

**Western Washington University**

**Legislative Affairs Council**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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), and Breaker Chittenden (Student At-Large).

**Secretary:** Sierra Templeton

**Advisor:** Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities)

**Guest(s):** None

**Motions:**

**LAC-21-S-1** To approve the LAC meeting minutes from the date of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
**Passed.**

**I. Call to Order**

**Nicole Ballard, VP of Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

**II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**

None

**III. Approval of Minutes**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MOTION LAC-21-S-1 by Chittenden**

To approve the LAC meeting minutes from the date of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Second: Szabo**

**Action: Passed**

#### **IV. Information Items**

##### **A. Ethics Board Funding Request- Ballard**

1. Ballard stated that the Ethics Board Funding fully passed in both the AS Executive Board and Student Senate. Ballard stated that students are being selected for the board currently.
2. Oluchi stated that ze is creating a similar model and would like to strategically collaborate with Ballard on it. Oluchi asked what steps will be taken to ensure BIPOC representation is included.
3. Ballard stated that the Ethics Board has a split model of Student At-Large selection with six students randomly selected from the student body, and six students randomly selected from the application process. Handa had stated that when students self-select more BIPOC students and those invested in social justice apply. Ballard stated that if the model doesn't work this year, it can be improved for the future.
4. Wagler asked what would happen if the randomly selected students refuse.
5. Ballard responded that the eligibility requirements are to meet the GPA and credit requirements of an on-campus employee and are also able to turn it down for any reason. After students have responded, another random selection will occur before the election.
6. Wolters asked if AS employees are discounted from application.
7. Ballard responded that this is the case as it may lead to bias.

#### **V. Discussion Items**

##### **A. None**

#### **VI. Reports**

**Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator** stated that the Local Lobby Day survey closed with seventy-six responses and the winners of the gift card giveaway were randomly selected. The highly supported items were: support for housing, diversity, equity and inclusion measures, indigenous-led environmental measures, land right and preservation rights to Lummi and Nooksak people, community safety and non-police emergency response. She stated that the sign-up sheet has been posted and media advertisement will go out soon which will likely close on April 23rd. Szabo stated that she will be scheduling thirty minute meetings with local leaders.

**Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs**, stated that all bills that were on the agenda and were being waited on have passed and are in the process of bill reconciliation and will be signed. HB 1048 which would remove the Ed TPA requirement had an amendment added to it so that teaching students who didn't pass certification must get a recommendation instead and it is unsure whether the governor will sign.

**Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator,** stated that the AS is hiring and position applications will close on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs,** stated that almost all of the LAC's asks were fully funded, and Ahmed and herself will be shooting a legislative wrap-up video. Ballard stated that the OCE has a Youtube page where they interviewed the Executive Board and the Student Senate, they are putting together events to ensure students are more empowered to campaign.

**VII. Other Business**

A. None

***Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 1:53 p.m.***