



Western Washington University Associated Students Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Committee Members: Anna Corinne Huffman, Ankur Handa, Breaker Chittenden, Chelsea Joefield, Teagan Hudson, Zach Cohen, Grace Alkema,

Guests:

Staff and Assistants: Delfine DeFrank

Motions:

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Anna Corinne Huffman

To Approve February 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Second: Chelsea Joefield

Motion passed 8-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

a. Teagan Hudson –

a. Action Items:

i. Addition of 2 more gift cards

b. Information Item:

a. Donuts and Coffee for tabling

b. Banner and Posters

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Anna Corinne Huffman – LAC Budget Updates

- a. Delfine sent me some information about the budget that I will need some clarification on, but the first portion, the 14,329, is what we have on hand currently? Or is that the below number?
 - b. **Delfine DeFrank** – I thought this was an action item, but I can share my screen if it's for information.
 - c. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – In the last meeting, someone requested that we know how much money we have in our coffers.
 - d. **Delfine DeFrank** – The revenue from the previous year was \$32,327.49. The last year was \$58,276.60. Good and Services was subtracted from that, \$15,000 was the WSA fee, which was removed from the LAC budget LACF budget, and some general goods and services might have been a previous ER expenditure request for whatever. Transfer of \$140.00 is from the LAC to OCE for printing out WLD Marketing supplies. So currently, there is a total of \$74,960.26 in the budget.
 - e. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – Thank you for clarifying Delfine. That is the FYI, and that is how much money we are entrusted with for the rest of the year.
- b. **Breaker Chittenden** – Tabling Request
- a. The OCE is discussing ideas about ways to increase voter turnout in these coming elections and get people out to our tables. We came up with some things to go to websites and get custom-made condoms that say I voted condoms, condoms with the OC logo on them. There is a couple of different companies that do them. For a set of 500, it would be \$0.85 each. That is \$425 for the condoms and about 8% for tax. So, we think we would request about \$450 for the tax and shipping. There is the other option if you are concerned about the amount. The other option is 250 condoms, which would bring it down to about \$300. We have merchandise, stuff we like to give out, a lot of that has our logo on it, or buttons and stickers and lanyards and stuff. We could go with slogans like protecting your right to vote and protecting other ways.
 - b. **Ankur Handa** – What did you say the cost would be again?
 - c. **Breaker Chittenden** – For 250, it would be \$270 for all the condoms plus tax. Depending on if the company is in the state of Washington, I don't know if it is, then we have to pay tax. If it isn't, we don't pay tax and then shipping. I am going to say with shipping probably another \$10. I would say cap at \$310, or if it's for getting 500, it would be around \$450-\$460.

- d. **Delfine DeFrank** – Will the condoms be for all sexual anatomy and or dental dams to be inclusive of all folks that partake in the sexiness?
- e. **Breaker Chittenden** – I think the condom company we see those
- f. **Ankur Handa** – Would this be to promote voting for elections?
- g. **Breaker Chittenden** - Yes, it would either be I voted stickers or the OCE logo on it, and we could use it for all tabling that the OCE does. We have several things that we want to table for, for the next couple of months, concerning both voting and local lobby day and other things.
- h. **Ankur Handa** – I am going to be completely honest. I like the enthusiasm, but I'm not sure if it will improve voting outcomes.
- i. **Teagan Hudson** – I would be motivated personally; I think they're cool and unique. When we had the voting hub, people were excited about stickers, candy, and stuff like that. I think this is just an alternative motivator, and I think it might make some difference.
- j. **Breaker Chittenden** - I understand it is an expense. As I said, we have had at least a few lanyards in the office that were OCE lanyards and other things that we give out, and I think that condoms might be an exciting item to talk about. I think it can be more helpful than the lanyards. Some people are excited to get things when they go to a table.
- k. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – I guess I'll share my thoughts on this. I think of it along the same lines as stickers, pens, and donuts. They're not going to improve voting outcomes, but it might be an incentive to get people to our table. I'm inclined to go for a little smaller amount because I don't want someone in the OCE six years from now looking and being like, oh, we have 20 condoms, let us hand them out, and that not working super well. So it may be a test flight or a test run, but yeah, I'm not against it.
- l. **Breaker Chittenden** – I just want to pull up and confirm pricing. Depending on how much is ordered, it will increase the price of each item. So, for 100, then it would be \$1.49 per. SO it would be \$149 plus tax and shipping.
- m. **Zach Cohen** – I'm on board. I think you're making good pints, especially with the lanyards and other items we have. I don't think those would have much impact on voting outcomes, but I think if you promote that we have condoms we're handing out, I think at the very least, that's going to get people more interested in the other things. I don't know if a small amount is worth it. I would say we either go a more significant amount and just

see how it goes or suggest replacing something we currently hand out with the condom that may be as popular.

