

**Associated Students of Western Washington University**  
**Legislative Affairs Council Charge and Charter**  
September, 2009

**I. CHARGE**

To increase student involvement, formulate policies and positions of the ASWWU relating to legislative activities, community governance and relations, national affairs and external matters. To monitor and approve the use of the Legislative Action Fund to enhance efforts that directly represent students in legislative activities.

**II. MEMBERSHIP**

- AS VP for Governmental Affairs, Chair
- ~~AS Legislative Liaison (non-voting)~~
- ~~Washington Student Association Chapter President~~
- 56 –Students at-Large, appointed by the AS Board of Directors (additional at-large positions may be added for content and value)
- 1 - Student Senate Representative
- Secretary (non-voting)
- Advisor (non-voting)

**III. CHAIR**

The Chair shall be the AS VP for Governmental Affairs. (S)he shall convene all meetings, approve agendas and preside at all meetings. A vice chairperson may be selected at the discretion of the council and act in the absence of the Chair.

**IV. MEETINGS**

The council shall meet at least twice prior to the establishment of any -AS Legislative Agenda. The council shall additionally meet (when called on by the Chair or twenty-five (25) percent of the voting membership, in the event that a legislative and community concern was raised. Meetings shall be called by the Chair with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice. Meetings may also be called by any member when requested by twenty-five (25) percent of the seated, voting membership.

**V. VOTING**

The council shall follow procedures indicated in the rules of operation, except that a motion may be passed by a majority vote of the members present.

**VI. QUORUM**

A majority of the seated voting membership seated shall constitute a quorum.

**VII. AMENDMENTS**

This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the A-S- Board of Directors.

**VIII. RULES**

The council may adopt rules governing its operation by a majority vote of the seated voting membership.

**IX. REPORTAGE**

The council shall report to the AS Board of Directors on policy decisions through the VP for Governmental Affairs.