



Western Washington University Associated Students Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ankur Handa, Anna Corinne Huffman, Teagan Hudson, Marlowe Lawson, Zach Cohen, ose Ortuzar, Grace Alkema

Advisor: Delfine DeFrank

Secretary: Jen Black

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

None at this time

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

None at this time

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Reviewing previous lobby days agendas
 - [Western Lobby Day 2021](#)
 - [Western Lobby Day 2020](#)
 - [Western Intersectional Lobby Day 2021](#)
 - [Western Intersectional Lobby Day 2020](#)
 - [Local Lobby Day 2021](#)
 - [Local Lobby Day 2019](#)
- 2021 Western Lobby Day – focuses on equity, basic needs, environmental justice – support Senate Bill 5489, college portability, DI training, as well as mental health
- Coast Salish longhouse approved
- Big push to support undocumented students at the state level
- Think of ideas to generate funds. For example, tax lottery winnings, tax on capital gains
- Looked over the draft version of the 2019-2020 Western Lobby Day

- Focuses on similar issues as the 2021
- College affordability – enact specific policies like student loan forgiveness or Washington College grants- in addition to proposing specific initiatives but also finding students that have stories to tell about it. For example the Washington College grant isn't fully funded then that makes it difficult for students that are experiencing economic hardships
- Support for undocumented students – help prioritize undocumented students safety
- Ethnic Studies College
- Next Meeting we will discuss how bills are passed
- New Agenda will be centered around equity – Sharing preliminary draft with Executive Board on Friday ([Draft ASWWU Agenda 2021-22](#))– It will discuss basic needs, college affordability, student loan forgiveness – Washington Student Association (WSA) is working on environmental justice and campus sustainability, mental health – Title 9 Compliance – Accountability measures – Do a student health insurance study – Perhaps making mental health not a cost issue if students are experiencing economic hardships already –
- Local Lobby Day focuses on us For example Bellingham City Council is considering using facial recognition software and predictive policing software
- Zero waste or reducing waste at Western
- Survey students about moving away from prison labor and policing in particular – Example RCW 3926 250 which requires public agencies to give preference to materials service, private prison labor.
- Changes to Charge and Charter have been made and can be reviewed.
- Last week we voted to officially fix error with membership.
- Anna Corrine Huffman will be serving as Vice Chairperson
- The use of the word generally was added for the meetings per Executive Board request. So it will now say, we shall generally meet weekly with a minimum of 24 hour notice
- Last meeting we recorded relevant material and have a training video posted. Contact Ankur Handa if you need help accessing it

V. ACTION ITEMS

VI. REPORTS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ankur Handa, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:01 PM