

Washington Student Lobby

State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Bellingham, WA

May 19, 2007

I. Call to Order

The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors met on May 19th, 2007 at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. President Bryce McKibben called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendees included: Mike Bogatay, CWU; Steve Lindstrom, WSL; Jennifer Bowman, WSU GPSA; Mark Iozzi, WWU; Antasia Parker*, WWU; Sasha Sleiman, WWU; Kristina Mader, WWU; Jadon Berry*, CWU; Alicia Kinne*, EWU; Camille Andersen, EWU; Bryce McKibben*, UW; Jake Stillwell, CWU.

*voting member

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

- No changes or additions to the agenda.
- No objections. Agenda approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A. Board of Directors, April 28th, 2007

- Sleiman moved to include that she presented the financial report in writing.
- Kinne motioned to approve the Board of Directors minutes, Berry seconded. No objections. Minutes approved.

B. General Assembly, April 28th, 2007

- Lindstrom moved to include that his thanks to the host be submitted to the minutes.
- Berry motioned to approve the General Assembly minutes, Kinne seconded. No objections. Minutes approved.

V. Information Items

A. Dues Situation and Outlook on Member Campuses (pursuant to GA agreement)

- CWU: Bogatay said the operating budget should consist of only each school's contributed \$4,500 and a fee based on GA votes/seats. Any money raised outside of this would be put into a savings account to accrue interest. Based on next year's budget, each GA seat would be a \$686 fee.

- EWU: Kinne said Eastern is committed to the \$4,500 base fee for next year's budget and is willing to continue talks about raising funds for next fall. However, EWU still wants to see the value of the WSL in a tangible way with measurable goals before any financial increase occurs.
 - UW: McKibben said the ASUW cannot increase dues past \$4,500 but is interested in finding other revenue sources such as donations or fundraisers. Also, a universal fee may be discussed for the WSL contribution.
 - GPSA: Bowman said that next week she is helping to draft a resolution between the WSL and WSU/GPSA addressing the question of dues payment.
 - WWU: Iozzi said that the ASWWU is meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss the dues payments to the WSL and is working to have control over how much it contributes.
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- Berry claimed that in the future the WSL needs to make a decision on its budget sooner.
 - McKibben answered that it was a possibility to move the budget decision back to the fall GA meeting.
 - Berry said that schools could work throughout the fall on legislative agenda and budgetary ideas before the GA so that the process goes quicker.

B. Interim Planning

- McKibben said childcare is going to be a high priority for next year, adding that the WSL, State Board for CTCs and the HECB should sit down to discuss an action plan.
 - Kinne said that the EWU Board of Trustees passed a resolution prioritizing childcare as an issue.
 - Lindstrom said that WSL members have the opportunity to comment on the HECB plan for next year and would present a good opportunity to work with HECB members. It would be beneficial for members to discuss the rules of distribution of the newly issued bond funds for schools. The criteria of how those bonds are distributed will be of great interest to the WSL. The HECB web based advising will be an issue as well. WSL board members should provide HECB members with childcare information. Tuition policy still needs to be the top priority for the WSL.
 - Bogatay commented that the HECB online advising system could help bring CTC membership to the WSL.
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- McKibben moved to break for lunch at 1:10. No objections.
 - Berry motioned to appreciate the host, WWU, for providing lunch.
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- McKibben resumed the meeting at 1:23.

IV. Action Items

A. Regarding Transfer of Fiduciary Duties

- McKibben (sponsor) introduced the action item: the WSL Board must authorize the transfer of check-writing and other fiduciary duties to the incoming President and VP of Finance. This resolution will transfer these duties from President Shafar and VP Sleiman to President McKibben and VP Bogatay.

- Berry motions to adopt the resolution, Kinne seconded. No objections. Resolution adopted unanimously.

B. Endorsing the “What’s Your Plan?” Campaign

- McKibben (sponsor) introduced the action item: the campaign uses issues that youth care about to get candidates to talk about and lay out plans for issues that will spark the interest of young voters.
- Bowman asked what the WSL involvement would be in this campaign.
- McKibben answered that it would be the promotion of student political and civic engagement.
- Bogatay said that the involvement of WashPIRG, a prime sponsor of the campaign, may create an unnecessary biased image of the WSL.
- Berry motioned to table the issue, Kinne seconded. No objections. Motioned passed, issue tabled until the June meeting.

