



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
120 Union Avenue, Suite 207
Olympia, WA 98501

State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2007
Olympia, WA

I. Call to Order

The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors met on January 13, 2006 in the Cherberg Building of the Washington State Capital Campus. President Dan Shafar called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendees included: Faisal Jaswal, BCC; Zachary Altenhofen, BCC; Andrew Monson, PCC; Sean Cooke, PCC; Brianne Wood, BCC; Thomas Harrington, BCC; Daniel Shafar, WSL; Jibril Leigh, GRCC; Kelsey LaRoche, GRCC; Jeff Hunter, GRCC; Steve DuPont*, CWU; Asenka Miller, ESC; Max St. Brown, CWU; Heather Whitty, CWU; Chris Reigelsperger, WSU; Nicholas Cizek*, WWU; Rob Muilenbury, GPSS; Sarah Reyneveld*, GPSS; Camille Andersen, EWU; Bryce McKibben*, UW; Sasha Sleiman, WWU; Jennifer Bowman, GPSA; Alicia Kinne, EWU; Mike Bogatay, CWU; Nani Jackins Park, SBCTC; Steve Lindstrom, WSL; Jake Stillwell, CWU.

*voting members

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

- Shafar moved approval of the minutes below a special announcement. Sleiman motioned, DuPont seconded. No objections.
- Special announcement: Evergreen State College has joined the WSL and will be a voting member in the next BOD meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

I. October '06 minutes:

- Shafar called for an approval of the October '06 minutes. Cizek motioned, DuPont seconded. No objections.

II. November '06 minutes:

- Shafar called for an approval of the November '06 minutes. Kinne motioned, DuPont seconded. No objections.

III. December '06 minutes:

- Shafar called for an approval of the December '06 minutes. Cizek motioned, Kinne seconded. No objections.

V. Public Testimony and Presentations



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- Shafar thanked the CTC representatives for coming to the meeting.

VI. Action Items

I. Legislative Agenda vote:

- Bogatay changed “online” to “electronic” in LA bullet point thirteen. Cizek motioned, DuPont seconded. No Objections.
- Legislative Agenda passed.

VII. Information Items

I. Legislative Session Overview

- Sleiman announced she will testify on the issues of tuition, child care and financial aid. She testified to the House Appropriations Committee about child care, textbook costs and student debt.
- McKibben testified to the House Appropriations Committee about the tuition increase cap and the possible outcomes.
- Reigelsperger testified to the House Appropriations Committee about the capital project funds request from the Council of Presidents.
- Andersen testified to the House Finance Committee about H.R. 112, the “sales-tax holiday” proposal and highlighted that textbook costs have tripled in the past twenty years.
- Bogatay testified to the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Higher Education about student debt, highlighting the \$80 million in public college student loans this year and how grants and financial aid have not caught up.

II. Childcare Bill Status

- Bogatay said the Senate Higher Education Committee is working on legislation that would match state funds with student activity fees and contributions. There will be polished language soon.

III. Interest Rate Status

- McKibben said the U.S. House will vote on H.R. 5 on January 17.
- Reigelsperger said the 3.4% cut will apply only to need-based loans and suggested the WSL work on ways the state could help cut interest rates on additional loans.
- Bogatay announced there are currently two state loan interest rate cut pieces on legislation being worked on.

IV. Textbook Tax Break

- McKibben said the Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee is making this legislation a high priority.
- Lindstrom reminded the board that the WSL is not responsible for textbook-bundling enforcement.

VIII. Issues Roundtable and School Reports



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UW: Mckibben explained the Student Code of Conduct fight with the Legislature. Students are opposed to extending university authority off-campus and the ASUW would oppose such a bill.

GPSS: Reyneveld said that the GPSS has good access to childcare research. Muilenbury said that Friese has been meeting with influential local officials on the issue.

WSU: Reigelsperger said that as with the Pullman campus, the satellite campus' access to child care, especially infant and toddler care is a top priority. Updated safety codes are needed for Greek Row.

WWU: Cizek said the ASWWU is trying to get more diversity so that it will receive federal money. Passed out WWU Legislative Priority sheet and went over it with Sleiman.

EWU: Kinne announced February 20th Higher Education Day activities. EWU still has new administration coming in and the AS and the faculty passed an environmental Resolution.

ESC: Miller thanked the WSL members for working with ESC. Childcare a large issue, especially access hours.

GPSA: Bowman said limited physical space was causing a large wait-list and the expansion of availability of childcare with the Early Learning Center has helped.

Broke for lunch at 1:40

Returned at 2:10

CWU: DuPont said tuition waivers top legislative priority with one proposed bill the House and another in the Senate. Suggested the "General Education Certificate" plan where any student at a 4-year public in-state college would receive a certificate of completion for basic education requirements that would hold at any other 4-year public in-state college. Altenhofen said that BCC is working on a similar proposal for 2-year colleges. Shafar suggested presenting to the HEC Board and/or school administrations first.

IX. Executive Reports

I. President

Shafar put the board into Executive Session over the Administrator position. Called for a vote on reinstating Lindstrom. DuPont moved to hire Lindstrom as Administrator until someone is hired, Reigelsperger seconded. No objections.

II. VP of Legislative Affairs

Bogatay said the online voter registration proposal still has some security issues that need to be worked out. Announced there is proposed legislation that would limit tuition to no more than inflation.



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III. VP of Finances

Sleiman went over the financial report: \$30,951.91 in savings; \$19,648.35 in checking.

IV. VP of Communications

Stillwell informed the Board about the CTC meeting and went over child care research information.

V. Contract Lobbyist

Lindstrom went over the top four priorities for the liaisons meeting with Governor Gregoire: 1) tuition policy and outcomes; 2) financial resources- financial aid, grants, loans, debt, etc.; 3) child care; 4) money for enhancement.

X. Announcements

I. Future meetings

- Jan. 13th @ noon in Olympia
- Feb. 10th @ noon in Olympia
- March 17th @ noon in Olympia
- April next General Assembly meeting, time and place TBA.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:29