

Washington Student Lobby

State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2007

Olympia, WA

I. Call to Order

The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors met on February 10, 2007 in the Cherberg Building of the Washington State Capital Campus. President Dan Shafar called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendees included: Asenka Miller, ESC; Victor Sanders, ESC; Anthony Sison, ESC; Matthew Kreiling*, ESC; Max St. Brown, CWU; Heather Whitty, CWU; Gabrielle Stilwater, CWU; Chris Reigelsperger, WSU; Nicholas Cizek, WWU; Bryce McKibben, UW; Hannah Lommers-Johnson, UW; Cullen White*, UW; Antasia Parker*, WWU; Jonathan Sprouffske, HECB; Rob Muilenburg, UWGPSS; Marcus Riccelli*, UWGPSS; Camille Andersen*, EWU; Steve Lindstrom, WSL; Sasha Sleiman, WWU; Nicole Allen, WASHPIRG; Mike Bogatay*, CWU; Jake Stillwell, CWU.

*voting members

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

- No changes or additions to the agenda.
- White motioned to approve the agenda, Andersen seconded. No objections. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

I. January 2007 minutes

- Miller removes "large" from ESC update of section VIII and changes "Hose" to "House in point 2 of part I in section VII.
- McKibben included the word "unmitigated to UW update of section VIII.
- Miller motioned to approve the minutes, Andersen seconded. No objections. Motion passed.

V. Public Testimony and Presentation

- Sprouffske from the Higher Education Coordinating Board updated the WSL on what's going on with the HECB. Stated he especially wants to keep in contact about the childcare legislation.
- Allen from WASHPIRG updated the WSL about federal legislation.

- > HR 5, STAR Act, Student Loan Sunshine Act, Higher Education Reauthorization Act, Pell Grant.
- > Congressman Reichert wants to meet with the WSL about the HEA.

VI. Information Items

I. Legislative Session Update

- Bogatay went over the week 6 Lobbying Update. Went over bills:
 - > 5806 sponsored by Schoesler/ 1882 sponsored by Wallace, relating to implementing Washington learns higher education recommendations.
 - > 5013 sponsored by Shoesler, relating to tuition setting authority.
 - > 5784 sponsored by Shin/ 1531 sponsored by Warnick, relating to excise tax for required course materials.
 - > 2072 sponsored by Wallace, relating to increasing access to higher education.
- McKibben went over bills:
 - > 5731 sponsored by Shin, relating to educating students in high demand fields.
 - > 1385 sponsored by Jarrett, relating to implanting a strategic direction for higher education.
 - > 1559 sponsored by Curtis, relating to college readiness standards.
 - > 2109 sponsored by Anderson, relating to providing students with knowledge about their readiness for college-level course work.
- Sleiman went over bills:
 - > 5581 sponsored by Kohl-Welles, relating to mathematics and science education.
 - > 5098 sponsored by Rockefeller, relating to the guaranteed opportunities scholarship.
 - > 5369 sponsored by Shin, relating to creating a scholarship for student entering mathematics and science professions.
 - > 5555 sponsored by Shin/ 1779 sponsored by Wallace, relating to the GET ready for math and science scholarship.
 - > 2082 sponsored by Chandler, relating to establishing the field of dreams program.
 - > 1131 sponsored by Dunshee, relating to helping former foster care youth gain college education.
 - > 5476 which would establish a college-high school student mentorship program.
- Andersen went over bills:
 - > 5385 sponsored by Shin/ 1436 sponsored by McIntire, relating to authorizing Washing higher education facilities to originate and purchase educational loans.
 - > 1354 sponsored by Chase, relating to creating a low-interest student loan program.
 - > 5411 sponsored by Delvin/ 1222 sponsored by Kenney, relating to awarding the state need grant.
- Reigelsperger went over bills:

