



Western Washington University Associated Students Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2021

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ankur Handa, Anna Corrine Huffman, Zach Cohen,

Staff and Assistants: Delfine DeFrank, Annie Byers, Jen Black

Purpose:

Ankur Handa –

- Encourage civic engagement and student participation in the political process.
 - Voter Registration
 - Calling Senators/representatives
 - Support Representation and Engagement Programs
 - Presence at Lobby Days
 - Brainstorm student engagement ideas
 - Support Political events on campus
 - Encourage city/county council attendance
- Create, review, and propose Local, State, Federal, and other proposed Legislative and Administrative Agendas to the associated students of WWU Executive Board.
 - Western Lobby Day (January)
 - Western Intersectional Lobby Day (February)
 - Local Lobby Day (Spring)
 - Federal Lobby Day Agenda?
 - Administrative Lobby Day?
- Submit recommendations to the WSA regarding the statewide legislative agenda.
 - WSA – Washington Student Association
 - Non-profit that connects 4-year public institutions in Washington state to ensure a cohesive legislative agenda
 - UW, WSU, EWU, CWU, Evergreen, Bellevue College
 - Plus, Satellite campuses and graduate/professional schools
 - WSA has a legislative agenda that is voted on by all members

- Ensure that student perspectives are being considered at all levels of government.
 - For Example, undocumented students or students that are suffering extreme hardships
 - Lobby Days
 - Director of Legislative Affairs – Anna Corrine Huffman
 - Local Liaison – Teagan Hudson
 - Call/write Senators/Representatives
 - Submit testimony via email
 - Participate in virtual testimony
- Formulate policy positions for all matters concerning students in higher education for approval by the AS Executive Board
- Review funding request proposals, making financial decisions, and monitoring the expenditures of student funds paid to the Legislative Action Fund.
 - Legislative Action Fund - \$1/quarter
 - -\$45,000/yr
 - LAC receives requests for expenditures, they are voted on in LAC
 - Our budget is not controlled by the AS Executive Board, separate from S&A fees
- Approve a budget for the Legislative Action Fund in areas designed to more directly represent Western Students at the local, state, and federal level, which follows the LAF budget policy.
 - -\$15,000 goes to WSA dues
 - Federal Lobby Day
 - Encouraging civic engagement
 - Text/phone banking
 - State Candidate forum
 - Local issues forum

Membership

- 13-15 members. Quorum 7-8
- AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs or designee (chair)
- AS Director of Legislative Affairs
- AS Local Liaison
- AS OCE voter engagement and recruitment coordinator
- 6-8 students at large, appointed by the AS Board of Directors (REP employees not allowed)

- 1-Graduate Student or Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) Representative
- 1-ESC Representative (appointed by ESC presidents council)
- 1-ESP Representative (appointed by the ESP Director)
- 1-SAIRC Representative (appointed by SAIRC Outreach Coordinator)
- Secretary (non-voting)
- Associate Dean of Student Representation and ENgagement (advisor, non-voting)