**LAC Proposal Form**

Thank you for your interest in helping to create the ASWWU Legislative Agenda!

The following guidelines will provide you with the information that you will need to put together your proposal to the AS Board of Directors and AS Legislative Affairs Council.

Legislative proposals should answer questions listed below under **‘considerations for presenters’** in roughly 600 words. Each proposal will be allotted a total of 20 minutes for presentation and questions from the Legislative Affairs Council.

**Proposals**

**Issue: K-12 Civics Education**

**Presenter(s): Bennett Massey-Helber**

**Endorsements:**

**Considerations for Presenters**

* Describe the issue: What is the problem? What is the solution?
* Does it directly impact and improve students’ lives?
* Can you provide background information and the current context of the issue?
* Does it have a clear target? (e.g. a specific legislator, committee, or other agency)
* Will it strengthen and expand efforts within WSA?
* Could students build a diverse campus coalition around this issue?
* Does it have a local/state/federal organizing and lobbying angle?
* Are students at Western engaged and interested in this issue? If not, what tactics could we employ to mobilize students around this issue?

**Please be sure to ask if any questions come up regarding the issue selection process.**

**Contact Associated Students Director of Legislative Affairs: Bennett Massey-Helber at** [**ASLegislativeLiaison@wwu.edu**](mailto:ASLegislativeLiaison@wwu.edu) **with any questions**

Civics education helps students become better and more active citizens. Seeing that the Associated Students has traditionally advocated on behalf of improving the quality of K-12 schooling, we have an opportunity to ensure that all students of Washington State can have access to civics education.

Therefore, the ASWWU recommends:

1. Requiring schools in Washington State to teach civics education by
   1. Adding and/or expanding civics education within the existing K-12 curriculum
   2. Adding a new credit requirement in Washington State to mandate civics education as a high school graduation requirement
   3. Expanding programs in Washington State that support civics education such as the Page Program and

**Considerations for the Committee**

This section is comprised of questions the Legislative Affairs Council should keep in mind while considering proposals

* Is it winnable?
* Does it have a clear and realistic time frame?
* Is it likely to be debated and acted upon by the Legislature in the next year?

**Next Steps and Timeline of Proposal Proces**s

* Please arrive to the LAC meeting at which you are presenting on time, with your materials ready
* 20 minutes allotted for each presentation including questions

Fall:

* Preliminary discussion of proposals in LAC meetings
* Presentation, review and voting on legislative proposals by the Board of Directors
* Compilation of Legislative Agenda
* Crafting statements for Agenda Handouts
* Finalizing Handouts and approval by the Board of Directors