



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2007
Bellevue Community College

The December 15, 2007 meeting of the Washington Student Lobby was called to order by President Bryce McKibben at 11:11 a.m. in Building B at Bellevue Community College. The group was welcomed to BCC by Assistant Dean Faisel Smith.

Self-introductions were made. Attendees included: President Bryce McKibben, Vice-President for Finance Mike Bogatay, Danielle Howard* ASCWU, Brianne Wood ASG/BCC, Jacob Peltier* President ASG/BCC, Steve Drevecky ASG/BCC, Brita Norvold ASG/BCC, Chelsea Marx ASG/BCC, Sarah Reyneveld GPSS, Rob Muilenburg GPSS, David Brown* President GPSS, Rizalynne Rose Phal* GPSA, Ray Shepard ASUW-T, Wil Johnson* President ASUW-T, Andrew McNeely ASUW-T, Erik Lowe ASWWU, Ramiro Espinoza* President ASWWU, Tyler Dockins* President ASUW, (by phone Casey Webster* President ASWSU, Chris Reigelsperger ASWSU, Vice-President for Legislative Affairs Camille Andersen ASEWU, and Evan Buel* President ASEWU), Matt Kreiling WSL Administrator, Steve Lindstrom WSL Lobbyist, and guest Ryan Klute, PSU/OSA/USSA. (An asterisk indicates voting status.)

A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors meetings on November 3, 2007 were amended. It was moved by Espinoza, seconded by Peltier, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

Officer reports were initiated by McKibben, who reported on recent meetings to develop a child care enhancement strategy, working with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), legislators, and others. Draft language for a bill is being circulated for tweaking and approval.

Andersen discussed the coming WSL Lobby Day, hoping to re-institute a modest day of activity at the Legislature on January 28. She asked that the liaisons help her make appointments with relevant legislators and noted that Kreiling and Lindstrom would help with logistics. Knowing the number of students per county or legislative district would be helpful when visiting legislators.

Vice-President for Communications, Jake Stillwell, presented a written report (attached) noting recent press releases, the outreach on child care issues, and discussion of the WSL participation in the drafting of the Higher Education Coordinating Board Strategic Master Plan.

Bogatay talked about updating the WSL financial records and improving an outline on lobbying techniques. He also discussed the activities and schedules for the United States Student Association (USSA) and noted that USSA is conducting Electoral Action Training in Washington with CWU and WWU the first two sites, a third is being considered.

Kreiling presented a written report (attached) to bolster his oral report about the momentum for child care improvements, child care legislation technicalities, and support documentation of child care needs. He also discussed mobilizing students with parents. He described his several testimonies before the HECB about the master plan and the need for students to be included in the implementation of the master plan, as well as having participated in its drafting. He reinforced the value of the EAT and talked about the Northwest Student Leadership Conference networking, technical sessions, and leadership information garnered there from. He hopes to get more ground work done to beef up the WSL presence on existing and new campuses and is continuing to make progress on the WSL administrative work at the office.

Lindstrom reported on the coming impact of I-960 which will affect the operations of colleges and universities, but probably not the income structure development of student governments and organizations such as the WSL. He also talked about the testimony regarding the HECB master plan, emphasizing the inclusion of students in the implementation phase and the lobbying of the Legislature during the master plan approval process to sensitize legislators about the importance of including students. He talked generally about legislative priorities (child care, master plan, campus safety) that will be spoken to later in the agenda.

(The Board broke for lunch.)

Ryan Klute from Portland State University and representing the Oregon Student Association and the United States Student Association talked about the history, organization, budget, and recent activities of the OSA. He discussed bills that they had worked on during the recent Oregon Legislative Session, including censorship issues, voter registration agreements, and financial aid. He also talked about involvement in USSA, especially working on need-based financial aid and the lobbying organization handbook that USSA has produced. The USSA Legislative Conference is March 19 in Washington, D.C. (USSA updates were also included in the agenda packets for the meeting.)

Under new business, the WSL 2008 Legislative Agenda was fine tuned, with several amendments made to clarify. Dockins moved, Smith seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Agenda as amended. (See attached.)

