



Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:00 PM VU567

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Nora Selander (AS Legislative Liaison), Rosa Rice-Pelepko (AS REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator), and Peter Condyles (Student at Large).*
Absent: Galen Herz (AS Local Issues Coordinator), Leanna Sauerlender (Student at Large), Sarah Gallagher (Student at Large), Katherine VenDeWalker (Student at Large), Sofia Perry (Student at Large), Koyle Kendrick (Student at Large), Ana Ramirez (Student at Large)

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg
Secretary: Cora Cole
Guests:

The committee didn't meet quorum so there was an informal series of reports.

I. REPORTS

- A. Nora** reported that there have been no budget updates from Olympia and that the General Assembly of WS A is this next weekend.
- B. Bryce** Reported back about the Federal Lobbying Trip. She said that this has given her a better idea of what can work in the new administration for next year. One of the issues she thinks we can address is the loan servicer companies that are selected by congress, some of them are significantly more predatory and we can advocate for picking better ones. Nora added that she's been working with a debt group this last year and has learned that loan servicers complain that they only get paid 35\$ per year, but there is a preposterous number of people who hold those loans in total which creates a massive profit for the loan servicers, regardless of individual cost. Bryce said that they talked to people about out of state tuition, and the way that it is harmful particularly to grad students. The representatives they met with had troubling justifications for that policy, hinging on the rate at which grad students pay back their loans. Patty Murray is looking to put resources towards title IX, so the incoming committee might have opportunity to collaborate with them.
- C. Rosa** reported that next Wednesday there will be a meeting in VU 462 at 1:00 pm that will be a collaboration between her position and RHA. There is also an Environment and Race event this Thursday with the ESC and ESP. She is also working with people who were heavily involved in USSA last year to discuss the budget policy changes.