12-2016

Second: Newhouse Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

#### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **A. USSA National Student Power Summit Funding Request—Patrick Eckroth**

Nora said in past years this conference was called LegCon but they're changing it this year. She gave everyone a chance to review the funding request and then asked for questions. Patrick said 8 people is the usual amount to send and it would be \$150 to register if they did it before January the 27th. The price for the flights are a high guess and he'd have a more specific number. As far as hotels go, they'll need at least two rooms which will likely be under \$300. Nora said the hotel request on the sheet is one room for three nights. Patrick corrected the mistake and said the new total request was for \$7,700 so they can have the rooms for the 18th through the 21st of March. The meal stipend is a standard estimate which is enough to help with meal options. Patrick said if they wanted to expand the trip to 12 people the total request would come out to \$13,000. He said the Legislative Action Fund has a balance of \$17,000 and \$18,000 in reserves. Western owes \$13,000 in USSA dues and \$6,000 in WSA dues. Patrick said they'd have plenty of money left in the fund no matter the direction they went in. Josie said the WSA might be able to help with housing funds. Patrick said the math is an estimate and he'd be able to provide more information next week. Nora asked for questions, there were none.

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. USSA Board Meeting Funding Request—Losa Berhane**

Patrick said the document is the same thing the council saw last week. Josie asked about airfare prices. Henry checked the prices. Patrick and Henry said it would be \$424 for round trip flights. Nor said the not-to-exceed is a little too close to that and they should think about bumping it up.

*MOTION LAC-16-W-6 by Ellison*

Approve fund not-to-exceed \$1050 for the USSA January Board Meeting.

Second: Pollet Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

##### **B. Environmental Lobby Day Funding Request—Anna Kemper**

Patrick said this document was similar to the one they saw last week though he would recommend increasing the not-to-exceed amount because of the price of printing. Nora asked for an estimate. Josie said the half sheet that the ESP is planning on would only get lost in the representative's office so they should make them a full sheet or not do them at all. Patrick said it'll be 60 cents to a dollar per page so they should add \$30 to the overall request. He said the ESP has started an outreach plan which is generating a lot of interest. He added funding this event would help solidify it as a part of the AS. He said registration for the ELD is open until February 2nd. Nora asked about the capacity of the bus. Patrick said it would be similar to the ones used for VLD so probably around 56 people though they might choose to use a smaller one.

*MOTION LAC-16-W-7 by Eckroth*

Motion to approve the funding request for VLD not-to-exceed \$1,700

Second: Doyle Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed.

**C. Agenda proposals for ELD**

Nora introduced the ELD agenda proposals. Patrick said they hadn't changed since the last meeting. As far as oil transportation goes they're lobbying for better engineered trains and harder legislation on the oil companies. Nora said they can pass all of the agenda items at once instead of going through them all. She asked why they didn't list sources for the Oil Transportation Safety Act agenda item. Patrick said he wasn't sure and then listed the sources they probably used (including the state leg websites and common knowledge that oil trucks spill).

*MOTION LAC-16-W-8 by Pollet*

Motion to pass all three proposed ELD agenda items.

Second: Newhouse Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

**VI. REPORTS**

- A.** VP for Governmental Affairs: Patrick said Viking Lobby Day was yesterday and it went well. There were 79 students, 115 meetings, and a few issues with the legislators but for the most part everything was fine. He congratulated Josie on a job well done. Josie said thank you and told the group that other people at the state house had worse days. Josie said if anyone knows who the problematic people were they'd like to know. Patrick said he's preparing for the WSA and the USSA, as well as the local and federal agendas.
- B.** Western Votes: Haley yielded to Nora. Nora said there is an event happening in two weeks and there will be an exec meeting next week as well as an event in two days concerning elections and committees.
- C.** Legislative Liaison: Josie said they got to testify in House Appropriations committee. The biggest thing happening with budgets is the governor's because it's the only one out right now. They're getting a lot of good feedback from VLD. A couple Republicans in the Senate reached out to UW concerning the Voter Access agenda item. A couple people offered to write bills about the student success package which is great news and Josie will work with Becca and the representatives to decide if that's the way it can be done effectively. Senator Ranker wants to work of the Support for Survivors agenda item. Josie said they're meeting with him soon.

D. Local Liaison: McKenzie Dent was absent.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Patrick said he's be sending out a funding request soon for the WSA meeting. Josie said keep calendars open.

*MOTION LAC-16-W-9 by Newhouse*

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Doyle Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

***The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.***