



Western Washington University Associated Students
Legislative Affairs Council

Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 5:00 PM YU xx

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

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests:

Motions:

LAC-17-S-5 **Approval of April 12 and May 10 minutes. *Passed***

Bryce Hammer called the meeting to order at 4:08pm

I. Minutes Approval

MOTION: *LAC-17-S-5 by Rice-Pelepko*

Approval of the minutes from April 12 and May 10th

Second: Perry Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Budget:** Bryce explained the difference between discretionary and nondiscretionary. The Lobby Days funding is nondiscretionary as is the Board Assistant for Lobby Days wages. She then pulled up the proposed allocations from last year, showing the places that we had deviated from that and would need to increase or decrease for next year. The nondiscretionary spending for USSA was changed to \$0 and the WSA travel was rounded up to \$2,200. The discretionary spending for USSA was changed to \$0 and the Additional Lobbying Efforts were rounded up to \$11,000. The student Use section, which is specifically for individual students' trips to Olympia for lobbying. The Non-discretionary Personnel funding for Francesca (the current Board Assistant for Lobby Days) was increased substantially. Bryce said that we could make the Board Assistant for Lobby Days into the Board Assistant for Lobbying and Elections and have them be a three quarter position, Nora asked about the funding structure for that and Lisa said that it was possible to split them up but

it might be easier to just have them do two jobs and log the hours for them separately. Nora said that people run for office pretty frequently from this committee and having that be a position that is paid for by people who will run might be troubling. Bryce began calculating the wages that would be necessary, just for the number of hours that Francesca worked this year. The wages next year will be \$11.31 per hour and after January 1 it will be \$11.91 per hour. Bryce calculated the number of hours would be 160 for fall, and the winter spring would be around \$2,370 which is a substantial increase from the \$900 some last year. Rosa asked how much of the BA that covered, Bryce explained that we pay for the BA entirely. There is currently \$51000 in the TAF and that is about 9,000 more than we expected to have so she is looking into that weirdness and will bring an update on that next week to see if those numbers remain accurate or if there is an error. Nora requested personal finances to be managed by this mysterious fund, the committee chortled. Bryce asked for other comments, Fisa suggested labeling the WSA Dues on the page.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- a. **Year Review:** Rosa said she wanted to use this space to talk about goals going forward and feedback from this year.
 - i. **What was your favorite part of LAC:** Macey said that she was overwhelmed with information and didn't know how to reach out to ask questions. She appreciates the way the Elections Board had a elections 101 meeting to know what is going on and thinks that the LAC should do something similar, the secretary offered 15 minute trainings before each new committee member's first meeting. Macey said that might have been cool. Rosa said that she would have liked to have more students involved in the drafting of the agenda, particularly utilizing subcommittees. Sofia said that she would have liked more outreach to students who aren't already involved in the AS or the REP. There is interest in getting involved, it's just hard to know what is there.
 - ii. **Bryce asked why people chose LAC:** Sarah said that she appreciated being able to specialize in her field of interest and also Bryce told her to. Sofia said that her story was pretty similar, she wanted to be involved locally when she did Western Votes and this seemed like the next logical step. Macey said she saw it as a powerful way to get involved and it has big impacts. Jevne, a freshman this year, had heard that Western was super active politically and had been underwhelmed by the level that existed and so in winter quarter she applied, almost randomly and found the LAC and was super excited to get involved. Koyle said that he had wanted to find out what was going on this campus and the committee had been really helpful to that regard.
 - iii. **Rosa asked if people who were returning next year were interested in returning to LAC:** most of the non-graduating students indicated interest in returning to serve on the committee.

- iv. **Rules of Operation:** Bryce said we will be looking at the rules of operation next week. Rosa said that even as an AS employee, when she came in she didn't know how to use all of the parliamentary procedures and would like to have that more accessible. Bryce added that the enforcement of Roberts's rules can be pretty slack, and that she would like feedback on her enforcement next quarter,
- b. **Voter Registration Summit:** The second Saturday in June in Bothell the summit will be put on by WSA and BUS from 9-5. She said that she would recommend going to anyone who wants to be involved. Bryce added that in the fall people can work for voter registration and this would be an excellent opportunity to get paid to get involved.

IV. REPORTS

- A. **Nora** reported that there is no news on the budget yet because that process is so closed doors. WSA general assembly was this last weekend and part of the new legislative agenda which is largely carried over from this last year. Additionally, Rosa was hired as her successor and the VP for Outreach at WSA. There was gentle applause.
- B. **Bryce** Reported that 3 of the new WSA board members are from WSU Vancouver. We have increased the salary of the WSA for some of the administrators who work a lot for not very much currently. They also approved more funds for the WSA office in Olympia and there was a long conversation about stipends for Executive members that went nowhere. The WSA budget is being reviewed so if anyone wants to get involved Bryce promises that it "is boring but then it gets Wild." She added that the Committee End of the Year Celebration is next Tuesday night and it is fun and there is good food. The Board will be approving the AS budget this week or next week. Also, Rosa got chosen as the next legislative liaison, for which there was applause, and Bryce noted that if one wanted to take minutes for committees and get paid that the secretary would be taking a new position next year and applications for the secretarial position would open in September.
- C. **Rosa** reported that she didn't have a report.
- D. **Galen** reported that this week is the filing deadline for the Local Elections and this year all the seats for city council are uncontested except for Roxanne Murphey who is being challenge by Gene Layton, who has spoken in support of the blood law and the man who stands in Red Square and yells at students*. The committee expressed a mild amount of horror. Bryce added that Blue Group is doing a phone bank pushing new candidates to take a stance on sanctuary city status tomorrow all day. April Barker got approval at the last city council meeting to create a workgroup to address housing issues including representatives from BTU and Opportunity Council and Galen will be sitting on it. The approach is more discussion based with city council members hearing comment and questions from the community members.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm

- **After the end of the meeting it was revealed that at the last minute someone had filed to run against incumbent Michael Lilliquet.**