



**Associated Students of  
Western Washington University  
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting Minutes  
February 12th, 2024, 4:30pm VU 567**

**Attendees:**

**Council Members present:**

**Voting:** Erin Godwin, Gabby Laipeniecks, Lauren Johnson, Cole Farhat, Cole Burk, Lynna Hall

**Non-Voting:** Kira Davis, Aspen Cates-Doglio

**Council Members absent:**

**Voting:** Andy Graves, Stella Seth, Binta Kolly, Andrew Kudrna, Dibora Markos, Kenia Soriano Hernandez, Lily Van Mullem, Sofia Trujilo,

**Non-Voting:** Morgan Whitt

**Staff & Assistants present:** Casey Hayden, Dhvani Rathore

**Guests present for meeting:** None

*Legislative Affairs Council Chair called the meeting to order at: 4:35pm*

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

**II. INFORMATION ITEMS-**

**III. DISCUSSION-**

**a. Discuss Lobby Day Training Materials – 40 minutes**

- i. Godwin - In addition to knowing how to lobby and knowing the agenda, students should have a cheat sheet about legislators to know which committees they're on and learn strategies.
- ii. Provide support for people with no experience, this can be done with help from members of the LAC.
- iii. 3 important aspects to focus on: The agenda, lobbying, and legislative information.
- iv. Suggestion to make 1-pagers of different sections of the agenda for students (information for a layman). This could possibly be electronic.
- v. Part of lobby day is learning how to read a bill; students can choose what they are interested in researching.
- vi. Going back to 1-pagers – They might not be necessary as students will have time to research bills, and LAC members can be there on training day to talk about bills. They might not need all the resources we provide.
- vii. Information session plan:
  1. Distribute the agenda digitally.

2. Survey to collect alternate hometown addresses.
3. Mention attire as business casual/professional, and to bring western gear.
- viii. Plan to assign student to groups with diversity in district (last year people got into groups when they first got in).
- ix. Template for first timers: How to speak to legislators: name, district.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **V. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Reminder that there is no meeting next week, no Executive Board Meeting this Thursday.**

**We might have a meeting after that week to have a legacy document.**

Godwin meeting with President Randhawa on Thursday about agenda.

#### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Next Meeting: February 26th, 2024, 4:30pm, Location: Viking Union 567

*Meeting called to order: 5:06pm*

*\* All agenda items are subject to immediate action.*

*Note: Proposed motions show what is being requested. The actual motion may differ.*