



## Western Washington University Associated Students Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes

April 25 2022, 4:30 PM

### Attendees:

**Committee Members:** Eli Stanciu, Anna Corinne Huffman, Breaker Chittenden, Zach Cohen, Teagan Hudson, Grace Alkema

**Guests:**

**Staff and Assistants:** Jennifer Black, Delfine DeFrank

### Motions:

*Eli Stanciu, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM*

### I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. No minutes to approve

### II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. **Eli Stanciu** – I would like to move Teagan Hudsons local lobby day information item to before Teagan Hudson action item, so that we can discuss it before we vote on it. I move to reverse the order of the discussion from covering the information item first and then moving it back to an action item after your discussion.

***MOTION [Committee]-21-F-***

*Motion by Eli Stanciu*

*To reverse the order of the discussion from covering the information item first and then moving it back to an action item*

*Second: Anna Corinne Huffman*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Teagan Hudson – Local Lobby Day Agenda**
  - a. **Teagan Hudson** – I just wanted to save room just in case anyone had any lingering things they wanted to change about the agenda.

- b. **Eli Stanciu** – Are there any changes from last week? The two changes I’m seeing, the food accessibility with also adding the task of buying a building and renting it out to the Birchwood Food Desert Fighters and other change in transportation weren’t changed, but there is more information now.
- c. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – What did you find on the pay as you dispose policies. I know that we had discussed potential pros and cons of that but what did you find?
- d. **Teagan Hudson** – I didn’t find anything. There was nothing I could find proving that it’s not equitable and there were sources saying that it was. There still could be a piece that I’m missing. I understand why it could be an equity issue, but I didn’t find anything specifically that I could cite that would be a reason to take it off. Unless we want to as a group. I think it’s a good option but I’m struggling answering because I didn’t find anything that helped me figure it out.
- e. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – I’m just trying to understand it. I’ve never heard of it before. Does it work in a way, or could it work in a way where residents would only pay up to what they’re currently paying
- f. **Teagan Hudson** – That is essentially how it would work. My suggested structure is offering different bin sizes. So, the regular one we have right now most people like the big green wheely one that would be the large size and then you could opt to get like a smaller one and pay less per month. It is good for smaller families, people who create less waste. I don’t think it puts anyone in a worse position than we are right now.
- g. **Breaker Chittenden** – I wanted to confirm whether the garbage is run by the city or a company.
- h. **Teagan Hudson** – I am not sure if it is the city that directly does the garbage.
- i. **Breaker Chittenden** - I know back in King County the city or government doesn’t have control over it, and it’s not run by waste management.
- j. **Jennifer Black** – It is different prices. It depends on how many bins you have.
- k. **Teagan Hudson** – The municipal code is lists how much it should cost for a single-family dwelling unit.
- l. **Eli Stanciu** – If you go to Whatcom County’s website, they have a section of the website that’s curbside garbage and recycling.

- m. Anna Corinne Huffman** – First, I want to make sure that we clarify for student participants what we're thinking, clarify the language. Second, downtown Bellingham. Currently they are in the process of setting up private security. I don't know if there are a lot of implications with that. Are there things we can include or language that we could add into our agenda to clarify, what we would like to see with that?
- n. Teagan Hudson** – Currently right now they are using a private security company and then this month or next they would like to transition to their actual new team that they are making. The new security team is getting de-escalation training and they won't carry weapons. Their only job is essentially to deescalate and let people know if there's graffiti that needs to be cleaned up and things like that. I am not sure what moves we could make in that department. On one hand it is non police, community resources to some extent, but it's further security.
- o. Breaker Chittenden** – Under environment, number two, repairing access to the Canyon Lake Community Forest by fixing the washout portion of the road. Is there a bridge that's been washed out since 2007 or how have people accessed it since the last 15 years?
- p. Teagan Hudson** – No one has had access to it for the past 15 years. There is an access kind of. You must hike in. There used to be a road and a bridge but because of the damage you can't access the road.
- q. Jennifer Black** – I just wanted to go back to the security downtown. I have a link for them that I can send out later, but one of the things I was reading is that they are to notify the police where the encampments are so that they can go in and do sweeps.
- r. Breaker Chittenden** – Maybe it could be added to our sweep section asking that the private security wouldn't be able to report to the police.
- s. Teagan Hudson** – If anyone has capacity for researching that and getting it on the agenda.
- t. Eli Stanciu** – I do agree that we should specify but the idea is to eliminate a complaint driven model. You could almost add it to the section about how the private security force is just another way to complain. Maybe you could add a detail like an example being this new security couldn't do that.
- u. Breaker Chittenden** – I have a question about the Birchwood Food Desert Fighters, it is the second ask about renting out the building. Have the fighters asked in the past if the city would do outreach? If they've

asked may be add some information about when they asked and provide some context about how this isn't something that we are asking for alone, and that they have been asking for a long time.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS**

*Motion by Eli Stanciu*

*To Approve the agenda with the proposed edits discussed in the last item.*

*Second: Shrija Gandhi*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

## **X. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a.** Next Meeting is May 2, 2022, at 4:30 PM
- b.** Anna Corrine Huffman – Teagan you may want PC to format this. I don't know if they have the capacity to but if you want them to, I do recommend putting in a PC request, or perhaps talking to Delfine about it sooner rather than later. We could also do some pseudo formatting or something like that.
- c.** Anna Corrine Huffman – Admin Town Hall has been scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, which is a Thursday from 3:00-5:00 PM for the panel discussion, and Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for the meetings with admin and student groups.

***Eli Stanciu, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM***