

Washington Student Lobby

State Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

June 4, 2006, Bellingham, WA

The Washington Student Lobby State Board met on June 4, 2006 in Viking Union 567 at Western Washington University. Vice-President Nick Cizek called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Attendees* included: Nick Cizek, WWU (1); Dan Shafar, WSU (1); Antasia Parker, WWU; Max St. Brown, CWU; Jake Stillwell, CWU; Steven DuPont, CWU (1); Tony Aronica, CWU (1); Dan Sweeney, CWU; Mike Bogarty, CWU; Kristina Mader, WWU; Garrett Havens, EWU (1); Alicia Kinne, EWU (1); Jordan Know, EWU; Lee Dunbar, UW (1); Nick Peyton, GPSS (1); Ben Golden, UW (1); Cullen White, UW; Katie Underwood, CWU; Sasha Sleiman, WWU; Mark Iozzi, WWU (1); Rachel Norris, WSU (1); Nick Bubb, UW (Tacoma); Chris Reigelsperger, WSU (1); and, Steve Lindstrom, WSL Olympia. Guest Lance Kissler (EWU), HECB member was also present. A quorum was present. (* Parenthetical numbers indicate voting member and number of votes and/or proxies held.)

Draft minutes of the May 20, 2006 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

There were no public comments.

Peyton moved, Dunbar seconded, to allow all member schools in attendance to vote, even if their dues were not currently paid. The motion failed.

DuPont moved that documented payments of dues (dues that could be demonstrated as in transit) be sufficient evidence of payment, allowing that member school to vote. Golden seconded and the motion passed. (As a result of the motion's passage, a quorum of nine was present.)

Iozzi moved and Havens seconded to allow WSU to vote. The motion passed. (As a result of the motion's passage, a quorum of 12 was present.)

Because he had the gavel, Cizek proxied his vote to Sleiman.

The Board moved to executive session.

The Board re-convened in regular session.

Discussion of changes to the Washington Student Lobby Constitution led to a series of motions and amendments, starting with points outlined by Iozzi on behalf of WWU. A motion by Shafar and second by Golden put the draft on the table. Amendments to the motion ensued. Regarding the Board of Directors, DuPont moved and Shafar seconded that a vote of three-fourths of the Board be required to take action on Board business,

with two-thirds of the Board being required to constitute a quorum. The motion passed unanimously. Shafar moved and Dunbar seconded that any “student government of public institutions of higher education” (as defined in RCW 28B.76.020 and any ancillary campus with an independent student government) is eligible to seek membership in WSL; that membership requires attendance at three consecutive meetings, with voting privileges commencing at the fourth meeting attended, and payment of dues pursuant to the amount and schedule set forth in the WSL budget. The motion passed 11-0-1.

Golden moved and Shafar seconded that membership would be suspended if a member missed three consecutive meetings, with no refund of dues or other consideration, but, that membership would be reinstated upon attendance at three consecutive subsequent meetings. The motion passed 11-1. Iozzi moved and Shafar seconded that proxies be allowed, but those eligible to vote a proxy must be from the member school wherefrom the proxy is authorized. The motion passed unanimously.

Consensus of the Board supported carrying forward the loyalty commitment in the existing constitution. Peyton moved, Shafar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the package of amendments and incorporate them into the Constitution and, where appropriate, the By-Laws.

