



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Washington State University, Pullman, WA
October 14, 2007

I. Call to Order

The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors met on October 14th, 2007 at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. President Bryce McKibben called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

II. Roll Call and Introduction

Attendees included:

- Camille Andersen, EWU
- Jerod Grant, EWU
- Evan Buelt, EWU
- Andrew McNeely, UWT
- Wil Johnson, UWT
- Sarah Reyneveld, UW GPSS
- Sameer K Kanal, UW
- Sergey Smirnov, BCC
- Kristina Mader, WWU
- Erik Lowe, WWU
- Sarah Ishmael, WWU
- Steve Lindstrom, WSL
- Rizalynne Rose Phal, WSU GPSSA
- Sara Hooper, CWU
- Katie Underwood, CWU
- Peter Sterr, WSUV
- Kasey Webster, WSU
- Chris Reigelsperger, WSU
- Mike Bogatay, CWU
- Jake Stillwell, CWU
- Bryce McKibben, UW
- Matt Kreiling, WSL

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

- Agenda approved without objection.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Directors, September 16, 2007
- Andersen moved to add “re” to “The AS is looking [re]establish an opt-in fee for the WSL.
 - Buelt moved to approve the minutes; Underwood seconded. No objections, motion passed.

V. Reports

- a. Officer Reports
- i. Bryce McKibben, President

- Attended the childcare stakeholder meeting to discuss future childcare legislation. He has connected with various branch campuses and community and technical colleges to discuss further involvement with the WSL.

ii. Camille Andersen, VP of Legislative Affairs

- Attended the childcare stakeholder meeting, which went very well. She announced that her goal is to compile a list of the number of student from each legislative district and passed out an informational sheet for board members to put who the best contact person would be at each campus.

iii. Jake Stillwell, VP of Communications

- Attended the U.S. Students Association Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. CWU is putting together a coalition to mobilize students in support of the DREAM Act, which should be up for a vote in the U.S. Senate before November 17th. There will be a SSSAC leadership retreat the day before the USSA LegCon this spring.

iv. Mike Bogatay, VP of Finance

- December 1st is the first \$2,250.00 due date for member payments. Asked members to brainstorm new funding ideas to help pay for WSL initiatives and expansions.

b. Staff Reports

i. Matt Kreiling, Administrator

- Announced that he is working on to improve the WSL website. Attended the childcare stakeholder meeting as well and thought it was a constructive meeting. Has been doing WSL outreach in the tri-cities area and testified to the HEC Board that the Strategic Master Plan needs more input from students. He has also been organizing students to attend the October 25th HECB meeting in Vancouver.

ii. Steve Lindstrom, Advisor

- Reiterated the importance of having student input in the HECB Strategic Master Plan. Went over some budgetary information- there is currently \$17,707.75 in checking.

VI. Action Items

a. Bill 1.004: Endorsement of Electoral Action Training

- Bogatay, sponsor, introduced and read the bill.
- McKibben opened discussion for consideration of the bill.
- McKibben motioned to amend the first "That" to include "to [be] hosted by..."; Lowe seconded. No objections, motioned passed.

- McKibben called for a vote on the bill. Yea: 5; Nay: 0, bill passed.

b. Bill 1.005: Endorsement of the 18th Annual Northwest Student Leadership Conference

- Stillwell, sponsor, introduced and read the bill.
- McKibben opened discussion for consideration of the bill.
- Lindstrom said that Portland is a good host city and campus, that the NWSLC has a worthwhile agenda plus an opportunity to do some social networking, and a chance to push a specific agenda.
- McKibben called for a vote on the bill. Yea: 5; Nay: 0, bill passed.

c. Bill 2.002: Approve Funds for General Assembly Meeting Costs

- Bogatay, sponsor, introduced and read the bill.
- McKibben opened discussion for consideration of the bill.
- McKibben called for a vote on the bill. Yea: 5; Nay: 0, bill passed.

d. Bill 3.001: Amend the WSL By-Laws to Clarify General Assembly Procedures

- McKibben, sponsor, yields the board Chair to VP of Legislative Affairs Andersen in order to introduce and read the bill. Andersen accepted the Chair.
- Underwood motioned to vote on the bill, Reyneveld seconded. Andersen opened discussion on consideration of the bill.
- Lindstrom amended the second “whereas” to read “At the April 2007 General Assembly the leaders of [member institutions] expressed...” He amended the first “That” to include “...to draft the legislative agenda [for the following calendar year] and a budget for the following fiscal year...” McKibben moved to accept the amendments, Underwood seconded. No objections, amendments passed.
- Andersen called for a vote on the bill. Yea: 5; Nay: 0, billed passed.

e. Bill 3.002: Amend the WSL By-Laws for Expenditure and Endorsement Rules and Grammatical Error

- McKibben, sponsor, introduced and read the bill.
- Andersen opened discussion for consideration of the bill.
- Lindstrom amended the second “That” to include “...state agency, committee, task force, [or board] positions...” McKibben moved to accept the amendments, Underwood seconded. No objections.
- Andersen called for a vote on the bill. Yea: 5; Nay: 0, billed passed.

Andersen yields the Chair back to McKibben.

Bogatay motioned to move Presentations and Public Testimony up to next item, Stillwell seconded. No objections, motion passed.

