

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council
Thursday, May 12, 2016 VU 543**

Present: Patrick Eckroth (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Nora Selander (Vice Chair, Western Votes!), Josie Ellison (Legislative Liaison), McKenzie Dent (Local Liaison), Bridget Doyle Williams (Student at Large), Henry Pollet (Student at Large), Briana Dearing (Student at Large), Losa Berhane (Student at Large), and Emma Bigongiari (Student at Large).

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg
Secretary: Bryce Hammer

MOTIONS

- LAC-16-S-22** Motion to approve the Board Assistant for Viking Lobby Days Job Description and pay increase. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-S-23** Motion to approve the LACF Budget Policy with the added language. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-S-24** Motion to adjourn. **Passed.**

Patrick Eckroth, Chair of Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 5:39pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A.** Eckroth asked Hammer if there were minutes to approve. She said no. Eckroth removed Approval of the Minutes from the Agenda.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Board Assistant for Viking Lobby Day Job Description
Eckroth said this position did not change much from the last time the council saw it. He said the council can make edits in the process because it has not officially changed. They will be coordinating with a lot of people. He said by passing it, and acknowledging the increase to the non-discretionary budget, they would be doing both in one motion.

Motion LAC-16-S-22 by Selander

Motion to approve the Board Assistant for Viking Lobby Days Job Description and pay increase.

Second: Dent Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed.

B. LAFC Budget Policy

Eckroth said this is similar There is still a way for an individual to abuse the power that the budget policy gives them. Like spending under \$50 multiple times. Ellison said that the items should have to be presented at the next meeting, even if they can be approved by the VP. Dent said the testifying student was above 50 dollars. Eckroth said they can raise the amount to \$100. He asked how people feel about it. Ellison said they should include the language that says any expenditures should be reported to the council at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion LAC-16-S-23 by Ellison

Motion to approve the LACF Proposed Budget with the added language

Second: Dent Vote: 5-0-0 Action:Passed.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Eckroth said they'll be postponing until later in the meeting.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. USSA Report

Eckroth said this is a rough proposed budget for USSA Congress this summer. He said Losa Berhane is going to the USSA Board meeting this weekend and they'll be finalizing their budget and agenda for USSA congress. He said it was very rough and would like to keep it as an information item. Ellison asked if they know when it'll be. Eckroth said its TBD but it'll likely be mid-August. Ellison said it might be earlier. Eckroth said he'll be bringing a proposed expenditures list for the next year for LAF. He said USSA is increasing their dues to 50 cents per student (5 cent increase). There are other increases. He'll be bringing them next week.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. WSA Statewide Proposals

Eckroth said they've been sent to the WSA and out to different schools. Ellison said we had not talked about what the Student Trustee proposal would entail and when they and Hammer sat down and made the proposal they included making the position an elected position. Ellison based the proposal off of Massachusetts and included language for what the change will be in the RCW. Williams asked how many people go. Ellison said 50-70 and this proposal won't have problems passing. Eckroth moved onto dedicated revenue. Ellison said they kept it to things Washington is below the national average on and there are no new taxes, mostly closing loopholes. They summarized the revenue proposals. They said they don't think it will pass but they need to talk about it. Eckroth moved on to

the VOTE proposal. Selander said she added a voter registration requirement for higher ed institutions, which came up during session this year. She also added what happened to these proposals during session this year. Other than that, she made changes to the pro-Western language. Eckroth said when she presents it she should include that multiple campuses asked for our voter plan. Eckroth moved on to Support for Survivors. Selander said they talked about it last meeting. She said she updated the language to make it clearer and more relevant. She said the WSA made a taskforce that compiled a report about this subject. She thinks it'll help us build power to lobby for these issues and it'll help with student success. She mentioned that multiple schools and WSA have been investigated for title IX crimes. Rosenberg said the administration is sending out a campus wide survey about campus climate and we might be able to access the result. Selander asked for timeline. Rosenberg said there is no deadline but results would be shared with the WA State Leg. Ellison said the taskforce for WSA worked on that with the Leg to make it a requirement. Ellison said they'll be starting a discussion about what legislation for support for survivors would look like. Ranker was excited about writing a proposal for us. Selander said she was invited to be on a group that will help transition in the new president and she'll be working on transparency with that. Eckroth moved on to student success. Ellison said this proposal is increasing support services for students on campus and they've updated the information. Ellison said most people at GA will see this as a Western issue and they'll be working on convincing WSA to look at their retention rates and see it as a statewide issue. Eckroth said hopefully it'll be the last time they have to bring it. Hammer asked if other school's budgets were operationalized. Ellison said yes, it came out of the long session last year. Eckroth said the people from USSA did not come to the meeting. Ellison said they feel unsure if they're comfortable making the decision. They don't know... who that would be but they'd like to figure out a way to incorporate more students, like the Board or more people that have had more direct USSA input. Eckroth said yes, but we do provide the funding so we've got to look at it.

VII. REPORTS

- A.** ASVP for Governmental Affairs: He said most of his work has been around SRC and WSA GA. There will be lower turnout because of B2B. Ellison asked for list of attendees. Eckroth said list is not set and he has not heard from people. Setting up for more transitional stuff. He said he's been going through the AS Student Senate History and Washington Student Lobby. Eckroth gave a summary of what he's found of the history thus far.
- B.** Local Liaison: She said she's trying to put together vehicles for the hearing on new dorm buildings. Some of the people from the Outback are worried about sun exposure.
- C.** Legislative Liaison: They've been working on transition stuff. They're working on their legacy document, which is pretty long.

- D.** Selander: She said Griffin Crisp is the new president, Hannah Spencer is VP and she is Outreach. Griffin is trying to put together a meeting that will include old REP, new REP and maybe the Board.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion LAC-16-S-24 by Dent

Motion to adjourn.

Second: Ellison. Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.