

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

April 28th, 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 meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Ethics Board Update

1. Ballard stated that students have been selected for the committee, and that the guiding documents have been drafted. Ballard stated that the system going forwards will be completely detached from elected officials and be the voting body for edits to their own documents. She stated that their decisions would be made in private and announced in public.
2. Chittenden asked who will be selecting the random students. Ballard responded that currently it is in her position's hands, but in the future it will be through the Committee Council or through another method.

3. Wagler asked if the Ethics Board Coordinator has had a chance to look over the Ethics Board Document, Ballard responded that it will be in the training material.

B. Local Lobby Day

1. Szabo stated that the Local Lobby Day agenda will be at the Executive Board meeting as an information item in the following weeks. Szabo then presented the Local Lobby Day agenda which can be found in full on the AS LAC website under meeting minute documents. The main sections of the agenda were: housing, safety, diversity, equity, and inclusion, environmental justice, food, and health

C. Legislative Session Update

1. Ahmed stated that the Washington State legislative session had closed in the past week. She stated that Western's main funding spots were the State Operating Budget (which covers programs and operating costs that tuition and fees do not cover), and the State Capitol Budget (which covers infrastructure). She stated that administration stated that there were limited actions to reduce tuition because of their commitment with the state. Ahmed then presented a presentation on allocated funding from the legislative session which can be viewed in full on the AS LAC website under meeting minute documents.

V. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator stated that she met with Eric Alexander about Administrative Lobby Day to write up a proposal for the Council of Deans so that the event can be implemented in the following years.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, had nothing to report.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, had nothing to report.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, had nothing to report.

VI. Other Business

- A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 2:15 p.m.