VII. Presentations and Public Testimony

a. Report on the Oct. 5-7 USSA Board meeting

- Bogatay reported that the USSA is in a rebuilding stage and this year's board is charged with decided what USSA is to look like going forward. The USSA change dues of member schools from \$1 per student to \$.25 per student. The board approved a national membership development plan with the goal of bringin in 26 new member schools and two new member statewide student associations. Washington is a target state this year to bring on 2 new campuses for membership, give staff assistance to the WSL transition, run USSA campaigns on 6 campuses, have 1 GROW, 2 EATS and develop a database of 400 students to be notified on days of action.
- Stillwell reported that the DREAM Act is currently one of the primary legislative campaigns of the USSA. CWU has put together a coalition to mobilize students from different clubs, organizations and centers on campus to participate in USSA Nation Call-in Days and help support the DREAM Act. Because Senator Cantwell is not a co-sponsor, it is the goal of the USSA to have Washington students call her office and urge support. He asked for a report on what other campuses have done in support of the DREAM Act: ASWWU and ASEWU have passed a resolution supporting the DREAM Act, UW GPSS has a resolution on the floor of the Senate and ASG BCC has a resolution pending for the campus Board of Directors. Stillwell reminded the group that Oct. 22-24 are going to be the National Call-in Days.

McKibben broke the meeting for lunch at 12:20

McKibben restarted the meeting at 12:45

VIII. Issues Roundtable and School Reports

a. Childcare stakeholder forum update and WSL response

- McKibben discussed the general childcare situation of the state public higher education institutions in regards to physical space, slots and funding.
- Andersen said that the participants discussed the criticisms from last year's childcare bill. Representative Hasegawa spoke about how the bill did not address long-term issues and Representative Roberts offered her continued support. She suggested providing "band aid" legislation for the upcoming legislative session.

b. Discussion and input on WSL Strategic Plan

i. Developing a companion "Action Plan"

- McKibben yielded the Chair to VP of Finance Bogatay and went over the WSL 2 Year Strategic Goals document and Example Action Plan Matrix, and asked for input.
- Members discussed hosting a WSL lobby day in Olympia during the legislative session to increase membership, get students informed and excited about the WSL, and increasing the student presence on the capital campus. Andersen will contact member schools about their individual school lobby days so that they do not overlap.
- Members discussed a new name for the organization that more accurately reflects what the WSL does. Underwood suggested working with a public relations expert in developing a new name and logo.
- Stillwell motioned to end debate at 2:30, Underwood seconded. No objections.

- Kreiling said he is developing a WSL blog on the website that can serve as a discussion forum for the issues.
- Kanal motioned to strike part c. Development of Organizational Goals or Values from the agenda, Underwood seconded. No objections.

d. School Reports

i. University of Washington, Tacoma

- The ASUWT is restructuring to make it more efficient for students and is partnering with student organizations for marketing, public relations and communication on campus.

ii. Eastern Washington University

- The ASEWU is preparing for the opening of the new student recreation center.

iii. University of Washington, Graduate and Professional Student Senate

- The Senate is hosting a forum with state higher education officials, legislators and employers on investment in graduate school education. Healthcare access will be a main priority this year along with childcare.

iv. University of Washington

- The AS has approved the full year's dues for the WSL. The legislative agenda is still being drafted and will be done by the General Assembly meeting in November. A WSL campus chapter is currently being developed and will hopefully be official by the end of October. The AS is working on campus safety initiatives with the administration.

v. Western Washington University

- The AS just finished a voter registration drive and is currently working on a voter registration concert with Rock the Vote. The ongoing talks about a WWU graduate student association are going well, along with continued meetings about WSL funding. A DREAM Act Resolution has been passed.

vi. Washington State University, Graduate and Professional Student Association

- A childcare committee is doing research on how to best appropriate childcare funds and there are current tensions between student and faculty distribution levels. The GPSA is hosting a student BBQ at an upcoming WSU football game. The Cougar Union Building is being renovated to be made more useful for students.

vii. Washington State University

- AS leadership met with Senators Cantwell and Kennedy in Washington, D.C. about college student issues. The AS is working with on-campus bookstores and professors on automatic book upgrades unless otherwise told not to. WSU may hold a presidential debate in Spokane.

viii. Central Washington University

- Passed out legislative agenda with emphasis on keeping tuition rates low, access to childcare open and DREAM Act support. The Office of Legislative Affairs has distributed 2,000 voter registration forms to freshmen during the opening weeks of school. The CWU bookstore is having problems with textbook manufacturers complying with Washington State textbook unbundling laws.

ix. Bellevue Community College

- Smirnov passed out and went over a letter from ASG President Jacob Peltier to the WSL BOD about BCC's involvement with the WSL. On September 19th, 2007 the ASB passed ASB Bill 2007-006 which approved the intent of the ASG to join the WSL and allocated funds for membership dues. Membership is also dependent on making the preamble of the WSL Constitution inclusive of CTC students and creating a position within the WSL that could develop and maintain collaborative relationships with CTCs.
- McKibben introduced and read Bill 3.003: Amend the WSL By-Laws for Inclusion of Community and Technical College Members. The bill is to be discussed and debated at the November General Assembly meeting.

IX. Information Items

a. General Assembly procedures and votes

- McKibben will send sound GA information via e-mail.

X. Announcements

a. Future meetings

- i. November 3rd, 2007 at Central Washington University
 - BOD meeting will convene at 11:00 am
 - GA meeting will convene at 12:00 pm

b. Electoral Action Training

- Deadline for applications is October 26
- EAT will be at Central Washington University on November 4.

c. Northwest Student Leadership Conference

- Portland State University from November 9-11
- Early registration starts October 29

XI. Adjournment

- McKibben adjourned the meeting at 3:37.