

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

Tuesday, April 2nd

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

LAC-18-S-2 Approve minutes from March 6th.

LAC-18-S-3 Approve minutes from March 13th.

LAC-18-S-4 Move “Jesse Moore Funding Request” to an Action Item.

LAC-18-S-5 Fund the event for \$500 from LACF.

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-2 by Pollet

Approve minutes from March 6th

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

MOTION LAC-18-S-3 by *Gillihan*

Approve minutes from March 13th.

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 22nd through the 26th, 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-4 by *Hessami*

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

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

MOTION LAC-18-S-5 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.