



**Associated Students of
Western Washington University
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 2023, 5:30pm, ISB242 and Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Council Members present:

Voting: Erin Godwin, Stella Seth, Lauren Johnson, Lynna Hall, Lily Van Mullem, Kenia Soriano Hernandez, Andrew Kudrna, Cole Burke, Cole Farhat, Gabby Laipenieks, and Binta Kolly

Non-Voting: None

Council Members absent:

Voting: Cole Burk

Non-Voting: Aspen Cates-Doglio, Kira Davis, Morgan Whitt

Staff & Assistants present: Sophia Gubbels, Student Government Assistant; Casey Hayden, Office of Civic Engagement Advisor

Guests present for meeting: Amaris Turner, Campus and Community Outreach Coordinator, Zinta Lucans, Sustainability Engagement Institute Student Staff Representative

Current membership and position titles found here: <https://as.wwu.edu/committees/legislative-affairs-council/>

Motions:

- LAC-23-F-1** Approval of 10/24/23 and 10/31/23 minutes with amendments **Passed**
- LAC-23-F-2** Approving the Publicity Budget Proposal for WILD **Passed**
- LAC-23-F-3** Approving the meeting for Thursday, 11/9/23, to occur **Passed**

Legislative Affairs Council Chair called the meeting to order at: 5:32pm

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes

- i** 10/24/23 Meeting Minutes and 10/31/23 Meeting Minutes

MOTION LAC-23-F-1 by Seth

Approving the minutes with amendments

Second: Johnson Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passed

II. INFORMATION ITEMS- Godwin

a. Review past years' agendas.

- i** Godwin asks that council members review the Lobby Day agendas from previous years' LAC.

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III. Discussion

- a.** Student Survey Draft

Minutes approved: 01/08/24

i Godwin says that the council will send out an anonymous survey to ask WWU students to determine student policy priorities. The survey will be a google form. The survey will act like a ballot to give the LAC statistics which will be used to determine the main policy priorities for Lobby Day.

ii The council discusses the issues with campus representation such as a low number of people-of-color on campus might lead to their issues not being considered a priority.

iii Hayden states that the LAC is not bound by the survey results but rather uses them survey to weigh their LAC priorities.

iv Smith says that the survey could ask students to talk to the LAC about specific topics that the student prioritizes but that this would be optional and only for those willing to provide their email.

b. Post Secondary Basic Needs Coalition

i PSBNC will be hosting their 2024 lobby day on Feb 1, 2024 in Olympia, WA. Godwin invites members of LAC to be present for their Lobby Day to show support of college students' basic needs.

ii The council suggests that council members can advertise this on their department's social media. Godwin asks the council if members have a desire to discuss if the event should be advertised to WWU students to go to.

IV. Action Items

a. Budget Proposal for WILD (Western Intersectional Lobby Day)

i Godwin says that the council will focus on publicity for WILD at this meeting. Godwin states that the estimated cost for publicity is \$360-\$500 but the actual cost will most likely be lower than that. The cost would be to pay for posters, a banner, handbills, and gift cards for the student survey raffle. Those who choose to provide their email information in the student survey will be entered into a prize drawing for gift cards.

MOTION LAC-23-F-2 By Van Mullen

Approving the Budget Proposal for WILD

Second: Smith

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Good of the Order

a. Voter Hub happening today.

b. The City of Bellingham forum is open to students which will guide Bellingham's plans for the next ten years. Will Occur Thursday 11/9/23 at 11:30-1:30pm.

c. Poll for When2Meet for meeting time and place next quarter will be sent out.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Next Meeting: November 14th, 2023, 5:30pm, Location: Interdisciplinary Science Building 242

b. Thursday, 11/9/23, meeting for the LAC called by Godwin. Meeting's purpose is for a resolution by the student government calling for a Palestine-Israel cease-fire. The resolution will be sent out on 11/7/23 at night.

Minutes approved: 01/08/24

MOTION LAC-23-F-3 by Smith

Approving the meeting for Thursday, 11/9/23, to occur

Second: Farhat

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

Meeting ended at 6:29pm