

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council
Thursday, June 2, 2016 VU 460**

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), Losa Berhane (Student at Large), and Emma Bigongiari (Student at Large).

Absent: Briana Dearing (Student at Large), Andrea Tomkins (Student at Large), Bridget Doyle Williams (Student at Large).

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg

Secretary: Bryce Hammer

Guest: Galen Herz (Incoming Local Liaison)

MOTIONS

LAC-16-S-31 Motion to approve the minutes from 5-26-2016. **Passed.**

LAC-16-S-32 Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2016-17. **Passed.**

LAC-16-S-33 Motion to move to action items. **Passed.**

LAC-16-S-34 Motion to approve a subcommittee of the LAC for the purposes of selecting USSA applicants to attend USSA Congress in August, with the guidelines that have been provided by the committee. Members will consist of the available suggested names under the discretion of VP for Governmental Affairs Hammer. **Passed.**

LAC-16-S-35 Motion to adjourn the meeting. **Passed.**

Patrick Eckroth, Chair of Legislative Affairs Council, called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION LAC-16-S-31 by Pollet

Motion to approve the minutes from 5-26-2016.

Second: Selander

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed 2016-17 LACF Budget

Eckroth said that there is a \$3,500 revenue increase for the LACF. It changes how much we'll be dipping into reserves for this year, and possibly next year if enrollment stays where it is at. Selander asked if we're adding to reserves. Eckroth said we'll still be dipping into reserves but by 3.5K less. We'll have 20K left and we'll need 11-12K to be at the reserve policy level. Ellison said they should look at adding funding for USSA NSPS because it gets used. Eckroth asked what others thought. Hammer recommended increasing USSA related expenses. Eckroth said this will be a guideline for discretionary. Berhane asked if we have to have an amount now. Eckroth said it'll be a guideline but there is potential for it to be flexible and make sure we don't outspend. Berhane said more people come to NSPS than Congress. Berhane asked what non-deficit means. Eckroth said they can set a budget that will pull out of reserves, perfectly match what is in the budget, or contribute to reserves. Selander said we should try to be neutral. Hammer asked about Local Lobby Day. Dent said it should expand. Eckroth said it comes out of two separate funds. Pollet said he'd like to expand all lobbying efforts, not just Environmental. Selander said that is in line with Lobby Days Assistant. Selander asked how resources in terms of money help. Dent said outreach and supplies would be helpful. Herz said food would be an incentive. Eckroth said last year, and as a trend, we should expect more lobbying efforts because it is a budget year. Selander said there might be a WSA lobby day because they'll have an OD. Eckroth said having reserves allows us to do things. Selander says keeping neutral would set a good precedent. Hammer said restructure will increase lobbying efforts. Eckroth said we can move more money into additional lobbying efforts. He asked for finals comments. Berhane asked if students wanted to go to an organizational training that was not directly legislative could they use the funds. Eckroth said funds have been used in the past for that but it doesn't happen every year so it does not need to be included in the budget. There are also other sources that they can go through.

MOTIONLAC-16-S-32 by Ellison

Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2016-17.

Second: Selander

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. USSA Congress

Eckroth said that no one has applied yet but that is not unusual. Berhane said there has been a date change, which will be August 5th to the 8th. Eckroth said he'll be sending out the email soon. Eckroth asked for thoughts on the applicant process. Ellison said they can try to put it on the AS Facebook page. Selander said they should extend the process and pass it off into the summer, because it'll extend the deadline. She can also send it out through WV and committees email. Pollet said push it because the deadline is Monday. Selander asked if June 30th or July 1st would work. Eckroth said earlier would be better so it can be chosen by that point.

Dent suggested 27th and making the decision by the end of the week. Eckroth said Hammer will have a week to notify people and fill out forms. Eckroth said we'll likely overspend and report it back to the committee. Ellison suggested making a list of people. The list included Henry Pollet, Bryce Hammer, Nora Selander, Stephanie Cheng, Lisa Rosenberg, Losa Berhane, and (possibly) Griffin Crisp. Emma Bigongiari (by phone or email), and Octavia Shultz (if need be).

Bigongiari walked in at 5:48.

Hammer can approve final list over summer after outreach has occurred.

MOTIONLAC-16-S-33 by Pollet

Motion to move to action items.

Second: Selander Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

MOTIONLAC-16-S-34 by Selander

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Second: Ellison Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

V. REPORTS

- A.** AS VP for Governmental Affairs: This is the last meeting. Ellison said it was a good year. Selander asked if they were crying. Ellison said not yet. Eckroth said thank you and let the committee know that he would be available for anything they needed.
- B.** Western Votes: Selander said there will be a vote summit and a WSA meeting at UW Seattle over the weekend.

MOTIONLAC-16-S-35 by Ellison

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Second: Eckroth Vote: 6-1-0 Action: Passed

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.