



Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council

Monday, April 30th, 2018 4:00 PM YU 567

Members:

Present: Ana Ramirez (AS VP for Governmental Affairs), Simrun Chhabra (AS President), Casey Hayden (Assistant Director of Student Representation & Governance), Jordan Van Hoozer (ESP Rep), Hannah Sear (Student at Large), Emma Scalzo (REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator), Victoria Matey (ESC Rep), Colton Redtfeldt (Student at Large), Greta Merkel (Student at Large), Peter Condyles (Student at Large) and Jacob Molloy (Student at Large)

Absent:

Advisor: Casey Hayden

Secretary: Chloe Callahan

Guest:

Motions:

- LAC-18-S-5** Approval of the minutes for April 23rd, 2018. *Passed.*
- LAC-18-S-6** Approval to move the Federal Lobby Day funding request and the Blue Group books funding request from information items to action items. *Passed.*
- LAC-18-S-7** Approval of the Federal Lobby Day funding request for the amount \$4,700. *Passed.*
- LAC-18-S-8** Approval of the Blue Group books funding request for the amount of \$3,000. *Passed.*

Ana Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM.

- I. Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. April 23rd**

MOTION: LAC-18-S-5 by Evans-Agnew

Approval of the minutes for April 23rd, 2018.

Second: Merkel Vote: 10-0-0 Action: Passed

- III. Information Items**
 - A. Federal Lobby Day Funding Request**

Ramirez asked the committee for about \$5,000 for the federal lobby day trip to bring two to three more students to Washington DC. There was already money set aside that typically was spent on the AS President and VP for Governmental Affairs, but this year those funds would be spent on students. With that in mind, they still wanted to send three more students. The cost breakdown was \$3000 airfare, \$200 hotel room, \$1200 meals per diem and \$300 transportation. Matey asked when Federal Lobby Day was. Hayden said May 23rd to the 26th. Hayden noted that they would not be creating

another formal agenda like the committee had for the state and local levels. The idea was focused on personal testimony along with the Western federal agendas.

MOTION: LAC-18-S-6 by Chhabra

Approval to move the Federal Lobby Day funding request and the Blue Group books funding request from information items to action items.

Second: Evans-Agnew Vote: 10-0-0 Action: Passed

MOTION: LAC-18-S-7 by Chhabra

Approval of the Federal Lobby Day funding request for the amount \$4,700.

Second: Redtfeldt Vote: 10-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Blue Group Books Funding Request

This request was to purchase 100 copies of the WWU Blue Group book titled UndocuStories. The books cost \$30 so a total budget of \$3000. The goal was to have the students give the books to the legislators and if the students had extra copies after the trip, the committee could use them next year.

MOTION: LAC-18-S-8 by Chhabra

Approval of the Blue Group books funding request for the amount of \$3,000.

Second: Redtfeldt Vote: 10-0-0 Action: Passed

IV. Discussion Items

A. WSA General Assembly Results

Ramirez said all the proposals Western had brought to WSA general assembly had passed except for student unionization.

B. Spring Quarter Ideas

Ramirez asked the committee if they had ideas for the committee to do this year or next year. Scalzo said she was working with Rice-Pelepko to plan an engagement event that quarter. She offered that anyone in the committee could help. Chhabra suggested the committee begin to prep for fall quarter. She thought they could start working on gaining student engagement earlier in the fall quarter. That way they could get more feedback on the legislative agenda. Matey noted that if the committee planned the agenda that year then the future LAC would not have the autonomy to create their agenda. She felt that was the best part of being on the committee was creating the agenda. Chhabra suggested instead the committee plan engagement events for the fall or creating a legacy document for the future committee.

V. Reports

A. REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator

Scalzo stated that if people had not publically endorsed a candidate they could help with the polling stations that week.

B. Assistant Director of Student Representation & Governance

Hayden stated the election board needed applicants and asked people to apply.

Ana Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 4:27PM.