C. Regarding Bill Invoices and Dues Payment

- McKibben (sponsor) introduced the action item: there is no clearly delineated process for delivering invoices and billing member associations. This process should be developed before the end of the current fiscal year.
- Andersen introduced amendments:
 - > change “BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY FOR THE 2007-2008 *TERM*” to “*FISCAL YEAR*.”
 - > add “Legislative Liaison” under ASCWU.
 - > change “VP of Legislative Affairs” to “Council Member for Legislative Affairs” under ASEWU.
 - > strike the paragraphs starting with “Dues payment may...”, “The VP of Finance shall...”, and “Failure by member associations...” and replace with:

Dues shall be received by Dec. 1, 2007 except dues payments may be made in half-year installments of \$2,250 to be received no later than Dec. 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008; reminder notes shall be sent prior to the due dates.
- Berry requested two friendly amendments:
 - > replace “\$2,250” with “at least 50%”
 - > add “and the remaining balance” before “April 1, 2008.”
- Andersen accepted both friendly amendments.
- Sleiman requested a friendly amendment to add “VP of Community and Government Affairs” under ASWWU.
- Andersen accepted the friendly amendment.
- Andersen included an asterisk by the main contact person at each school.
- McKibben called to question on the adoption of the resolution.
- McKibben called for a vote on the resolution as amended. No objections. Resolution adopted.

D. A Resolution Awarding “Legislator of the Year” 2007

- McKibben (sponsor) introduced the action item: The WSL nominates and selects a state legislator to receive a “Legislator of the Year” award for support of students in higher education on an annual basis, at the conclusion of each legislative session.

- Sleiman nominated Representative Deb Wallace.
- Andersen nominated Representative David Buri.
- Sleiman nominated Senator Paul Shin.
- McKibben opened discussion.
- Lindstrom said to make sure the selected legislator of the year has made tangible and measurable accomplishments for the WSL.
- Bowman motioned to postpone the vote until the June meeting so that members can create some criteria with which to select a legislator, Berry seconded. No objections. Resolution tabled until June.

VII. WSL Mission Statement

- McKibben said that the mission statement should reflect what the vision of the WSL is to be. Suggested changing the Washington Student Lobby to the Washington Student Association to signal a change in the role.
- Andersen responded that the WSL is currently spread thin and taking on more responsibilities before the board has completed the current ones would be risky.
- Bowman added that it was important for the board to build a strong foundation first, then expand.
- McKibben said board members should think about a statewide vision that can be discussed at the June meeting.

VIII. Public Testimony and Presentations

None.

IX. Issue Roundtable and School Report

- CWU: Berry said the WSL chapter voted to adopt a resolution supporting the Dream Act. More information on that will be provided at the June meeting. Bogatay will be the new VP of Political Affairs and Katie Underwood the new President. Next week is Civics Week and Sam Reid will be coming to Central, also there will be a voter registration and WSL \$2 drive. Governor Gregoire will be speaking at graduation.
- EWU: Kinne said Eastern passed a transportation fee of \$7-12 per quarter. There was a 13.4% voter turnout in the last AS elections and there were twice as many candidates. Evan Bluet is the new ASEWU President.
- WSU GPSA: Bowman said they are done with school so there is nothing to report.
- WWU: Iozzi said Eric Lowell will be the new ASWWU VP of Community and Government Affairs. Western passed a new transportation initiative and has also been looking into the Dream Act. Sleiman added that Western is developing an emergency alarm system in wake of the Virginia Tech shooting.
- UW: McKibben said Tyler Dockins is the new ASUW President and McKibben has been reelected as Director of Government Affairs. There was a low turnout in the school elections.

X. Executive Reports

A. President

- McKibben said the WSL has sent the Governor two letters of recommendation for the HECB student member: Sasha Sleiman and Rob Muilenburg. The administrative position information has been sent out to various outlets and is posted on the WSL website.

B. VP of Legislative Affairs

- Andersen said she will update the bill tracking list and specify which legislators worked effectively with the WSL.

C. VP of Communications

- Stillwell said he has sent the administrator information to all the public political science departments in the state. He sent the WSL-CTC questions and answers to Sean Cooke, AS president at Pierce Community College but has not heard back yet. Went over his and McKibben's presentation to SHS and EHS with Representative Anderson and Representative Rhodne

D. VP of Finance

- Bogatay went over the financial report:

> Estimated Fund Balance at end of FY 07:	\$17,047.91
> Total income available:	\$53,047.91
> Total expenses:	\$58,760.00
> Estimated ending budget deficit:	\$5,712.09

E. Administrator

- Lindstrom said that the board will want to comment on the Washington Education Committee student member selection. The board should try to get McKibben on Comcast Local Edition to talk about the WSL. The board needs to get information on who should be contacted at USSA to discuss dues payment. He also suggested that the board invite outside interested parties to the June BBQ at Evergreen.

XI. Announcements

A. Future Meetings

i. June 10th, TESC at noon

- Lindstrom said that it is important that the board recognize Shafar for all his hard work this past year as WSL President.

XII. Adjournment

- McKibben adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.