



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

MEETING AGENDA

WSL General Assembly
Saturday, November 3, 2007, 12:00pm
Central Washington University
Theatre, Student Union & Recreation Center
400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, WA

- I. Call to Order (12:00pm)
- II. Roll Call of Member Associations
- III. President's Address (15 min)
- IV. Review meeting debate & voting procedures
- V. Additions and Changes to the Agenda
- VI. LUNCH BREAK (20 min)
- VII. Constitutional Amendments¹
 - a. Suggested amendments from the Board of Directors
 - b. Proposals from the floor
- VIII. 2008 Legislative Agenda
 - a. Draft agenda: presented by Camille Andersen, VP of Legislative Affairs
 - b. Small group breakout(s)
 - c. Debate & discussion
 - d. Approval of 2008 Legislative Agenda (recommended to the Board of Directors)
- IX. Fiscal Year 2008² Budget Drafting Process
 - a. Draft budget: presented by Mike Bogatay, VP of Finance
 - b. Small group breakout(s)
 - c. Debate & discussion
 - d. Approval of working FY 08 budget draft³
- X. Announcements
 - a. TOMORROW: Electoral Action Training at CWU, November 4th
 - b. Nov. 9-11th, 2007, 18th Annual Northwest Student Leadership Conference, Portland State University
 - c. Future Board of Directors Meetings
 - i. December 15th, 2007 at Bellevue Community College, 11:00am
 - d. Next General Assembly: April 2008
- XI. Adjournment

¹ Constitutional amendments by the General Assembly require a three-quarters supermajority

² The WSL fiscal year 2008 begins July 1, 2008

³ WSL by-laws 201.01 direct the GA to draft a budget in the Fall and approve the budget in the Spring

General Assembly Voting Guidelines

November 3, 2007

1. VOTES PER MEMBER

The following is the breakdown for the General Assembly voting, according to the WSL Constitution, Article II, Section C, "General Assembly Membership," which reads:

"Voting membership at the Washington Student Lobby General Assembly shall be one vote per 2500 FTEs as assigned in the biennial budget adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor of the State of Washington. Voting members shall be designated by their student association."

The formula proscribed the Constitution shall be used at the General Assembly. The breakdown looks as follows:

SCHOOL	FTEs*	VOTES
UW	33782	13
WSU	19112	7
CWU	8952	3
EWU	8996	3
WWU	12022	4
TESC	4165	1
Total	87029	31

* 2007-2008 Budgeted FTE's as Passed by the 07-09 Operating Budget (SHB 1128, pg. 211-212)

2. PROXIES

Rules regarding proxy votes are found in the WSL By-Laws, as follows:

203.00 Voting proxies shall be limited to **one proxy for each representative student** attending, and proxies shall be held only by students of the same member association.

3. MULTIPLE ASSOCIATIONS PER CAMPUS

Rules regarding a split of votes between multiple student associations (such as at UW and WSU) are found in the WSL By-Laws, as follows:

204.00 For institutions with student populations represented by numerous recognized student associations, the number of votes per association shall be divided by proportional population benchmarks established by the institution.

A QUICK GUIDE TO BASIC PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

To Do This	You Say This:	May You Interrupt the Speaker?	Must You Be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	Is the motion Amendable?	What Majority is Required?
Introduce business	"I move that..."					
Object to incorrect procedure being used	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	No vote is taken, chair rules
Seek clarification from the previous speaker	"Point of information"	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote is taken, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (ex. Excessive noise)	"Point of personal privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	No vote is taken, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	"Objection!"	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Vote on a ruling of the chair	"I appeal the chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Overturn the ruling of the chair	"I challenge the chair on..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change/Amend a motion	"I challenge the chair on..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	"I move to the motion be referred to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
End further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	"I move that the motion be tabled until..."	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of motion until a future meeting	"I move that the motion be postponed until..."	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	"I move that the motion...be lifted from the table"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	"I move that motion...be reconsidered"	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	"I call the question" or "I move the previous question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Suspend rules temporarily	"I move to suspend the rules so that..."					
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	"I call for a roll call vote"	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Verify a voice vote by having members stand	"I call for a division" or "Division!"					
Recess the meeting	"I move that the meeting recess until..."	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	"I move that the meeting adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority



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DRAFT 2008 Guiding Principles and Legislative Agenda

Prepared by Camille Andersen, VP of Legislative Affairs

Guiding Principles:

