

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

February 20th, 2021

MS Teams

Board Members: Present: Nicole Ballard (VP for Governmental Affairs), Nathalie Wagler (Voter Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator), Mariam Wolters (Outreach and Representation), Jude Ahmed (Director of Legislative Affairs), Natale Szabo (Local Liaison), Ebon Oluchi (ESP Director), Daniela Rodriguez (ESC Representative), Breaker Chittenden (Student At-Large), and Kaeli McKinley (Student At-Large).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Advisor: Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities)

Guest(s): None

Motions:

LAC-21-W-5 To approve the meeting minutes from the date of January 20th, 2021 with the noted addition. **Passed.**

LAC-21-W-6 To approve the Administrative Lobby Day gift card request. **Passed.**

I. Call to Order

Nicole Ballard, VP of Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 20th, 2021

1. Rodriguez noted a change to capitalize the phrase "Black community".

MOTION LAC-21-W-5 by Chittenden

To approve the meeting minutes from the date of January 20th, 2021 with the noted addition.

Second: McKinley

Action: Passed

IV. Action Items

A. Administrative Lobby Day Gift Card Request- Ballard

1. Ballard stated that there is a gap between state and local lobbying efforts and how they're implemented on campus. Ballard stated that this Administrative Lobby Day would help get students in these spaces. Ballard stated that she would send out a survey, and meeting topics would be specific to an administrator's purview.
2. Ballard stated that the funding request asks for eight \$25 gift cards, totaling \$200.
3. Chittenden stated his favor for making the gift cards from grocery stores, or up to the student if possible.
4. McKinley asked if the gift cards could be VISA so students could use them wherever needed. Meeting members agreed with this idea.
5. Ballard stated that the goal next week is to bring in a timeline for the lobby day, getting the beginning results for the survey, and start discussing and scheduling meetings. Ballard stated that because Western has never held an Administrative Lobby Day means that there is not a lot set in stone, and there are many opportunities for growth.

MOTION LAC-21-W-6 **by Chittenden**

To approve the Administrative Lobby Day gift card request.

Second: Ahmed

Action: Passed

V. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator stated that Local Lobby Day is scheduled to be on Friday, May 7th. This will be scheduled on a Friday so that students can follow up at the City Council Meeting afterwards. The Local Lobby Day survey will be based on the Western Intersectional Lobby Day survey and will be sent out soon.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, stated that HB 1009 concerning medical coverage of universities got pulled on the floor as well as HB 1166 concerning homeless student support. Ahmed stated that the Council of Presidents lobbyist are pushing back against the SB 5227 concerning mandatory DEI training. Ahmed stated that she is hosting a meeting space for students of color through the WSA to get advocates in the room together to support each other and decompress.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, stated that the OCE is putting on a speaker event with Christina Martins, and that there are weekly giveaways happening on the OCE Instagram.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, stated that she has been working on Administrative Lobby Day, looking towards the end of session and working on doing a wrap up of the LAC agendas this year. Ballard thanked the organizers of WILD for their leadership and work.

- VI. Other Business**
- A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 4:36 p.m.

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