



Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council

Thursday December 1st, 2016 6:00 PM VU567

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Rosa Rice-Pelepko (AS REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator), Galen Herz (AS Local Issues Coordinator), Katherine VenDeWalker (Student at Large), Sofia Perry (Student at Large), Koyle Kendrick (Student at Large), Ana Ramirez (Student at Large).*

Absent: Nora Selander (AS Legislative Liaison), Leanna Sauerlender (Student at Large), Sarah Gallagher (Student at Large), Peter Condyles (Student at Large), and Lisa Rosenberg.

Advisor:

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests:

Motions:

LAC-17-W-6 E-Vote Approval of the Environmental Lobby Day Agenda. *Passed.*

LAC-17-W-7 Approval of minutes from January 30. *Passed*

LAC-17-W-8 Approval of extended pay for Board Assistant for Lobby Days. *Passed*

Bryce Hammer called the meeting to order at 5:07PM.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Galen will be discussing the Local Agenda during his report. And we will have a discussion item about the ESC Lobby day agenda.

III. Minutes Approval

MOTION: LAC-17- W-7 by Rice-Pelepko

Approval of the minutes from January 30.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Angela Davis to Campus:** They are requesting \$10,000 but we have more than their other sources so we can put in the \$12,00 that they need. We have a large pool right now and it is for organization on campus or lobbying the government off campus and this clearly fits into the organizing part of that goal. Currently we have \$20,000 in our pool plus a very large reserves pool, we have \$45,000 at the beginning of each year and we generally try to budget for \$40,000 in case enrolment is low. Bryce asked if there were questions about the event, Rosa

asked if it would be free and Bryce said probably so, but we will see. The event ought to be in the auditorium in the PAC and you might have to reserve a seat. Bryce then asked how people feel about the amount donation. Someone from the SIRC will come and speak to the committee about it in another week. We can also grant them \$12,000 with the condition that if they get \$2,000 from other places we want that much back into the fund.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Board Assistant for Lobby Days:** Francesca needs money and the AS underestimated the amount that the BA for Lobby Days works as well as the absence of the BA for Representation means that she needs to have it increased. There is a 3% increase on minimum wage for her position so she needs 60 extra hours and \$700 extra dollars. It is uncertain what she would happen if we did not approve the funds but Bryce said she would figure it out.

MOTION: LAC-17- W-8 by Herz

Approve an extension of salary not to accede \$700 for the Board Assistant for Lobby Days.

Second: Perry Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passes

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- a. **Housing Event:** Galen passed out flyers because he loves housing. LIKE REALY THE BOY LOVES HOUSING. NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL LIKE (20.20). Local agenda refers to the Bellingham City lobbying agenda and County agenda refers to the county level agenda. The categories are Equity and Inclusiveness, Public Safety and Criminal Justice, Voter Accessibility, and Affordable Housing. The event on Thursday has Zachary DeWolf, a prominent renters' rights advocate in Seattle, speaking on issues of housing, and there will be ways for students to interact with the agenda and comment on it. Almost all of the items on the agenda are modeled after other working programs or initiatives in other locations. The longest category of the agenda is the Housing Affordability and Livability, which addresses issues like application screening fees and information on renters rights. The discussion and in depth analysis is very helpful and it is recommended that you read it. It, on whole, encourages practical construction, de-segregation, and more burden for landlords to provide for tenants.

Galen then asked for people to help with setting up for the event and members offered their presence.

- b. **ESC Lobby Day:** The agenda was passed through the Board last Friday. It is similar to the WLD the Student Success is the same. Enhancing Equity, inclusion, and diversity focuses on increasing admin for minority students including a support coordinator for disability community and LGBTQ students and a Tribal Liaison which the NASU has been requesting for years. The Reducing Toxic Pollution in Minority Communities. They also share with the ESP the item on Oyster Dome as the issue affects both groups.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Bryce** Reported that she went down to Olympia last Monday. Emily from Evergreen lobbied about S and A fees decoupling and was brilliant. She also testified on the student success item and a Suicide Prevention Bill that lines up very well with our interests. Met some Wester alumni at the private dinner party. WSA is this weekend in Olympia followed by ESC and ESP Lobby Days. Nora will be emailing her report later this week.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 5:5