- WSL opposes continuation of the trend that encourages increased debt as a necessary element of achieving a baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree.
- WSL supports a tuition policy that is affordable, stable, and predictable. The best form of financial aid is low tuition. Any increase in tuition must be accompanied by monetarily proportional increases in financial aid. Tuition-setting authority should remain with the Legislature.
- WSL opposes any increase in tuition that is not accompanied by a monetarily proportional increase in state general fund support.
- WSL supports policies that reduce the financial burden of textbooks and other costs of education.
- WSL supports full funding of the State Need Grant for all eligible students and increased funding for additional grants and scholarships.
- WSL supports changes that ease and clarify student transfers from community and technical colleges to state public universities that include: Direct Transfer Agreements, a statewide system of course equivalencies, enhanced information systems to guide transfer students, and improved systems of acceptance of associates' degrees. Results from such improvements will include: cost-effectiveness, reduced time to degree, and improved student success.
- WSL supports state funding of Washington universities and colleges at a level necessary to sustain the high quality of all programs and courses of study. Further, WSL supports academic opportunities that offer students flexibility, choice, and potential for personal and community development.
- WSL supports equal and flexible degree programs that will allow accelerated graduation to better meet student needs.
- WSL supports improved funding for high demand fields, 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.
- WSL supports the creation of and funding for support services, including mentoring, advising, and program support for students in interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, consortium and concurrent degree programs.
- WSL supports additional legislative and administrative attention to the quality of student life, including improved availability and quality of health care services; more expedient access to emerging technologies; and, increased access to and funding for public transit. Students must be included in all aspects of the decision-making process affecting instruction, auxiliary programs, and campus life.
- WSL believes state-funded child care for students is essential for equal access to higher education.

- WSL supports improved comprehensive efforts to recruit, retain, and support underrepresented students, faculty, and staff. Diversity in curricula, advising programs and extracurricular programs, as well as graduate and professional programs must support such efforts.
- WSL supports policies and programs that enable public university and collect students to obtain a world-class education.

2008 Legislative Agenda:

- WSL supports increased state funding for childcare programs and grants which provide equitably available and physically accessible childcare for children of students, faculty, and staff.
- WSL opposes any tuition increases in excess of instructional inflationary costs or increases in median family income.
- WSL supports competitive faculty compensation, and increases in retention of quality faculty without additional increases in tuition and fees.
- WSL supports legislative efforts that ensure students have a majority representation in the fee creation and allocation process.
- WSL supports public funding for essential services that are vital to the pursuit of a degree in higher education for students with disabilities.
- WSL supports creating new, state funded, merit based scholarships that meet the financial needs of students not necessarily qualifying for other financial aid.
- WSL supports exempting textbooks and other course related materials from sales taxes.
- WSL supports affordable and accessible healthcare and health insurance for all students, faculty and staff.
- WSL supports new or updated legislation to enhance state funding of on-campus or affiliated child care services.
- WSL supports the incorporation of graduate and professional student interests into the Higher Education Strategic Master Plan.
- WSL supports broader implementation of Direct Transfer Agreements.
- WSL supports a more effective and timely appointment process for student regents and trustees, and Higher Education Coordinating Board student member.
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2007 Legislative Agenda:

- WSL supports policies and programs that enable undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to obtain a world class education.
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- WSL opposes any increase in tuition that is not accompanied by a monetarily proportional increase in state general fund support.
- WSL opposes any tuition increases in excess of instructional inflationary costs.
- WSL supports the Legislature's retention of tuition-setting authority.
- WSL supports increases in funding new and existing state financial aid programs, such as: the State Need Grant, the Work Study Program and the Educational Opportunity Grant as well as the reinstatement of the Washington Promise Scholarship.
- WSL supports the capital projects request adopted and forwarded by the HECB in October 2006 for the 2007-2009 biennium.
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- WSL supports increased access to voter registration, including but not limited to online voter registration and online change of address forms.

2007 Regulatory/Agency Agenda

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DRAFT Budget - Fiscal Year 2009

November 3, 2007

Prepared by Mike Bogatay, VP of Finance

Estimated Income

Dues from Member Schools:

University of Washington	\$4,500.00
UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate	4,500.00
Washington State University	4,500.00
WSU Graduate and Professional Student Association	4,500.00
Western Washington University	4,500.00
Eastern Washington University	4,500.00
Central Washington University	4,500.00
Evergreen State College	4,500.00
<u>Bellevue Community College</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>

Total Income Available: **\$40,500.00**

Estimated Expenses:

