

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

VU 460

**Present:** Natasha Hessami (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Henry Pollet (Legislative Liaison), Patrick Kissinger (Local Issues Coordinator), Anna Schorr (GSAC Representative), Kayl Gillihan (SAIRC Representative), Grace LaMonte, Astrid Dueñas, Brandon Lane, Gabbi Nazari

**Secretary:** Grace Drechsel

**Guests:** Nora Harren (REP Director), Karen Stout

**MOTIONS**

**LAC-18-S-1** Approve minutes from the last meeting.

**LAC-18-S-2**

*Natasha Hessami called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*MOTION LAC-18-S-1 by Pollet*

Move “Jesse Moore Funding Request” to the first item on the agenda.

Second: Lane

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: *Passed*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION LAC-18-S-1 by Pollet*

Approve minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>

Second: Lane

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: *Passed*

*MOTION LAC-18-S-1* by Gillihan

Approve minutes from March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### **IV. INFO ITEMS**

##### **a. Jesse Moore Funding Request.**

Guest Karen Stout attended this meeting in order to explain the funding request for funds to bring Jesse Moore to campus. They want to bring Moore for a full week, as he was here briefly last year, but want him to engage with as many students as possible this time around. He has only been graduated for about ten years, so he can potentially give more relevant advice and have more engaging conversations with students. They are having him come to campus April 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, and they are currently developing the schedule – currently, they have him down for speaking with some of the local high schools, meeting with BSU, and the “Courageous Conversations” on that Wednesday night.

Hessami gave some context that this was brought to the Board as a funding request but Hessami thought it would be more appropriate to come to LAC. Hessami said that she would be comfortable with around \$500-\$750. Regardless, Stout would like LAC’s help with developing programs and events for Moore.

Hessami said that she would like Moore to be able to meet as many students as possible. Harren suggested having some sort of career-centered event. Schorr suggested working with the Herschel Research and Writing Studio for an event like that.

*MOTION LAC-18-S-1* by Hessami

Move “Jesse Moore Funding Request” to an Action Item.

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

*MOTION LAC-18-S-1* by Pollet

Fund the event for \$500 from LACF.

Second: LaMonte      Vote: 8-0-1      Action: *Passed*

Harren added that there will be a working group to plan Moore’s visit on Thursday from 4:00-6:30pm in Location TBD.

##### **b. Local Lobby Day.**

Kissinger asked LAC to help him narrow down what is on the agenda so that they can start working on the language and finalizing the chosen asks. This will be at the Board next Friday as an Info item, and there will be a working group on Friday.

**V. REPORTS**  
**a. Legislative Liaison**

Pollet reported that the Sex Education bill is most likely dead. Also, WWU didn't get awarded the full request for the operating budget for the new STEM building.

**VI. ADJOURN**

*Hessami adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.*

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