

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

Wednesday, January 30th

VU 460

Present: Natasha Hessami (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Henry Pollet via phone (REP Legislative Liaison), James Pai (ESC Advocacy Director), Katie Winkelman (ESP Director), Kayl Gillihan (SAIRC Representative), Patrick Kissinger (REP Local Issues Coordinator), Anna Schorr (GSAC Representative), Brandon Lane, Bennett Massey

Advisor: Leti Romo

Secretary: Grace Drechsel

Guests: Allie Johnson (DOC Representative)

MOTIONS

- LAC-18-W-3** Approve both sets of minutes.
LAC-18-W-4 Pass the SAIRC Legislative Agenda.
LAC-18-W-5 Pass the ESP Legislative Agenda.
LAC-18-W-6 Pass the DOC Legislative Agenda.
LAC-18-W-7 Pass the ESC Legislative Agenda.
LAC-18-W-8 Pass the WILD Shared Legislative Agenda.

Natasha Hessami called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Hessami amended the agenda to add the DOC Legislative Agenda as an Action Item.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION LAC-18-W-3 by Winkelman

Approve both sets of minutes.

Second: Lane

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: *Passed*

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. SAIRC Legislative Agenda

Gillihan read the agenda in full to the committee. Grammar/clarity changes were made via Google Doc.

MOTION LAC-18-W-4 by *Winkelman*

Pass the SAIRC Legislative Agenda.

Second: LaMonte Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

b. ESC Legislative Agenda

Pai read the agenda in full to the committee. Grammar/clarity changes were made via Google Doc.

MOTION LAC-18-W-7 by *Pai*

Pass the ESC Legislative Agenda.

Second: Gillihan Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

c. ESP Legislative Agenda

Winkelman read the agenda in full to the committee. Grammar/clarity changes, as well as corrections of House and Senate Bill numbers, were made via Google Doc.

MOTION LAC-18-W-5 by *Pai*

Pass the ESP Legislative Agenda.

Second: LaMonte Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

d. DOC Legislative Agenda

Guest Allie Johnson read the agenda in full to the committee. Grammar/clarity changes were made via Google Doc.

MOTION LAC-18-W-6 by *Winkelman*

Pass the ESP Legislative Agenda.

Second: Lane Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

e. WILD Shared Legislative Agenda

Hessami explained that the shared agenda will be consistent no matter who is lobbying, but each group will have their own insert with their office's specific asks.

MOTION LAC-18-W-8 by *Winkelman*

Pass the WILD Shared Legislative Agenda.

V. REPORTS**a. Legislative Liaison**

Pollet reported that House leadership has been saying that without a dedicated revenue piece as a part of the State Need Grant, the grant will stay where it is, with no funding increase at all. Pollet said that this could mean that the House Democrat didn't know what he was talking about, but more likely, the people who aren't really in the higher education space right now don't care enough to fight to protect the SNG. He has been meeting with other Legislative Liaison to strategize and directly contact legislators.

Hessami said that her and Ballard will be doing more on-campus outreach, and will be contacting students to give testimonials in Olympia. They also might be tabling in Red Square in order to get students to call their legislators. Other ideas are letter-writing parties and phone banking.

b. Local Liaison

Kissinger said that he and the work study student in the REP office have been creating a road map for the issues that will be brought to Local Lobby Day. There is research to be done concerning that. He clarified that is where the committee's focus goes after WILD is over. Hessami answered yes, Local Lobby Day and Federal Lobby Day, but there's not much work to be done concerning Federal Lobby Day, because that is more done through a collaboration between Hessami and WWU administration. Kissinger said that Local Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd. All meetings would be between 9am-4pm at City Hall or the county courthouse near City Hall. Hessami added that Local Lobby Day is a lot more accessible than Western Lobby Day, because students don't have to commit to an entire weekend.

c. ASVP for Governmental Affairs

Hessami asked if anyone would be interested in attending a Tenants Rights Training this Monday, from 6pm-8pm. She said that she is going to Olympia this weekend with the AS President, Millka and the ASVP for Academic Affairs, Levi Eckman.

Pai reported that WILD registration is at 104 students.

VI. ADJOURN

Hessami adjourned the meeting at 6:49pm.