



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
120 Union Avenue, Suite 207
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General Assembly
Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 10, 2008
Central Washington University, Ellensburg
400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926

I. McKibben called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

II. Roll call of member institutions

ASUW: 6

ASWWSU: 4

ASCWU: 3

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ASUWT: absent

ASBCC: 4

Total of 24 votes

Attendees included:

- Mike Bogatay, ASCWU (VP of Finance)
- Logan Bahr, ASCWU
- Evan Buelt, ASEWU
- Jacob Peltier, ASBCC
- Brianne Wood, ASBCC (VP of Legislative Affairs)
- Sarah Ishmael, ASWWU (VP of Recruitment and Retention)
- Erik Lowe, ASWWU
- Ashley Elliott, ASEWU
- Whitney Jones, ASEWU
- Adam Fry-Pierce, ASWSU
- Shawn Hoey, ASWSU
- Alex Lark, ASUW
- Rob Muilenburg, ASUW
- David Iseminger, UWGPSS
- Matt Kreiling, WSL (Administrator)
- Bryce McKibben, ASUW (President)
- Steve Lindstrom, WSL (Advisor)
- Camille Andersen, ASEWU
- Morgan Holmgrea, ASWWU
- Vanessa Pantley, ASBCC
- Amanda Alva, ASBCC
- Angelina Gradskaaya, ASBCC
- Jake Stillwell, ASCWU (VP of Communications)
- Derrick Peacock, ASCWU
- Anna Boyer, ASCWU
- Lauren Short, ASCWU
- Pedro Navarret, ASCWU
- Danielle Howard, ASCWU

III. Additions and changes to the agenda

Iseminger motioned add "constitutional amendment" to Issues and agendas, no objections. Amendment adopted.

Peltier motioned to adopt the agenda, Buelt seconded, no objections. Agenda adopted.

IV. President's Address

McKibben addressed the General Assembly about the past year's successes.

V. Officer reports

1. Legislative update: Brianne Wood
2. Communications update: Jake Stillwell
3. Finance update: Mike Bogatay

Bogatay deferred his report to the budget discussion. He did mention that the WSL should begin work on a foundation.

4. Recruitment and Retention update: Sarah Ishmael
5. Administrator update

Kreiling began by discussing the transferability issue. Democracy in Action grant. Ballot measure at The Evergreen State College.

6. Advisor update

Lindstrom noted that next session the WSL needs to work on tuition raises. Currently, the boards of trustees and regents are asking for the maximum tuition increases (5 and 7 percent) and the WSL needs to voice our opposition. It will be important to advocate that tuition should not be increased, but if it does, it should not go up past inflation and if it does, there must be measurable and beneficial notes. Next, he pointed out that there are practical and moral reasons to continue to push for articulation in transferring between institutions of higher education. He suggested that as issues arise on campus during the summer that may have legislative or executive relevancy, contact the WSL to get the ball rolling on possible action. It's important to not wait until the November General Assembly to start legislative work. During the summer it may be wise to contact certain legislators and build personal relationships.

VI. Approval of the 2008-09 WSL budget

Bogatay begun by noting that the budget has come a long way since November. He continued that the board adopted a more equitable funding structure of \$0.75 per FTE for organizational dues which brought the budget up to \$75,813.

Lowe asked why the ASUW opt-in fee was not done through a referendum and McKibben responded that because ASUW does not control the opt-in system, the vote would not be seen as valid. Bogatay noted that the WSL does not mandate a particular way of member institutions paying dues.

Hoey inquired about the funds at WSU that need to be paid to the WSL. Hoey believed that the contract between ASWSU and the WSL was still valid; Kreiling said that the previous ASWSU leadership ended the contract. McKibben noted that because ASWSU paid the necessary membership dues, it was a valid member. Hoey motioned to table the budget discussion until next month. McKibben said that the motion was invalid because the Constitution mandates that the General Assembly pass a budget. Hoey made clear that the \$14,334 in the budget is the set amount that ASWSU needs to pay.

McKibben mentioned that the interest on the savings account may be higher than the expected \$200.

Hoey asked about the increase of the executive director's salary from \$28 thousand to \$33 thousand. Bogatay responded that the role of the administrator is increasing to one of an executive director with more responsibility. He continued that this budget is the minimal required dues payment and does not reflect actual income.

Muilenburg asked what the costs for the WSL lobby day were. Wood responded by giving a description of the WSL lobby day and the necessary expenditures for the event. Andersen added that the \$1,000 is an appropriate amount for a statewide lobby day.

Alva motioned to amend BCC dues to accurately reflect the \$7,754, Peacock seconded. No objections. This gave the WSL income and increase of \$392.

Peltier moved to transfer the \$392 from reserve to officer and board expenses, Lowe seconded. No objections.

Peltier moved to create a new line item of \$5,000 earmarked for the strategic plan implementation, no second. Motion failed.

Muilenburg motioned to close debate and called to question. Yea, 22 Nay 0.

McKibben called for a vote on the adopting the budget. Yea 20; Nay 0; Abstentions 2. **Budget adopted.**

VII. Issues and agenda

A. Breakouts and reports

Kreiling explained that the breakout session was for GA members to discuss which issues on their campuses could be considered for a statewide legislative agenda in the fall. McKibben numbered the GA members off 1-4 for breakout groups.

Group report backs:

Group 1: Veteran affairs, ADA compliance, sunset clause/ local tuition control of graduate students, student of boards of CTC trustees.

Group 2: Medical issues and healthcare facilities, civic engagement.

Group 3: Childcare and mental health funding, the reinstatement of the out-of-state tuition waiver, graduate student unionization, campus safety, environmental issues.

Group 4: Student representation on boards of trustees, sustainability, fully funding tuition waivers, textbooks unbundling.

B. Constitutional amendment

McKibben read the current constitutional language and the draft language from the board of directors: "If a member has less than 2,500 FTEs they shall receive 1 vote." Whitney, Rob. No objections. **Amendment passed.**

VIII. Elections

McKibben read off the current nominees for WSL officers and re-opened any nominations or withdraws.

Buelt withdrew from VP of Finance.

Whitney nominated Elliott for VP of Finance; she excepted. McKibben called for a vote by acclamation.

Jacob Peltier was elected as VP of Recruitment and Retention

Ashley Elliott was elected as VP of Finance

Logan Bahr was elected a VP of Communications

Brianne Wood was elected as VP of Legislative Affairs

Jake Stillwell was elected as President

IX. Adjournment

McKibben adjourned the meeting at 2:35.