



Western Washington University Associated Students Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ankur Handa, Anna Corinne Huffman, Teagan Hudson, Breaker Chittenden, Jose Ortuzar, Shrija Gandhi, Grace Alkema, Chelsea Joe
Guests: Keara Ryan
Staff and Assistants: Annie Byers

Motions:

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chelsea Joe

To Approve February 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Second: Shrija Gandhi

Motion passed 7-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

a. Add tabling Request & PC request LLD to an action item

Motion by Anna Corinne Huffman

To move as an action item

Motion passed 6-1-0

b. Breaker Chittenden – Abstain Nonvoting

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Teagan Hudson – Tabling Request

- a. We are going to be tabling for the first week of March. So we can get some people to fill out the Legislative priorities survey for local lobby day. I have a

funding request for that. We hope to do coffee and doughnuts on March 3rd and March 4th. Looking at the prices from where we've gotten doughnuts and coffee in the past, I would request \$175 for those things. Obviously, to boost engagement and get people to come to the table.

b. Teagan Hudson – PC request LLD

- a. **Teagan Hudson** – We are looking into publicity for the local lobby day, and we're hoping to do a banner and then posters. So those things together would be \$56.

In total, \$231

IV. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

Motion by Teagan Hudson

To Approve Funding Not to Exceed \$900 for Tabling Request for OCE

Second: Shrija Gandhi

Motion passed 7-0-0

- a. **Breaker Chittenden** – I'm requesting \$900 for the OCE to purchase condoms and dental dams for tabling. I would like to introduce a guest speaker Keara Ryan to talk on behalf of this motion.
- b. **Keara Ryan** – Hi. My name is Keara. My pronouns are she her. I am the elections coordinator, and I am just here to tell you why condoms and dental dams would be great for the Office of Civic Engagement to use. Condoms and dental dams are highly stigmatized and can kind of feel sometimes embarrassing for people to access, and so making them more widely available on campus, not only kind of gets rid of the taboos of practicing safe sex but it's shown, when students have a more significant opportunity to access these safe sex materials, they are more likely to practice in safe sex. I tabled with Planned Parenthood, and when I've tabled with the OCE, we sadly don't get nearly as many people coming up to the table as we do when we come. Not as many people come up to the OCE table as they do when you're giving out something like free condoms. So, I think it would like to increase many students coming to the table. And it also provides a super unique opportunity that is not like often offered. You get to be encouraged to practice safe sex, prevent STDs, prevent preventable pregnancy, and then also get to be civically engaged. So, I just personally think it would increase that. Dental dams are super hard to find on campus, and they are the most taken safe sex object from

different offices on campus. So, I think it would be essential, especially if you have dental dams.

- c. **Ankur Handa** – Before we vote, please go through the financial numbers one more time?
- d. **Breaker Chittenden** – Dental dams are \$1.05 per dental dam; for 250, that will be \$262.50 + \$95 for shipping. It would be expedited through DHL. \$425 for 500 condoms. Condoms are \$0.85 per condom. The price for condoms fluctuates based on quantity. If we bought 1,000 condoms, it would be \$0.50 a condom, so in that case, it would be \$550. I estimated the tax on condoms to be 8%. That is how much it is in the city. I am not sure if there will be tax based on the company's location; I am unsure if it is based in Washington, \$34 for tax plus estimated shipping with \$50. That would come out to a total cost of \$866.00. I would like to request a do not exceed \$900 if I over or underestimated.
- e. Additionally, I'd looked into something else; we bought pens for the office in the past. I looked up the price of doing the pens for the same number, and it would be about one penny less per, which would be about \$5 less. I just want to show there is not too much of a difference between the items we've gotten in the past and these items and pricing.
- f. **Ankur Handa** – You are requesting a substantial number that is completely fine, of course, but do you project that you will be able to hand all of these out through tabling?
- g. **Breaker Chittenden** - I am thinking about 1,000 condoms because I am concerned about running out too fast with 500. I've spoken with Keara, and as she mentioned, she has worked with Planned Parenthood as well, and they run out extremely quickly when they have these items. The other thing is, even if we don't somehow run out of them this year, the company has a guarantee of six years for the expiration. I would make sure it had my legacy document, and I doubt that will happen, but if it did, there would be other times the others could give them out.

V. ACTION ITEMS – COMMITTEE

Motion by Anna Corinne Huffman

To Approve Funding not to exceed \$240

Second: Grace Alkema

Motion passed 6-0-1

Teagan Hudson – Abstain – bias for own item

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting is March 3, 2022, at 4:00 PM
- b. **Breaker Chittenden** – I had announced the event where we were planning for this week. I just wanted to inform the first half of the event went well. We had some pressures that we talked about, there was speaking about gerrymandering and voting rights, and it was interesting. We didn't get to the discussion part because it was on Monday when the lockdown happened. So, the second part of the booking got canceled. We are going to have another one in April. The one in April will be on reproductive rights and access to abortions or having discussions on that and some of the cases that are currently happening around that. I think we have confirmed that Director Langley will be one of the speakers. We will be announcing more information later.
- c. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – Shout out to Chelsea and Shrija. WILD went well. I don't know precisely how many legislators' students met with, but a good number of legislators and our agenda came together. I just wanted to say congratulations. It went well.

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM