



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
120 Union Avenue, Suite 207
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WSL State Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, January 27, 2008, 1:00pm
Washington State Capitol

Conference Room A,B,C – John A. Cherberg Building
416 Sid Snyder Avenue SW, Olympia, WA 98504

I. Call to Order

McKibben called the meeting to order at **1:10pm**.

II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome

Self-introductions were made. Attendees included:

- Jake Stillwell, CWU (VP of Communications)
- Brianne Wood, BCC
- Jacob Peltier*, BCC
- Andrew McNeely, UW-T
- Wil Johnson*, UW-T
- Derrick Peacock, CWU
- Justin Ormberg, CWU
- Logan Bahr, CWU
- Riley Lamie, CWU
- Mike Bogatay*, CWU (VP of Finance)
- Danielle Howard, CWU
- Lauren Short, CWU
- Andrea Wooster, WSU-V
- Peter Sterr, WSU-V
- Rose Phal*, GPSA WSU
- Sarah Ishmael, WWU
- Ramiro Espinoza*, WWU
- Erik Lowe, WWU
- Evan Buelt, EWU
- Ashley Elliott, EWU
- Camille Andersen, EWU (VP of Legislative Affairs)
- Bryce McKibben, UW (President)
- Matt Kreiling, WSL (Administrator)
- Steve Lindstrom, WSL (Advisor)

A quorum was present.

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Espinoza motioned to reorder the agenda so that 3.005 is the first item of business, Phal seconded, no objections. Motion passed.

Espinoza motioned to approve the agenda, Bogatay seconded, no objections. **Agenda adopted.**

IV. Requests for WSL Membership

Espinoza motioned to approve the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma as a member of the WSL, Bogatay seconded, no objections. **ASUW Tacoma's request for membership was approved.**

V. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Directors, December 15, 2008

Peltier motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2007 Board meeting, Phal seconded, no objections. **Minutes approved.**

VI. Reports

a. Legislative Update (agency, state, and federal)

- McKibben introduced the Legislative Report. He summarized the types of meetings and events that the WSL liaisons and staff attended. Lindstrom summarized the role of the legislative liaisons, the WSL staff and Board of Directors.
- Childcare: Ishmael updated the Board on HB 2582 and SB 7630, regarding childcare at institutions of higher education. Peltier asked where the SBCTC stands on these bills; Kreiling answered that the SBCTC is supportive of these bills and is cooperating closely with the WSL.
- Campus safety: Ishmael updated the Board on HB 2648 and SB 6328, enhancing campus safety and security (Governor requested). She articulated the WSL's position that while the bill is good, the organization is emphasizing a need for more mental health counseling as a preventative measure for keeping campuses safe. Lindstrom pointed out that while the Governor has requested no new spending in the supplemental budget, she cannot control what the Legislature adds to the bill in terms of case load and emergency spending. This is a cause of optimism for the survival of a mental health provision in the final budget. Bogatay asked if the money for increased mental health counselors would take away from the other campus safety measures; McKibben answered that the decision of how to best spend the campus safety money is up to the institution's administrations.
- HECB Strategic Master Plan: Elliot updated the Board on HCR 4408 and SCR 8412, requesting approval of the statewide strategic master plan for higher education. She said that while the Master Plan is good, the WSL is emphasizing the need for student involvement in the implementation plan.

Peltier motioned to break for lunch at 2:00, Espinoza seconded, no objections.

McKibben reconvened the Board at 2:10

- Voter registration: Elliott updated the Board on HB 2917 and SB 6698, regarding voter registration and informational activities at institutions of higher education.
- Ballot drop-off sites: Ishmael updated the Board on HB 2843 requiring ballot drop-off sites at institutions of higher education. She added that the county auditors are opposed the bill and advised that the Board proceed with caution; Stillwell added that the auditors would be more willing to work with the individual institutions on putting drop-off boxes on campuses. Bogatay said that the auditors have also said that there would need to be a trained staffer at the box.
- Student trustee at BCC: Woods updated the Board on HB 3015 and SB 6699, establishing a student position on the BCC Board of Trustees. Peltier requested that a student trustee from a 4-year institution come to the Legislature to testify in favor of the bill.
- Student free press bill: Stillwell updated the Board on HB 1307 and SB 6449, protecting student freedom of press and speech. McKibben entertained a motion for the Board to officially endorse the bill and lend the WSL name to supporters. Peltier motioned to officially endorse SB 6449 and to lend the WSL name to supporters, Johnson seconded, no objections. Motion passed.
- Student loan B&O tax credit: Stillwell updated the Board on HB 2673, creating a business and occupation tax credit for qualified employer payments on student loans. He said that the bill will probably fail in the House Finance Committee, but that legislators have encouraged WSL members to work on this program during the interim.
- Transferability: Ishmael updated the Board on HB 2783, an act relating to transfer and articulation between institutions of higher education. Peltier asked if it the common course

numbering includes CTCs as well; Ishmael answered that the language is “institutions of higher education,” so yes it does.

Accountability: Lindstrom updated the Board on HB 2641, creating a pilot program to test performance agreements at institutions of higher education. He pointed out that this issue has been up in the past.

- Faculty Regent/Trustee: Ishmael updated the Board on HB 2948 and SB 6390, providing for a faculty member on governing boards of state colleges and universities. Ishmael pointed out the Council of Presidents are opposed to this bill and advised the Board to stay away from the bill. Andersen said that the WSL should not be opposed to faculty and their issues. Johnson asked why the administrations are opposed to having a faculty member on the boards; Lindstrom answered that management concerns regarding a faculty member on a board that controls bargaining power and salary of faculty members is a conflict of interest. Espinoza advised that it would be beneficial to the WSL to be cooperative with the faculty, even if the Board does not support this bill.
- Budget: Lindstrom said that the WSL has been working on collecting information on asks from the various mental health institutions and advised the Board members not to get in between the Legislature and the higher education institutions.

Peltier moved to moved to amend the agenda by administrator and advisor reports until after the institution reports, Phal seconded, no objections. **Motion passed.**

b. Communications Update, VP of Communications Stillwell

- Stillwell said that he has been sending press releases to the member school’s newspapers and requested that the Board keep an eye out for WSL news in the school media. He also asked members to send him any information regarding local papers or other media outlets. He announced that he Johnson be working with TVW on putting together a “highlight reel” of WSL testimony at the end of the legislative session. He said that he will be sending out a press release about this Board meeting soon.

c. Finance Update, VP of Finance Bogatay

- Bogatay said that he has been in periodic communication with McKibben about a leadership retreat for the Board of Directors. He is putting together some estimated expenses for such a retreat and requested input from other Board members. McKibben said that the Board should recommend something in March so that there can be a more accurate proposal to the General Assembly.

d. Administrator Report

- Kreiling passed out his Administrator’s Report and thanked the WSL team for their work during the opening weeks of the session. He talked about the benefits of having a full time staff member working on the logistics of the organization. He has realized that more grassroots organizing would be very beneficial for statewide student issues, especially with childcare. He has had many conference calls with the USSA and is working on the Legislative Conference this spring. It would be a great networking opportunity for WSL members. There is a possible USSA stipend to do grassroots electoral action work in Washington. He reported on other state’s tuition accountability measures and suggested possible future action. He spoke with the leadership at ASWSU and clarified what was going on with the optional student lobby fee that they are legally bound to pay to the WSL. The student government and the WSL are in

disagreement over when the dues have to be paid to the WSL. WSU-Tri Cities is interested in becoming members of the WSL. He filed the taxes and quarterly reports. Financial report: expenditure to date is: \$28,077.72; estimated checking balance is \$27,000 and estimated savings balance is \$30,000.

Peltier requested monthly or quarterly financial statements to the Board of Directors. Bogatay moved to approve the Administrator's Report, Espinoza seconded, no objections. **Administrator's Report adopted.**

e. Advisor Report

- Lindstrom said he is very pleased with the work of the legislative liaisons this session and believes that the group is becoming a very good team. He reminded the Board to be supportive of the liaisons. He said he feels very optimistic about several issues that the WSL is working on in the Legislature. He went over the schedule for the WSL lobby day, reminding the members that the group will be gathering at 8am to meet with Senate higher education committee staff.

VII. New business

a. 3.004 – Amending the WSL By-Laws to Revise the VP of Recruitment and Retention Job Description

Peltier, sponsor, read and introduced the bill. He said that it is important that the VP be able to discuss the funding structure of the WSL and the impact it would have on the institution being outreached to. Espinoza motioned to approve the bill, Bogatay seconded, no objections. **Bill 3.004 passed.**

b. 2.002 – Amending the 2007-2008 Budget and Authorizing Office Supplies and Technology Expenditures

Peltier, sponsor, read and introduced the bill. He explained that there is a great need in the WSL office and said that it is the Board's responsibility to support the Olympia team. He argued that the equipment is outdated and needs to be improved in order to improve the organization's efficiency. Bogatay suggested a reduced dollar amount.

Bogatay moved to amend amount for office expenditures from \$10,000 to \$2,600, seconded by Espinoza. Espinoza said that he would be in favor of allocating a smaller amount of funds for office expenses now and build upon that number later. McKibben called for a vote on Bogatay's amendment. Yea 5; Nay 1, **amendment adopted.**

Bogatay asked about what happens to the attached conference room after the session is over; Lindstrom answered that the WSL uses it as a storage space and sometimes uses it for meetings. Stillwell pointed out that the WSL is expanding in its membership and there will most likely be more liaisons working in the office in the future. Espinoza said that this discussion is not appropriate for the Board meeting and suggested having the WSL staff research the issue. Bogatay motioned to approve the bill, Peltier seconded, no objections. **Bill 2.002 passed.**

c. 2.003 – Amending the 2007-2008 Budget and Authorizing Accounting and Legal Expenditures

McKibben introduced and read the bill. Peltier motioned to approve, Espinoza seconded, no objections. **Bill 2.003 passed.**

d. 3.005 – Recommending the Proposed Finance Structure to the General Assembly

Because Tyler Dockins, the proponent of the policy in the bill, could not be at the meeting, he allowed McKibben to submit and read the bill as his proxy. Peltier moved to approve the bill, Bogatay seconded, Kreiling objected for the purposes of discussion. He asked why “approximately \$0.75” is in the language; McKibben answered that it is because the bill’s authority is pending the approval of the General Assembly. Johnson motioned to strike “flexible, reliable, controllable and measurable” from the language, no one seconded, motion failed. McKibben called for a vote on bill 3.005. Yea 6; Nay 0, motion passed. **Bill 3.005 passed.**

VIII. Nominations & Elections for VP of Recruitment and Retention

McKibben clarified that the Board has the authority to elect new officers before the General Assembly. He announced that the vote will be by secret ballot and called for nominations. Espinoza nominated Ishmael. McKibben closed nominations. He called for a vote by acclamation. Peltier moved to elect Ishmael, Bogatay seconded, no objections, motioned passed. **Ishmael was elected as the new VP of Recruitment and Retention.**

IX. Issue Roundtable & Association Reports

a. Association reports

- ASBCC: Peltier said that the ASBCC is researching whether or not the student government can use its funds for lobbying. He requested information on how the 4-year student governments adopt their legislative agendas and utilize their student fees.
- ASCWU: Bogatay said that the steering committee is working on a new Academic Senate to work in cooperation with the Faculty Senate to ensure that the student voice is heard. President McIntyre has announced her retirement; two students have been named to the finding committee. There is also an ongoing internal search for a new provost. There is a new recycling program that would bring all on-campus recycling under one authority. The ASCWU Board of Directors is doing a salary, compensation and benefits survey at other 4-year institutions. Derek Peacock, ASCWU VP of Equity and Community Affairs, is heading the survey. Logan was introduced as the new Political Programs Coordinator of the Office of Legislative Affairs and will be working under Bogatay on election and voting events.
- ASWSU Vancouver: Wooster announced that WSU-V is hosting Secretary of State Sam Reed on campus. Members met with the Representative Wallace and attended the College Civics Week meeting last week. Sterr said that he was the new AS President and is looking forward to working with the WSL.

- ASWWU: Espinoza said that ASWWU had their lobby day last Monday and had 20 students attend. They attended three meetings on Capitol Hill and were able to discuss several WWU and WSL issues. The AS is working on the presidential primaries and caucus work and has contacted the USSA about an Electoral Action Training. He requested information from other institutions on how to improve campus safety in regards to vehicular injuries.
- ASEWU: Buelt said that EWU is finalizing a search committee for a Dean of Students and are beginning another facilities renovation.
- ASUW: McKibben said that there is a proposal to renovate Husky Stadium with some King Country tax revenue because it is getting older and is dangerous; he pointed out that it would crumble in an earthquake. ASUW is also looking to host a USSA Electoral Action Training this spring. February 12 will be UW lobby day along with WSU. There is a signature gathering campaign going on currently for an opt-in fee system for WSL dues.

X. Announcements

Andersen resigned as VP of Legislative Affairs. McKibben thanked her for her work with the WSL throughout the past few years and said he is very sorry to lose her from the Executive Board.

Future meetings:

- a. February 16th, 2008, 11:00am at Washington State Capitol, Olympia, WA
- b. March 8th, 2008, 11:00am at Washington State Capitol, Olympia, WA

XI. Adjournment

McKibben adjourned the meeting at **4:20pm**.