

questions too, so Austin Wright-Pettibone who helped draft the metric will be calling in later. She would also say there's an option of say WWU supports affordability and then giving a couple of examples of what that might look like. They don't just have to support one specific metric. Motor voter bill was just dropped, it SB 5140. Its main sponsor was Sen. Billig. She's lobbying on voter access for WSA. Carver also seems to be going well, there's a lot of movement on it. Everyone she talks to seems to be pretty supportive of it. They'll also start to see movement soon on changing the voter registration deadline. She's been in a lot of committee meetings and meetings. She just found out about HB 1030 to have loan repayment be based on the graduate's income. It would say that you don't need to make payments if you're not making enough money. You re-pay based on how much you're paying. HB 1036 would eliminate the parent guardian approval for the college bound scholarship.

C. Local Liaison

D. Western Votes!

Mayra Guizar enters. Guizar said they didn't meet think week because of the State of the Union. They will be having a meeting next week. During Viking Lobby Day Kohout passed around sign-up sheets on the bus to see if people are interested in joining. So Oscar Aguirre, Western Votes! President, will be sending a blast email on that. Next week they'll be talking about wrapping up VLD and USSA campaign materials. They haven't had an executive meeting to really hash out the details.

VI. Presentations

A. Local Agenda Brainstorm

Kendra Thomas, Local Liaison, said there were two items on the local agenda last year, lighting in Laurel Park and rental registration. They're getting rental registration. It's going to be voted for the final time next Monday. It's part of the city's plan to evaluate sections of the city in order and when they evaluate it they do a section of a street and then they add new lighting. They just have to wait it out for Laurel Park They also put it on the transportation advisory committee's master plan. She wanted to get ideas from the committee for items that they could work on, on the local level. Sam Goldblatt said something to think about would be more residential development for the student body. It seems like the more controversial things happening in the city are development projects. She thinks it would be good to lay out what sorts of developments the student body is looking for. Thomas said some her ideas are student housing in the area. Mayor Kelli Linville has been in favor of turning the Aloha Hotel into student housing once it's tom down, making Samish less shady. It would be good to look at other places that would have possible student housing. Other thing they wanted to work on is having a rental education clinic. Working with the Research and Outreach Programs and the Legal Information Center to do some sort of mandatory workshop for students or a video that students have to watch before they can register. The other thing they wanted to work on is getting Lincoln Creek Park and Ride to be ADA compliant. Goldblatt said she knows that the school has put a lot of money into Licoln Creek Park and Ride. They're also having issues making it environmentally compliant. Something else to consider is what power they have to lobby the administration of the school. Lisa Rosenberg, Assistant Director of Student Activities, said she's not sure of the direct answer but it's something they can look into. The local liaison position is new and local issues certainly could tie in with WWU issues. It seems like that would be a possibility. Kohout said she thinks that would be great. Students don't often ask things of their administration. Thomas said one interesting thing that they discussed when talking with Kathy Lehman, former city council member, was that she said the city would be willing to do a dual funding thing with the university for some kind of education campaign. But then it would have to be community

accessible. However then it would have to be community accessible. Kohout asked how Thomas how she wants to do the write up. Thomas said she's fine writing it up herself. If everyone is okay with that. Goldblatt said some particulars, especially if they're thinking about what sorts of development students agree with. It would be good to figure out those particulars, but it makes sense for her to do it.

VI. Information Items

A. AS UW/WS A Affordability Model

Austin Wright-Pettibone, Director of Government Relations for the University of Washington Seattle, calls in. Adam Schaefer asked why expected parent contribution subtracted from college costs. That's a huge portion of what students have to pay and a lot of times the parents don't actually contribute that much. So then students are having to pay part of the expected family contribution, so it's not a reflection of the actual cost of college. Wright-Pettibone said they made the distinction between expected family contribution and expected parent contribution. Family contribution is kind of a made up number. It also includes a work component on the student's end of it in addition to what is expected to be provided by the family. They put it in there based in the feasibility of it. This is a separate issue to take on beyond defining a metric for affordability. Schaefer said for him personally, his college cost would be zero if they took out grants and scholarships and expected parent contribution. Do they have statistics on the amount of people where they have an expected student contribution, assuming they're getting this from FAFSA? Are there statistics on students that have a number greater than zero after subtracting those three numbers? Wright-Pettibone said for the University of Washington it's 3,960 students. Schaefer asked out of how many students total. Wright-Pettibone said out of 42,000 students. The intention for this metric was to set some sort of threshold. None currently exists right now, there's no concept of affordability. Yes workability is a high bar, but they wanted to start there to work up to something like Rep. Pollet's measure where it's defined as 10% of the median family income or the proposals that the Washington Student Achievement Council. This is the first step in a longer process. Schaefer said it seems like if they're going to the legislature asking for new and dedicated revenue, it hurts the cause because this claims that 90% of students find college affordable. It is a first step that's a step backward. Wright-Pettibone said he disagrees because there's no conception of affordability. He hears the concerns and there is work to be done but at first they need to at least get the concept out there if they're going to move forward. Cody Simrell asked how this would help out of state students. Wright-Pettibone said they don't factor out of state students into this. Kohout said the document says "the total cost of education minus grants and scholarships and expected parents income is supposed to be less than \$11,742." Wright-Pettibone said the cost of attendance is still more than that. Kohout said so it's not a flat fee. Wright-Pettibone said correct. Rosenberg asked what's included in the total cost of education. Wright Pettibone said there's tuition, room and board, textbooks, and miscellaneous expenses. There's a breakdown of those on the schools financial aid website. Kohout said thank you to Wright-Pettibone for calling in. Seare said she knows this was endorsed by WSA, but she thinks they have to change the numbers to reflect WWU. She would like to have some time to sit with the document and see how it plays out. She thinks that would be helpful. Kohout said she hopes to bring other metrics to the committee soon. This is a different because it was drafted by students, but she can bring things that came up in the last session. They definitely don't have to take a stance, but she thinks it would be good to compare UW numbers to theirs. Schaefer said part of this says that college is unaffordable, but it hurts their cause to say this. *Thomas leaves.* Goldblatt said something to think about is trying to figure out how much parents can actually contribute. That's the big problem with family contribution. If there was some way to determine that.

Kohout said she wants to remind the committee again that they don't have to take a stance on this.

B. Kids First (HB 1385 & SB 5063)

Kohout said she's found the companion bill for Kids First. Heffelmire is hoping that LAC will oppose it. Goldblatt asked if she's had the chance to talk to Heffelmire more about it. She knows she was initially opposed it. They did talk to Wright-Pettibone about it, he wants Western and WSA to support it. He thinks it would be a good political move on their part to dictate where the rest of revenue goes. There's something about a provision when they would lower the threshold depending on need, which would be up to the Office of Financial Management. Selander said there's a little bit about extraordinary growth in state programs, the language is loose and could be toyed with in state programs. She's thinking the same, other programs could be pushed aside. Schaefer said he agrees, there's a lot of ambiguous language. Kohout said it never specifies how much goes to higher education. She talked to Heffelmire about how there's no funding mechanism with it. Where is the money coming from? They may work with folks to get revenue to back it up. Schaefer asked if this is a normal thing. Kohout said this is really early on in session, so it could change. She will be continuing to track this bill. Goldblatt said she would like to see it develop more. There's so much talk about education happening. Ideally there would be another bill supporting k-12 and higher education that they could get more behind.

VII. Action Items

VIII. Other Business

Seare said tomorrow is the state of emergency teach-in, it's one of the USSA campaigns. She encourages everyone to attend.

IX. Next Meeting Date

January 28, 2015

X. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:18