Regarding the proposed General Assembly, Shafar moved a minimum 2500 student body size to qualify for membership, with two votes, with proxies allowed only to students from the same member school, and a limit of two votes per student attending. The motion passed 11-0-1. Shafar moved and Havens seconded that a two-thirds vote of a quorum be required to adopt or amend a legislative agenda or budget for forwarding to the Board. A friendly amendment was agreed to enabling the Board to move forward with a legislative agenda if one is not forwarded by the General Assembly two weeks before the December Board meeting. A friendly amendment was agreed to enabling the Board to move forward with an annual budget if one is not forwarded by the General Assembly by May 1 each year. Shafar moved, Dunbar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to have the General Assembly elect four officers with a simple majority (President; Vice-President, Legislative; Vice-President, Finance; and, Vice-President, Communications), each to serve on the Board, but without a vote, effective starting in the 2007-2008 year. Also starting in the 2007-2008 year, Havens moved, Kinne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously that to be eligible to be elected as an officer, a student must have attended two General Assembly meetings. Peyton moved, Havens seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to strike required meeting locations, but understanding that CWU would be the default location for General Assembly meetings. Peyton moved, Dunbar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to direct that the Vice-President, Finance would develop the draft budget for the General Assembly to consider. Shafar moved, Norris seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the broad package including a General Assembly in the WSL organization and noting that it would meet two or three times per year.

The Board indicated a desire that the new leadership meld the amendments with the existing Constitution and propose deferring some of the specifics to the By-Laws, as appropriate.

Discussion of the 2006-2007 budget examined proposed income and expenses. Regarding income, Shafar moved, Kinne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$49,310 as set forth in Attachment B. One-half of each member school's dues would be payable on or before December 15 and April 15 of each fiscal year. Income would come as \$4,500 for each member school, except for 2006-2007 only, GPSS would pay \$3,500 and EWU would pay \$3000; and, schools with enrollment less than 5,000 would pay \$2000 each. Schools may remit more than the stated amount. The formula would generate \$31,000 if all paid as described and UWT joined. Interest was estimated at \$100. The past due amount from WSU from 2005-2006 would add \$3000, carry forward in checking would be \$8,474, and @\$6736 would be need from savings to balance the budget. Expenses would reflect adjustment of the administrator expense to reflect hiring a person full-time (or nearly) at a total budgeted amount of \$28,000 and adding back insurance at @\$500.

Havens proxied his vote to Kinne. Reigelsperger and Norris proxied their votes to Shafar. Dunbar moved, Golden seconded, and the Board voted to allow Shafar to hold three votes.

Shafar moved, Peyton seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to renew the office lease with the Department of General Administration and directed the Administrator to execute the renewal under the terms and conditions set forth in the draft renewal of the lease. The new lease does not include parking, which now must be arranged directly with the parking management component of General Administration.

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Dunbar moved, DuPont seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to renew the lobby contract for another year with Lindstrom under the same terms and conditions as 2005-2006, with a reiteration of the job description (\$9000 compensation and \$3560 expenses).

Nominations were opened to elect officers. Nominees for President were Cizek, Shafar, and Kinne. Other nominees from the May meeting were withdrawn. A secret ballot elected Shafar President. Nominees for Vice-President, Legislative Affairs, were Stillwell, Cizek, and Kinne. A secret ballot elected Cizek. The nominee for Vice-President, Finance, was Sleiman. She was elected by acclamation. Nominees for Vice-President, Communications, were Stillwell and Mader. A secret ballot elected Stillwell. The tellers were Underwood, Bubb, and Lindstrom.

As proposed by the presiding officer, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution: "The Board of Directors of the Washington Student Lobby (WSL) hereby

authorizes the newly-elected President (Dan Shafar) and Vice-President, Finance, (Sasha Sleiman) to act on behalf of WSL in fiscal and administrative matters and specifically be added as signers to the checking and savings accounts at US Bank; and, that all other signers be removed from authority to access the checking and savings accounts.”

DuPont requested a summer promotion appropriation from WSL to acquaint new students at CWU with WSL for the purposes of soliciting contributions. Peyton moved, Golden seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to authorize an appropriation not to exceed \$504 to CWU for promotional purposes. The CWU chapter will be reimbursed for up to \$504 upon presentation of receipts.

Reports and announcements were made. The Administrator’s report included the Treasurer’s report: \$2,573.82 in checking and \$30,113.50 in checking. Cizek reported thanks from President James Evans, in his absence, for the support and hard work of the Board and other WSL members during the past year.

The next WSL Board meeting will be held at Eastern Washington University the last week of September, with details to be forthcoming during the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lindstrom,
Administrator
(Acting Secretary)