

Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council
Wednesday, March 13th VU 460

Present: Natasha Hessami (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Henry Pollet (Legislative Liaison), Patrick Kissinger (Local Liaison), Kayl Gillihan (SAIRC Coordinator), Gabbi Nazari, Bennet Massey, Grace LaMonte, Astrid Dueñas

Advisor: Leti Romo

Secretary: Grace Drechsel

MOTIONS

LAC-18-W-12 Move the Local Lobby Day Funding Info Item to an Action Item.

LAC-18-W-13 Approve funding for Local Lobby Day.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INFO ITEMS

A. Local Lobby Day Funding

Kissinger said that this will be the first of 2 requests for funding for Local Lobby Day. Since the Local Issues Coordinator doesn't have a budget, the funding has to come from LACF. Kissinger needs funding for posters, banners, and trifold agendas. This year there will be an extra \$16 spent to advertise to Bellingham Technical College and Whatcom Community College.

MOTION LAC-18-W-12 by Pollet

Move the Local Lobby Day Funding Info Item to an Action Item.

Second: LaMonte Vote: 8-0-0 Action: *Passed*

MOTION LAC-18-W-13 by Gillihan

Approve funding for Local Lobby Day.

Second: Rackers Vote: 8-0-0 Action: *Passed*

City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Legislative Agenda DRAFTS

Kissinger presented both of the drafts. He added that these are a culmination of possible asks, drawing from multiple sources.

III. REPORTS

A. VP for Governmental Affairs

Hessami reported that the Federal Lobby Day agenda will most likely include Diversity in STEM, Pell Grant & Federal Work Study funding, DACA recipients, and funding for research. She also reported that filing has opened for the Executive Board elections.

B. Legislative Liaison

Pollet reported that today was the House of Origin Cutoff. The sex ed bill passed in the Senate, but the people who are opposed to it have been bombarding legislators with calls.

B. Local Liaison

Kissinger has been working on Local Lobby Day things. Nothing else to report.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.