Rent:	\$ 3,900.00
Telephone & DSL	1,000.00
Office supplies (paper, ink, toner, etc.)	1,100.00
Insurance	400.00
Administrator contract	28,000.00
Administrator expenses	5,000.00
Lobbyist Contract	9,000.00
Lobbyist Expenses	3,560.00
Officer and Board expenses	1,000.00
Licenses/dues/fees	100.00
USSA Congress (4 reps)	4,000.00
USSA Membership Dues	2025.00
Furniture/furnishings	100.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>700.00</u>

Total Expenses: **\$59,885.00**

Year End Deficit: **(\$19,385)**



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Washington Student Lobby Budget 2007-2008

As adopted by the WSL General Assembly on April 28, 2007

ESTIMATED INCOME

Estimated Fund Balance at end of FY 06-07: **\$17,047.91**

Contributions, Member Associations:

Central Washington University (ASCWU)	\$4500.00
Eastern Washington University (ASEWU)	4500.00
University of Washington (ASUW)	4500.00
University of Washington (GPSS)	4500.00
Washington State University (ASWSU)	4500.00
Washington State University (GPSA)	4500.00
Western Washington University (ASWWU)	4500.00
The Evergreen State College (Geoduck Union)	4500.00

Miscellaneous Income, Interest 40.00

Total Income available: **\$53,047.91**

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Rent:	\$ 3,900.00
Telephone & DSL	1,000.00
Office supplies (paper, ink, toner, etc.)	1,100.00
Insurance	400.00
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Administrator expenses	5,000.00
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Lobbyist Expenses	3,560.00
Officer and Board expenses	1,000.00
Licenses/dues/fees	100.00
USSA Congress (4 reps)	4,000.00
USSA Membership Dues	900.00
Furniture/furnishings	100.00
Miscellaneous	700.00

Total Expenses: **\$58,760.00**

Estimated ending Budget Deficit: **(\$5,712.09)**



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MISSION

The Washington Student Lobby represents, serves, and protects the collective interests of students in public post-secondary education in Washington State. The WSL will:

- Preserve and enhance the quality of education in the state of Washington
- Represent the collective interests of students through communication with state and federal governments and other interested groups
- Serve as a conduit for communication between universities regarding statewide issues and policies
- Develop positive relationships with other student advocacy groups in the state as well as other statewide and national student associations
- Aid in the appointment of students to statewide committees and task forces

Adopted in 2006 by the WSL Board of Directors.

VISION

The Washington Student Lobby is the leader in pursuing affordable, accessible, and quality higher education for students in the State of Washington. The WSL aspires to achieve continued victories in the representation and protection of collective student interests through expanded participation, diversity of ideas, unity of voice, and a strong dedication to our mission.

The WSL will involve students in higher education issues, influence decision-making, and participate in implementation of higher education policy.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY

PREAMBLE

We, the graduate and undergraduate 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.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the “Washington Student Lobby” (WSL) and recorded in the Office of the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: Association Membership

1. All recognized student government associations of public colleges and universities in the State of Washington may seek and secure institutional recognition and association membership status within the Washington Student Lobby.
2. Association membership may be achieved through authorized representatives attending three consecutive meetings, payment of the required dues, and a commitment to uphold and abide by this Constitution and the Washington Student Lobby By-Laws.
 - a. The Washington Student Lobby or its legal agent shall negotiate contractual agreements or provide invoices upon institutional requests. Contractual agreements shall be similar to those already in place with membership institutions.
 - b. The terms and conditions in such a contract shall contain: a mechanism for establishing and collecting student contributions which will be remitted to the Washington Student Lobby; the timing of contribution collection and remittance; a mechanism to amend the contract; the duration of the contract; and, a mechanism for reporting to the institution the financial condition of the Washington Student Lobby on an annual basis.
3. Association membership may be maintained by keeping current with all dues payments and continued adherence this Constitution and Washington Student Lobby By-Laws.
4. Association membership may be terminated anytime in accordance with the specification in the contract or if the institution no longer fulfilled the requirements to maintain membership.

- a. It is the responsibility of each association to ensure that dues payments are remitted in such time that their membership will not be terminated.

SECTION B: Board of Directors Membership

1. The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors shall be composed of one vote per member association. The student association President or his/her designee shall hold the vote.

SECTION C: General Assembly Membership

1. Voting membership at the Washington Student Lobby General Assembly shall be one vote per 2500 FTEs as assigned in the biennial budget adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor of the State of Washington. Voting members shall be designated by their student association.