Discussion ensued about proposed Bill #3.003, submitted by Peltier, an act to amend WSL By-Laws to promote inclusion of community and technical college student government members. Peltier spoke about the need to develop support for the recruiting and finding a voice for community and technical college students since the sector is new to the WSL. The addition of an officer position titled "Vice-President of Community and Technical College Relations" drew a number of comments about special interests and stepping out upon a slippery slope. After further discussion, Smith moved, Espinoza seconded and the Board voted to approve changing the new officer's title to "Vice-President of Recruitment." Dockins moved, Peltier seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the by-law amendment as amended. (See attached.)

Discussion ensued about proposed bill #1.005, submitted by GPSS, a resolution endorsing the re-authorization of the "Building Washington's Future Act." The Board agreed to editing changes. Peltier moved, Espinoza seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as edited.

Without objection, McKibben moved the Board to the status of a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion of the WSL budget for FY 2008-9 (revenues and expenses) as directed by the General Assembly in

November. Dockins solicited comments about a model revenue plan he distributed. General discussion ensued about opt-in models, fixed dues models, and Full-time Equivalent (FTE) models—at several levels. The Board also examined a draft expense budget for 2008-9. Dockins advocated for a new income commitment at the level of \$0.75 per FTE. ASCWU cautioned about how a large increase would be difficult to raise at a couple of member schools.

Lindstrom noted that proposed budgets should be balanced at \$0 for any given year; that a reserve or contingency of \$1000+ should be included; and, that a category for legal and accounting of \$1000+ should be included. The legal and accounting category should be re-included in the 2007-8 budget, too. A couple of suggestions to raise the FTE amount were proffered, ranging from \$0.80 to \$1.25. Concern was expressed about being sure to get the new dues system and process in place before committing to the amount. Informal polling of the Board found consensus on changing the member school participation rate from flat dues to \$0.75 per FTE, except that BCC still advocated for \$0.80 or more.

The new due dates for payment focused on agreement for quarterly (or per semester, depending on the academic year structure at member institutions) payment. ASWWU and ASG/BCC indicated that they could pay up front each fiscal year. Kreiling will drive the scoping and technical language to effectuate the change.

McKibben dissolved the Committee of the Whole and returned the Board to regular session. No action was formally taken regarding the discussion of the Committee of the Whole.

Discussion of the future calendar confirmed these dates: WSL Board meeting in Olympia on January 27, with WSL Lobby Day on January 28. Other school's lobby days were noted. All schools were urged to work on turning out some students for the lobby day, especially students with children.

Member reports started with ASG/BCC. Peltier described the efforts to get the Legislative Committee up and running; seeking information about important issues; working their administration and board of trustees for "permission" to lobby; and developing draft legislation to add a student to the BCC Board of Trustees.

Dockins reported for ASUW that they had the Legislative Agenda adopted; were working on a press conference on campus safety issues; were working on the notices from the recording industry; and had worked with GPSS on its leadership conference and the importance of graduate and professional student issues. He also noted housing inspection issues that are on-going.

Phal reported that GPSA is interested in hosting an EAT; they attended the NWSLC and found it to be valuable experience; and is interested in working to have a presence in Olympia, though GPSA doesn't have a lobbyist for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Webster reported that ASWSU has hired a technology consultant to help catch up information systems, that they have no debate about their WSL relationship, and appreciate the good dialogue about WSL member participation.

McNeely reported for ASUW-T about a successful visit to Olympia, meeting with Congressman Norm Dicks about student issues, and working on child care, land acquisition/remediation and other issues.

ASWWU was discussed by Espinoza. They have adopted their Legislative Agenda for 2008; child care is top on the list, with parents being identified and asked to participate in legislative advocacy; they have technology problems, as well; the presidential search is underway with student participation; students met with Senator Rosa Franklin about visiting WWU; and Lowe is working to get a ballot box placed on campus.

Howard apologized for Kate Underwood, ASCWU President, being absent and reported about the ASCWU Senate legislative agenda activities update; their search for a new provost; a coming February Week of Leadership Excellence; and efforts to turn out the vote for the primary election.

Andersen reported that ASEWU has been busy in the fee discussions and that a mandatory fee for WSL support is moving; their new recreation center is about to open; and they are working a transportation fee issue with the EWU Board of Trustees, with students wanting a \$7-12 fee, but the trustees focusing on \$6.50.

McKibben reminded the Board that the new funding structure would be considered for formal action at the January meeting, which will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Olympia. The next two WSL Board meetings will be in Olympia on February 16 and March 8.

After thanking the ASG/BCC hosts for the pleasant meeting space and excellent lunch, McKibben adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lindstrom
Acting Secretary