



**WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY**  
**STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**Washington Student Lobby General Assembly**  
Meeting Minutes Summary  
Central Washington University, Ellensburg WA  
November 3, 2007

## **I. Constitutional Amendments**

Board of Directors Bill #3.004: An Act to Recommend a Constitutional Amendment to the General Assembly Regarding the Preamble.

- The Preamble of the WSL Constitution to be amended to read:

*“We, the students of public colleges and universities of the State of Washington, in order to initiate and coordinate student representation in venues of public policy and reflect student interests, needs, and welfare within the higher education community at large, do hereby affirm and establish this constitution.”*

Delegate from the University of Washington moved to confirm amendments as proposed by BoD Bill #3.004, delegate from Western Washington University seconded, no objections. **Motion passed.**

## **II. 2008 Legislative Agenda**

### **1. Guiding Principles**

#### Point 1

- WWU delegate moved to delete *baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree* and insert *certificate or degree*. WSU delegate seconded, UW delegate objected.
- Friendly amendment proposed to include *in higher education*. WWU accepted as friendly.
- UW delegate moved to close debate, WWU delegate seconded, no objection.
- McKibben called for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Yeas have a majority, motion passed.

#### Point 2

- UW delegate moved to delete *monetarily* and insert *undergraduate*. WWU delegate seconded, no objection. **Motion passed.**

#### Point 8

- BCC delegate moved to include *and certificate and including increased utilization and funding of Running Start*. UW delegate seconded, no objection. **Motion passed.**

#### Point 9

- UW delegate moved to split the point into two different points. WSU delegate seconded. UW delegate objected.
- UW delegate proposed a friendly amendment to strike *enhancing classrooms with better technology, and funding urgent capital projects which will improve the ability of Washington’s public colleges and universities to produce high quality graduates to meet workforce demands* and insert *certificates and degrees that meet workforce demands*. UW delegate accepted as friendly
- UW delegate moved to close debate. CWU delegate seconded, no objections.
- McKibben called for a vote on the motion to amend. Yea: 28; Nay: 2, motion passed.

#### Point 11

- UW delegate moved to split the point into two different points. WSU delegate seconded. WWU delegate objected.
- UW delegate proposed a friendly amendment to insert *enhanced campus safety programs*. UW delegate accepted as friendly.

- UW delegate moved to close debate. UW delegate seconded, no objections.
- **McKibben called for a vote on the motion to amend. Yea: 30;Nay: 0, point passed.**

Point 13

- UW delegate moved to insert *children of*. CWU delegate seconded, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Point 14

- UW delegate moved to insert *within*. UW delegate seconded, UW delegate objected.
- UW delegate proposed a friendly amendment to strike *as well as graduate and professional programs*. UW delegate accepted as friendly.
- **McKibben called for a vote on the motion to amend. Yea: 30; Nay: 0, motion passed.**

## 2. 2008 Legislative Agenda

Point 2

- UW delegate moved to replace *instructional* with *operational*. EWU delegate seconded, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Point 3

Point 4

- UW delegate moved to insert *certificate or degree*. UW delegate seconded, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Point 7

- WSU delegate moved to strike “*exempting textbooks and other course related materials from sales taxes*” and insert *affordable textbooks and related course materials*. WSU delegate seconded, UW delegated objected.

- **The speakers list was exhausted; McKibben called for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Yeas had 2/3 majority, motion passed.**

Point 8

- UW delegate moved to amend point to read *WSL supports improved funding to increase the availability, affordability and quality of health care, with particular attention to mental health*. BCC delegate seconded, EWU delegate objected.
- EWU moved to amend the motion to include “*health insurance.*” WWU delegate seconded, but UW delegate does not accept as friendly.
- UW delegate moves to close debate and vote immediately; UW delegate seconded, no objections, motion to close debate passes.
- **UW delegate requests division of the question. Without objection, McKibben divided the question:**
  - o **Include the language with *mental health*, yeas had a 2/3 majority, motion to amend passes.**
  - o **Include the language with *health insurance*, yeas do not have 2/3 majority, motion fails.**

Point 9

- WSU delegate moved to amend point to read *specifically increased funding for teaching and research assistants*. UW delegate seconded, UW delegate objected.
- UW delegate proposed a friendly amendment that replaced *specifically* with *including*. WSU delegate accepted as friendly.
- **McKibben called for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Yeas had a 2/3 majority, motion passed.**

Point 13

- BCC delegate moved to reorder points to move point 13 to point 11. WSU delegate seconded, no objections. Motion passed.
- UW delegate moved to reword the point to read *underrepresented students, faculty and staff and first generation students*. WWU delegate seconded, WSU delegate objected.
- **McKibben called for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Yeas had a 2/3 majority, motion**

passed.

New Point 17 of Guiding Principles

- UW delegate moved to add *WSL opposes any efforts to limit the civil rights of students, faculty and staff*. UW delegate seconded, no objections. Motion passed.

New Point 18 of Guiding Principles

- BCC delegate moved to insert a new point that reads *WSL supports student membership on higher education governing boards*. UW delegate seconded, UW delegate objected.
- UW delegate proposed a friendly amendment to read *WSL supports membership on governing boards of higher education institutions*. BCC delegate accepted as friendly. UW delegate withdrew objection. Motion passed.

New Point 3 of Legislative Agenda

- UW delegate moved to insert a new point that reads *WSL supports increased state funding for research*. WWU delegate seconded, no objections. Motion passed.

New Point 6 of Legislative Agenda

- UW delegate moved to insert a new point that reads *WSL supports legislation that provides federal aid to undocumented students such as grants, loans and work study*. BCC delegate seconded. Bogatay objected.
- **McKibben called for a voice vote on the motion. Yeas had a 2/3 majority, motion passed.**

New Point 14 of Guiding Principles

- WWU delegate moved to insert a new point that reads *WSL supports funding of higher education capital projects*. CWU delegate seconded, no objections. Motion passed.

New point 11 of Legislative Agenda

- UW delegate moved to insert a new point that reads *WSL supports state funding for enhanced campus security*. UW delegate seconded, BCC delegate objected.
- BCC delegate proposed a friendly amendment to replace *security* with *safety*. UW delegate accepted as friendly. BCC delegate withdrew objection. Motion passed.

**McKibben called for a vote on the recommendation of the Legislative Agenda to the WSL Board of Directors. UW delegate motioned, UW delegate seconded, no objections. Legislative Agenda recommended as amended.**

#### **IX. Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Drafting Process**

- Bogatay went over the draft budget.
- School delegations broke out into caucuses.
- Floor debate on the budget deficit occurred. Consensus around the need for more funding for WSL and the need for staff was evident. There was significant concern of the deficit listed in the draft budget as prepared.
- UW delegate moved to amend the proposed budget to:
  - o Reduce the administrator's contract by 50%
  - o Reduce the administrator's expenses by \$3,000
  - o Mandate the Board of Directors to have a funding reform structure by April's General Assembly meeting.
- BCC delegate seconded, Camille objected.
- McKibben called for a vote on the motion to amend. Yea: 22, Nay 3; motion passed.
- UW delegate moved to amend the amended budget to include *payments pending the implementation of the above plan along with the active recruitment of new members*. BCC delegate seconded, no objections. Motion passed.
- **UW delegate moved to approve the draft budget and forward to the WSL Board of Directors. BCC delegate seconded, no objections. Draft budget passed.**