ARTICLE III: POWERS AND DUTIES

SECTION A: Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors

1. The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors shall have and exercise the general powers and duties usually vested in the governing board of a corporation, but specifically to include the following powers and duties:
 - a. To ensure that there are at least two elected officers.
 - b. To execute and amend the By-Laws of the organization
 - c. To establish job descriptions and if necessary remove individuals from executive positions
 - d. To amend the annual budget
 - e. To authorize entry into contractual or financial relationships
 - f. To cause to have published and approve an annual financial statement and periodic financial reports
 - g. To conduct regular meetings of the Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors
 - h. To approve a legislative agenda
 - i. To hire, employ, and terminate employees of the Washington Student Lobby

SECTION B: Washington Student Lobby General Assembly

1. The Washington Student Lobby General Assembly shall have and exercise the powers and duties specifically included:

- a. To draft a legislative agenda
- b. To approve an annual budget
- c. To elect the executive officers
- d. To discuss and provide input to the Board of Directors on other matters

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

- 1. Amendments to this document require a three-fourths vote of the seated membership of the Washington Student Lobby General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- 2. The Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors shall adopt and amend By-Laws upon a two-thirds vote of its seated membership.
- 3. At no time shall By-Laws be adopted or amended to contradict this Constitution. By-Laws found to be contradictory to this Constitution are null and void.

This Constitution is adopted this _____ day of _____

President

Treasurer

Administrator

BY-LAWS OF THE WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY

This document shall serve to provide guidance to the operations of the Washington Student Lobby, in accordance with the Constitution of the Washington Student Lobby. At no time shall any part of this document, nor the operations of the Washington Student Lobby, its Board of Directors, or the General Assembly contradict the Constitution of the Washington Student Lobby.

100.00 Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors

101.00 In addition to the provisions set forth in the Constitution of the Washington Student Lobby, the Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors shall:

101.01 Hold no fewer than eight meetings per year, including one meeting per month while the legislature is in session, September through June. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of one-third of the board members or at the call of the President.

101.02 Approve a legislative agenda no later than December 15 of each year.

a. The legislative agenda shall be forwarded by the General Assembly prior to the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

b. If the General Assembly cannot approve a draft, then the Board of Directors shall approve the previous year's legislative agenda.

c. Member associations are encouraged to submit their individual legislative agenda to the President or designee no later than seven days prior to the General Assembly meeting.

200.00 Washington Student Lobby General Assembly

201.00 In addition to the provisions set forth in the Constitution of the Washington Student Lobby, the Washington Student Lobby General Assembly shall:

201.01 Convene two meetings per calendar year.

a. The General Assembly shall convene once at least two (2) weeks prior to December Board of Directors meeting to draft the legislative agenda for the following calendar year and a budget for the following fiscal year, and once in the spring prior to the June Board of Directors meeting to approve the budget and receive an update from the elected officers on the outcome of the legislative session.

b. Special meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at the unanimous call of the elected officers and 3/4 of the Board of Directors.

202.00 A two-thirds vote of quorum is required to approve, or accept revisions and recommendations to, the legislative agenda and budget during consideration by the General Assembly.

203.00 Voting proxies shall be limited to one proxy for each representative student attending, and proxies shall be held only by students of the same member association.

204.00 For institutions with student populations represented by numerous recognized student associations, the number of votes per association shall be divided by proportional population benchmarks established by the institution.

300.00 Executive Positions within the Washington Student Lobby

300.01 The Washington Student Lobby General Assembly shall elect, from the eligible membership of the organization, a President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and a Vice President of Communications.

a. To be eligible for consideration candidates shall have attended two General Assembly meetings and be a current member student of a member association.

b. Nominations for candidacy shall be opened at the preceding Board of Directors meeting, and shall continue up until the General Assembly meeting convenes.

c. A majority of quorum is required to be elected; if more than two candidates are running for the same office, a runoff of the top two candidates may be required if an initial majority is not achieved.

d. Executives-Elect shall assume their elected office at the conclusion of the meeting in which they were elected.

301.00 Duties of the President of the Washington Student Lobby shall include:

301.01 To Chair the meetings of the Washington Student Lobby

a. If the President is unable to chair any meeting, he/she shall designate another executive officer, or the chair shall follow the chain of command: VP of Legislative Affairs, VP of Finance, VP of Communication.

301.02 To negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Washington Student Lobby and supervise the duties and activities of employees and contracted services.

