

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

April 7th, 2021

MS Teams

Board Members: Present: Nicole Ballard (VP for Governmental Affairs), Nathalie Wagler (Voter Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator), Jude Ahmed (Director of Legislative Affairs), Natale Szabo (Local Liaison), and Breaker Chittenden (Student At-Large).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Advisor: Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities)

Guest(s): None

Motions:

LAC-21-S- None

I. Call to Order

Nicole Ballard, VP of Governmental Affairs, called the informal meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Ethics Board Update- Ballard

1. Ballard stated that the Ethics Board Charge and Charter is sitting in the AS Student Senate and if approved advertising will go out to students for membership. There will be twelve at-large students who will be compensated for their time on the committee hopefully using funds from the Legislative Action Fund (LAF) this year and using a more sustainable source in the future. These stipends have been approved by Raquel Vigil and will come back as a funding request the following week.

B. Local Lobby Day Update- Ballard

1. Ballard stated that once the survey for Local Lobby Day items is closed, gift cards will be raffled off to student participants and items will start being added to the agenda.

C. Legislative Session Update- Ahmed

1. Ahmed presented a legislative update presentation from the WSA which can be viewed under documents for the LAC meeting on the AS WWU committee website.
2. Ahmed stated that on April 12th, any bills in the chamber that have not been voted on or passed will be cut off.
3. Ballard stated that Ahmed and herself are planning on making a session wrap-up video about bills that passed that the LAC lobbied on.

V. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator stated that there have been around seventy responses on the Local Lobby Day survey which will be open until the upcoming Friday.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, did not have more to report.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, stated that the AS is hiring and that there is a recommendation form open to recommend other students to run for office.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, stated that she would love to meet with anyone who is interested in running for the VP for Governmental Affairs position to give advice on campaigning and make sure the position is accessible.

VI. Other Business

- A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this informal meeting at 1:49 p.m.