

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Legislative Affairs Council  
Thursday, May 26, 2016** **VU 543**

**Present:** Patrick Eckroth (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Nora Selander (Vice Chair, Western Votes!), Josie Ellison (Legislative Liaison), McKenzie Dent (Local Liaison), Henry Pollet (Student at Large).

**Absent:** Bridget Doyle Williams (Student at Large), Briana Dearing (Student at Large), Andrea Tomkins (Student at Large), Losa Berhane (Student at Large), and Emma Bigongiari (Student at Large).

**Advisor:** Lisa Rosenberg  
**Secretary:** Bryce Hammer

**MOTIONS**

- LAC-16-S-28**            Motion to approve the minutes from 5-19-2016. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-S-29**            Motion to suspend the conference policy. **Passed.**
- LAC-16-S-30**            Motion to adjourn. **Passed.**

**Patrick Eckroth, Chair of Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.**

- I.     CALL TO ORDER**
  
- II.    REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**
  
- III.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION LAC-16-S-28 by Selander***

Motion to approve the minutes from 5-19-2016.

Second: Dent            Vote: 5-0-0            Action: MotionPassed

- IV.    INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. 16-17 Proposed LACF Budget**

Eckroth said the revenue listed on the screen is projected, because they will not know until enrollment is finalized. We're anticipating about 42K in revenue for next year. We had a slightly reduced revenue this year due to stabilizing the LACF. If we want to keep the capacity of what we're doing, then we might need to increase the fee soon. He said the job description for BA for VLD is going through Personnel and the Board will see it soon. There will be the standard pay and then benefits. The pay will be double. The dues for WSA and USSA are not

finalized, he does not expect them to go up though. He estimated that enrollment might go up soon, so dues will also go up. He estimated a safe number. WSA uses FTE and USSA uses headcount, which makes what we have to pay them in dues different. The headcount changes more from quarter to quarter than the FTE does. We're also looking into making WSA travel non-discretionary. In consolidating budgets some of the transportation will be moving. They're trying to keep the S&A fee from increasing too drastically. He asked for questions. There were none. He has reviewed the reserves policy and they'll be right at the amount they should be at by the end of the year. Next year there will be a lot of reductions in what was allocated for discretionary funds. They increased the allocation for USSA Congress from 2K to 7K, which should be enough. The NSPS was raised by about 500 because the costs in DC are a bit higher. USSA related expenses are shifting downwards because we're not expecting to host a USSA meeting, though if they do then they'll dip into Board funds. They'll still have to reduce the amount that goes to each trip. WSA expenses are gone because the travel expenses have been moved to non-discretionary. We're also hoping to expand additional lobbying efforts so that area will likely increase. No discussion.

## **V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. USSA Congress**

Eckroth said he opened the application for USSA Congress. He said they will be sending out an email soon and he wants the council to encourage their successors to apply. Nine people will be going; LAC will be funding 8 and AS President Elect Stephanie Cheng will likely be sent through Board funds.

#### ***MOTION LAC-16-S-29 by Pollet***

Motion to suspend the conference policy.

Second: Ellison

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Motion Passed

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### ***MOTION LAC-16-S-30 by Pollet***

Motion to adjourn.

Second: Selander

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Motion Passed

***The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.***