301.03 Authorize budgeted expenditures up to \$500 or up to \$5000 in the case of budgeted travel expenditures.

- 301.04 To prepare the agendas of the Washington Student Lobby
 - a. The agenda shall be distributed electronically to each officer and member association at least five business days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- 301.05 To perform any other duties delegated by the Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors.
- 302.00 Duties of the Vice President of Legislative Affairs shall include:
 - 302.01 In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability to act, the Vice President of Legislative Affairs, shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have the powers of and be subject to all restrictions placed upon the President.
 - 302.02 Drafting a recommended Legislative Agenda, and associated principles for consideration by the General Assembly.
 - 302.03 Monitoring and reporting on relevant Legislative and Agency actions.
 - 302.04 In the event that staff or an advisor is unavailable, the Vice President of Legislative Affairs shall train legislative liaisons prior to the legislative session.
- 303.00 Duties of the Vice President of Finance shall include:
 - 303.01 Acting as the treasurer and chief financial officer of the Washington Student Lobby.
 - 303.02 Tracking and providing periodic reports on the finances of the Washington Student Lobby.
 - 303.03 Creating a draft budget for consideration by the General Assembly.
- 304.00 Duties of the Vice President of Communication shall include:
 - 304.01 Acting as the clerk and secretary of the Washington Student Lobby meetings.
 - 304.02 Maintaining the active and inactive rosters of members and membership associations.
 - 304.03 Preparing correspondence with member institutions and the press.
 - 304.04 Coordinating all activities with media.
 - 304.05 Maintaining the current website.

- 305.00 Each officer shall perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.
- 305.01 Each officer shall be elected for one year term, beginning no later than July 1 and ending no later than June 30, or until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
- 400.00 Staff and Contracted Services**
- 400.01 The Washington Student Lobby President may negotiate contracts with staff and contracted service personnel to provide services for the Washington Student Lobby. Any negotiated contracts shall include a job description approved by the Board of Directors and financial arrangements consistent with the budget.
- 400.02 The approved job description until suspended or amended by the Board of Directors, shall be considered part of these by laws and binding.
- 500.00 Policies**
- 501.00 Meetings
- 501.01 General meetings of the Washington Student Lobby State Board shall be open to the public, unless the Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds vote closes the meeting.
- 502.00 Rules of the Meetings
- 502.01 The Washington Student Lobby shall adhere to Robert's Rules of Order is during all general meetings of the Washington Student Lobby, unless otherwise state in this document or upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership to adopt alternative rules.
- 503.00 Quorum
- 503.01 A quorum for the Board of Directors shall be 2/3 of the active association members.
- 503.02 A quorum for the General Assembly shall be 2/3 of the active association members.
- 503.03 A quorum as defined above, must be present in order for the Washington Student Lobby to take any official or binding action.
- 504.00 Voting
- 504.01 Members of the Washington Student Lobby shall be prohibited from casting a vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest, as determined by the President.

a. In the case of an abstention, each abstention shall be considered a temporary suspension of the abstaining voters seated membership for the duration of the specific vote at hand, therefore the total number of possible votes shall be decreased by one.

505.00 Proxy Votes

505.01 Any voting member of the Washington Student Lobby may designate a proxy vote for a meeting which he/she is not able to attend. Said members that wish to proxy their vote to another must inform the President prior to the meeting of who will hold said proxy vote.

600.00 Endorsements and Contributions

601.00 The Washington Student Lobby shall not endorse any candidate wishing to hold either an appointed or elected office, but may endorse candidates for state agency, committee, board, or task force positions which are directly related to the WSL mission.

602.00 The Washington Student Lobby, upon a unanimous vote, may support or oppose statewide initiatives or referenda.

603.00 The Washington Student Lobby, upon a unanimous vote, may participate in forming and operating a lawfully registered Political Action Committee.

700.00 Indemnification

701.00 Each Contracted Service Provider, Staff, and Officer of the corporation now and hereafter serving as such shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all claims and liabilities to which (s)he has or shall become subject to by any reason of serving or having served as such contracted service provider, or officer or by reason of any action alleged to have taken, omitted, or neglected by him/her as such contracted service provider or officer; except for such contracted service provider's or officer's criminal conduct, willful misconduct or gross negligence.

702.00 The corporation shall reimburse each such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with any such claim or liability, provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for any expense incurred in connection with, any claim or liability arising out of his/her criminal conduct, willful misconduct or gross negligence.

800.00 Amendments

800.01 These By-Laws of the Washington Student lobby may be amended by a two-thirds vote of quorum by the Board of Directors. By-Law amendments must be submitted for review at least one meeting prior to action being taken.

These By-Laws are adopted this 14th day of October 2007.

President

Vice President of Finance

Administrator