

Western Washington University

Legislative Affairs Council

May 5th, 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), 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 unofficial meeting to order at 1:10

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Local Lobby Day Agenda

1. Szabo presented the Local Lobby Day agenda which can be viewed in full on the AS committee website under LAC meeting minute documents.
2. Chittenden asked if it was possible to move the item concerning Latinx workers vaccination under the health section. Szabo responded that the initiative was specifically about employee who had used funds.
3. Ballard stated that in the past the Local Legislative agenda had been called the Local Lobby Day agenda.
4. Wolters asked if it would be useful to add wording about expanding longer-period shelters, especially winter shelters.

5. Szabo stated that she would add language about longer term assistance or the expansion of the 24-hour shelter. Szabo explained that with these shelters, if someone leaves, there is not guarantee for a spot to be open, and they are not able to store their things there.
6. Wolters suggested adding an ask to the healthcare section concerning LGBTQ+ gender affirming care and resources.

V. Reports

Natale Szabo, Local Issues Coordinator had nothing to report.

Jude Ahmed, Director of Legislative Affairs, stated that she has been working with WSA committee members, a legislative proposal meeting is coming up, and has submitted a proposal concerning increasing incentives for BIPOC mental health counselors in higher education.

Nathalie Wagler, Organizing and Outreach Coordinator, stated that this week is the last week to file for the AS elections.

Nicole Ballard, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, stated that she is open to be able to support those wanting to run for the AS VP for Governmental Affairs position, giving information about government and policy.

VI. Other Business

- A. None

Nicole Ballard, AS VP of Governmental Affairs, adjourned this meeting at 1:58 p.m.