- n. **Breaker Chittenden** – I can confirm to answer Zach about replacing something we currently have. Our office has not made purchases in a very long time to get items to hand out. We have pens and stuff from 2018 and 2017 and shirts and things. So it has been a while since. I am happy to let others speak. I just wanted to say I think 250, we could hand those out in the next several weeks before next quarter or the next two quarters. I guess I could tell the person taking the job next year to hand them out during the actual election, and that is only six months off, but I think we could use 250, but it's up to everyone.
 - o. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – I would say Breaker would you consider perhaps waiting until next week to vote on this and see if we could do \$150 external condoms. Maybe you could find another type of company that does a different condom so we can revisit knowing that we're exploring our options?
 - p. **Breaker Chittenden** – I would be happy to thank you, Delfine, for bringing that point up, and I can do some investigation and bring back more information. Thank you, Delfine, for bringing up the OCE purchasing the button-making supplies for the info fair in the chat. I don't know how much that cost was, but we bought that.
 - q. **Grace Alkema** – I like that we can give all of them or a more significant amount, and I don't think we will have leftovers. I feel like it will be a trendy item to give out in Red Square.
 - r. **Annie Byers** – I just wanted to address that procedural question. Typically, items are brought as an info item first, then moved to an action item the following week. Unless there is a reason they need to be moved from an info item to an action item in the same meeting, it usually goes info item, and then they get moved to an action item for the next week. It would come back as an action item by default, based on what's happened in the past.
- c. **Teagan Hudson** – Additional Gift Card Request
- a. Legislative Priorities Survey that we are hoping to send out to students to get an idea of what people will prioritize for local lobby day. We wanted to do a little raffle thing with everybody who participated in the survey. Last week we had already agreed to pass funding for two of them, so that

would have been \$50 in total, and I wanted to propose we fund two more, so an additional \$50.

- b. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – Where are the gift cards for?
- c. **Teagan Hudson** - I would do Visa gift cards because that was what was done in the past. I won't be doing Visa one, and I will do whatever Delfine wants because I don't know.
- d. **Ankur Handa** – Perhaps a Starbuck card or something like that.
- e. **Breaker Chittenden** – In the past, there were grocery gift cards. I think at one point; there was a way to wait until whoever won to let them decide what they wanted.
- f. **Teagan Hudson** – That sounds like a great idea.
- g. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – Why no Visa Gift cards? I am curious.
- h. **Delfine DeFrank** – The only thing with gift cards this has to go with a visa. It is the same as cash, and we aren't supposed to do cash incentives. So that's a conflict there. Anyone can spend some money on anything, so it can also impact folks' scholarships. So that is why we don't do visa gift cards. If you name specifically where you would like to get the gift cards to go and what gift cards, if they are to be determined, or if they are E gift cards from a specific place, this is fine. You also must consider the expenditure requests aspect of it. Gift cards are a fun navigation thing, but they are suitable for prizes. You just must name them at that, and they are a prize and not a gift.
- i. **Teagan Hudson** – I am not attached to a visa thing, and I think the other ideas are great. I just assumed it was the easiest, and that is what I saw was done in the past.

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

Motion by Teagan Hudson

To Approve Board Retreat Funding for Anna Corinne Huffman up to \$160

Second: Grace Alkema

Motion passed 7-2-0

Anna Corinne Huffman Abstained because she was asking for money for herself.

Breaker Chittenden - Nonvoting

- a. **Anna Corinne Huffman** – RSVP is due Friday. We are just trying to secure some funding for this retreat. From my understanding, the Executive Board has funding for travel that would cover Glory and Ankur. So, it would cover their hotel rooms. So really, I am just requesting funding for my travel portion of that, which would be no more than \$160.00. This would be adequate to cover a hotel and gas reimbursement potentially.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anna Corinne Huffman

To Approve two more \$25 gift cards, \$50 total, for Hudson to use for prizes.

Second: Ankur Handa

Motion passed 7-2-0

Teagan Hudson – Abstain – Voting for herself

Breaker Chittenden - Nonvoting

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting is February 24, 2022, at 4:00 PM
- b. Lobby Day is Monday
- c. **Breaker Chittenden** - Next Tuesday from noon till one in the VU multipurpose room, we will discuss voting rights concerning gerrymandering and how gerrymandering impacts that, and how we need to counteract the action of gerrymandering. We will have a professor, Kate Destler of the political science department, Professor Ceci Lopez from Fairhaven College, and Director Langley of the LGBTQ Western speaking and helping facilitate that discussion. We are encouraging people to come there, there is going to be free lunch, and it's going to be exciting.
- d. **Anna Corrine Huffman** – Sign on for House Bill 1659, which was on our Western Lobby Day Agenda and the Washington College Grant. It's being heard next Tuesday, and I asked if anyone wanted to testify. If you can't do that or can you fill out this form. It takes two minutes, and it just shows like ASW students support this bill.

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:49 PM