- > 2051 sponsored by Anderson, relating to higher education accountability.
- > 1528 sponsored by Hunt/ 5663 sponsored by Oemig/ requested by the Secretary of State, relating to electronic voter registration.
- > 1881 sponsored by Wallace/ 5855 sponsored by Delvin, relating to modification of the higher education coordinating board.
- > 1883 sponsored by Wallace, relating to modification of the higher education coordinating board.
- Riccelli went over bills:
 - > 1033 sponsored by Morris, relating to research in the science and technology fields.
 - > 2024 sponsored by Darneille, regarding the UW law school loan repayment assistance program.
 - > 5782 sponsored by McAuliffe/ 1856 sponsored by Roberts, regarding childcare grants for students at institutions of higher education.
 - > 1905 sponsored by Kagi/ 5769 sponsored by McAuliffe, creating early learning and childcare program grants.
- Bogatay motioned to have the WSL officially support bill 2024, Riccelli seconded. No objections. Motioned passed.

Board broke for lunch at 1:10.

Back at 1:25.

VII. Issue Roundtable and School Reports

EWU: Camille: Eastern lobby day is February 20th.

GPSS: Riccelli: Motioned to have WSL support intent of prepaid postage stamps for voting ballots, Kreiling seconded. No objections. Motioned passed (Bogatay abstained). UW lobby day is February 15th.

UW: White: Updated board about the conduct code issue. Introduced the UW design competition for student tee shirts that will be sold and promoted on campus. Funds will go towards several student-supporting programs.

WSU: Reigelsperger: ASWSU has not paid dues. February 24th, 25th and 26th is WSU lobby day. Saturday, February 17 is the annual multicultural fundraising gala the EMP in Seattle. Funds will go towards various conferences.

WWU: Cizek: February 11th is lobby training for Vikings Day which is February 19th. ASWWU passed Babeland presentation for safe-sex practices and a presentation by porn star Ron Jeremy. Administration is opposed to the AS BOD endorsed events, which will be paid for by student dollars.

ESC: Miller: Enrollment has been steadily increasing, waiting for winter quarter statistics. Administration has approved the painting over of student artwork on housing walls. Student government hosted WSL members for a campus tour earlier in the week.

CWU: Stillwell: Central lobby day is February 19th. Political activists were recently at CWU speaking about the political process, large attendance. WSL CWU chapter was voted club of the month in the Student Senate.

VIII. Executive Reports

I. President

Shafar went over a more dynamic communication exchange system and clarified questioned pertaining to the use of “official” information by ESC. Announced that the legislative liaisons should meet after the meeting to talk with Allen about Congressman Reichert meeting. Announced that the first application for the Executive Director has been received, but the board will wait until there’s a larger pool to hold interviews.

II. VP of Legislative Affairs

Bogatay said that Representative Wallace will probably not be passing 1531 out of committee, but a similar bill is still alive in the Senate.

III. VP of Finance

Sleiman gave the Financial Report:

Starting balance in savings account (U.S. Bank):	\$ 30,151.09
Ending balance in savings account:	\$ 30,156.29
Starting balance in checking account (U.S. Bank):	\$ 19,648.35
Number of checks written 17, total amount:	\$ 3,112.54
Number of deposits 2:	\$ 5,000.00
Ending balance in checking account:	\$21,535.81

IV. VP of Communications

Stillwell spoke about the United States Student Association Legislative Conference (LegCon) and went over the corresponding paperwork. Gave updates from various CTC schools about WSL integration- most schools are presenting to their student senates. Said he will be sending out summaries of the various bills discussed during the meeting.

V. Administrator

Lindstrom noted that the board should be aware of the difference between the Washington State Board for CTCs and the HEC Board in regards to student representation. He pointed out that it will tough to deal with electronic registration because it’s not a familiar issue with legislators- change can be resisted. He introduced the group TRIO, an organization that brings youths together and establishes hope for higher education. TRIO members will be holding a meeting in Olympia later in February and have invited the legislative liaisons to speak. Finally, he expressed his appreciation

and noted the positive reaction of others of the legislative liaisons work in the weekly updates.

IX. Announcements

I. Future Meetings

March 10th at noon in Olympia

April 14th at noon in Olympia- Board of Directors

April 28th at 1 in Ellensburg- General Assembly

May 12th? in Bellingham? More discussion at next meeting.

X. Adjournment

Shafar adjourns the meeting at 2:40.