



Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Action Council

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2017 5:00 PM VU462A

Members: *Present: Ana Ramirez (VP of Governmental Affairs), Rosa Rice-Pelepko (AS Legislative Liaison), Victoria Matey (ESC Rep), Casey Hayden (Assistant Director of Student Representation & Governance), Jordan Van Hoozer (ESP Environmental Justice Coordinator), Emma Scalzo (REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator), Zoe Evans-Agnew (Student at Large), Peter Condyles (Student at Large), Hannah Sear (Student at Large), Greta Merkel (Student at Large), and Natasha Hessami (Student at Large).*

Absent:

Advisor: Casey Hayden

Secretary: Chloe Callahan

Guest:

Motions:

LAC-18-W-1 Approval of the minutes for November 7th, 20th, 27th, December 4th, 2017 and January 16th, 2018. *Passed.*

LAC-18-W-2 Approval of the funding request of \$10,000 for Ethnic Student Center, Environmental and Disability Outreach Lobby Days. *Passed.*

LAC-18-W-3 Approval of the funding request of \$1,200 for Local Lobby Day. *Passed.*

Ana Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

I. Introductions

Ramirez asked for people to share their name, position and pronouns.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. November 7th, 20th, 27th, December 4th and January 16th

***MOTION: LAC-18- W-1** by Evans-Agnew*

Approval of the minutes for November 7th, 20th, 27th, December 4th, 2017 and January 16th, 2018.

Second: Scalzo

Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passed

III. Guest

A. Legislative Session Update

Rice-Pelepko gave a short update of what she has been doing in Olympia and what the committee could do to support her efforts. The committee talked about setting up a phone bank to call legislators in regards to the Automatic Voter Registration bill. Matey informed the committee she would be going down to Olympia to have dinner with legislators and share her testimony. She also informed Rice-Pelepko that she had receive a couple of testimonies from Blue Group members.

IV. Information Items -guest

A. Environmental and Sustainability Programs Agenda

The guest was unable to attend. The committee decided to move the item to the following meeting.

V. Action Items

A. ESC, ESP and DOC Lobby Day Funding Request

Matey clarified that the funding request did not include printing costs and requested to round the funding request amount be rounded up to \$10,000 to cover that extra expense.

MOTION: LAC-18-W-2 by Merkel

Approval of the funding request of \$10,000 for Ethnic Student Center, Environmental & Sustainability Programs and Disability Outreach Center Lobby Days.

Second: Evans-Agnew Vote: 7-0-1 Action: Passed

B. Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

MOTION: LAC-18-W-3 by Matey

Approval of the funding request of \$1,200 for Local Lobby Day.

Second: Evans-Agnew Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passed

VI. Discussion Items

A. Budget Update

Hayden gave the committee an overview of the budget. He said the ballpark number of the current budget was around \$29,500. When Western Lobby Day expenses were removed from the account the budget would be about \$18,000. Then after the funding requests that were approved that day, the budget would come out to be around \$7,000. He also noted that there was \$11,000 of roll over funds from the previous year. He informed the committee that next quarter the fund would receive another \$14,000 from fees. The committee used to have to pay USSA fees each year, but since Western was no longer affiliated with them there was more room in the budget to send more people to Lobby Days.

B. Tablets

The committee discussed what they would like to do with the tablets that were reserved for the meetings and whether to continue to reserve them.

VII. Reports

A. VP for Governmental Affairs

Ramirez informed the committee she would be having a meeting later that week to help plan the DOC agenda and lobby day.

VIII. Other Business

A. Future Lobby Day Agenda Timelines

Hayden requested that the committee review the timeline for approving agendas for the ESC, ESP and DOC Lobby Days. The committee reviewed when the different offices would need to bring the agendas to a meeting for approval. They also discussed what was left in the planning process for ESC, ESP and DOC Lobby Day.

Hayden brought up the issue of who the lobbying bodies of the Associated Students were and who could approve any lobbying efforts. He explained that the AS Board had lobbying capabilities within their job description and felt that they should be the ones to have the final approval of AS related lobbying. Members of the committee decided to set up a separate meeting to discuss this topic further.

Ana Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.