



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

Meeting Minutes
Washington Student Lobby Board of Directors
Sunday, June 8th, 2008
Eastern Washington University, Cheney

I. Brianne Wood called the meeting to order at 12:23

II. Roll Call, Introductions and Welcome

Attendees Included:

Derrick Peacock, ASCWU	Brianne Wood, ASBCC (Vice President of Legislative Affairs)
Camille Anderson, ASEWU	Logan Bahr, ASCWU (Vice President of Communications)
*Whitney Jones, ASEWU	*Eric Lowe, ASWWU
Ashley Elliot, ASEWU (Vice President of Finance)	*Jim Blair, ASUW-Tacoma
*Shawn Hoey, ASWSU-Pullman	Evan Buelt, ASEWU
Adam Fry-Pierce, ASWSU-Pullman	Vanessa Pantley, ASBCC
Sommer Knight, ASWSU-Vancouver	Steve Lindstrom, WSL Advisor
Andrea Woostern, ASWSU-Vancouver	Matt Kreiling, WSL Administrator
*Amanda Alva, ASBCC	
Jacob Peltier, ASBCC (Vice President of Recruitment and Retention)	

*indicates a voting member

Quorum present

III. Additions and changes to the agenda

-Lowe moved to add the renewal of Steve Lindstrom's contract and Hoey added a friendly amendment to switch order of drug testing point, seconded by Peacock, no objections.

IV. Approval of the minutes

A. Board of Directors, May 10th, 2008

-Buelt moved to approve the May 10th minutes, Lowe seconded, no objections. Minutes approved.

B. General Assembly, May 10th, 2008

-Buelt moved to approve the General Assembly minutes, Lowe seconded, no objections. Minutes approved.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. Finance Update: Ashley Elliot

-Discussed the creation of a foundation for the WSL and the possibility of getting some grants to begin campus level WSL chapters. Continued on talking about creating a committee to get the Foundation started, drafting articles of incorporation, and finding a Board of Trustees. On a side note, the WSL office went over their budgeted "office supplies" because of the higher cost of DSL.

2. Legislative Update: Brianne Wood

Talked about coordinating the USSA Congress trip logistics.



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3. Communications Update: Logan Bahr

Discussed getting a press release out about Evergreen's WSL membership and that he'll be working on campus implementation plans this summer.

4. Recruitment and Retention: Jacob Peltier

Talked about next year's goals, including adding more members to the WSL and how he'll be heading up the Executive Director job search. Asked for member schools to really take the opening seriously and promote it on their campus.

B. WSL Staff Reports

1. Matt Kreiling

Began by talking about implementing the strategic plan. Asked members to talk to their Academic Affairs officers to get testimonies about transferring. Wants to put a survey on school's websites regarding transfers. Stressed the need to clarify roles within the Strategic Plan. Advocated creating permanent proxies. Talked about E-Advocacy and going to a conference in D.C.

2. Steve Lindstrom

Has researched the veto of our Higher Ed transfers and articulation bill and he and Matt have begun building a relationship with the Governor's new Higher Ed advisor. Stressed the need to meet with and talk to returning legislators and candidates about the WSL and its mission. Discussed the tuition increases statewide and it makes our point that (ceiling becomes the floor) tuition raising authority is using the maximum as a minimum. Talked about Oregon's success in keeping the cost down and the success that their student lobbying organizations has had. Called for the debunking of cost of instruction that the state uses as justification to raise rates. Talked about how people should meet their legislators and the candidates over the summer.

VI. Old Business

A. Strategic Plan Action

Elliot talked about the foundation 501 C-3 and the possibility of grants; about the need to create a committee to incorporate the Foundation. Peltier brought up the point that the committee should have a sixth member that is non-WSL affiliated, professional, and experienced to give a non-biased view on the whole process. Lowe asks whether or not non-WSL voting members can be included on the committee. Elliot responded that the committee is open to those willing. Lindstrom clarifies that the committee can only put together the Articles of Incorporation without further authorization, and there is no limit on the number of people who are called "Incorporators". After those Articles of Incorporation are filed, and the business license is secured, the foundation is liable for its actions. The committee is just for creating a plan for creating the foundation.

Lowe moves to amend the Resolution to include the line "at least 5 students to be on the committee on ". No objections. Motion passed.

Lowe moves to change a typo. No objections. Motion passed.

Lowe moves to approve the creation of a committee for incorporation, Peacock seconds. Motion passed.

B. Board Retreat

Lowe, questions the length of retreat, Kreiling and Wood respond that a day would be best. Consensus is reached that the retreat will be August 16th at Central Washington University. Peltier requests that a draft agenda be created for the retreat.



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C. WSL Campus Chapters Update

Kreiling and Jake Stillwell want the chapter to be wholly invested in higher education and their own campus' issues while still being fully integrated with the WSL.

D. Drug Testing

Hoey reports that testing costs vary but stay around \$50 dollars per test. Peltier brings up the point that drug testing policy is very touchy. Jones doesn't know why the drug tests are necessary if the board elects them. Lowe brings up the point that it is a good idea because it could possibly reflect negatively on the WSL if drug use is found within the WSL. Peacock reiterates that the drug policy should be looked into heavily and that board members not be tested. Lindstrom comments that liability becomes a very real issue when tests are administered; if drug testing is brought into the picture, why not other testing (criminal, physical). Jones brings up that fact that she is not drug screened and that it's unrealistic to screen liaisons. Peltier says that the testing could be discrimination. Alva wants to have the contract be given a hard look and not rush the process.

E. Executive Director Hiring

Peltier is heading it up the Search Committee and he discussed the process that will be taken to hire an Executive Director. Lowe would like the committee to inform the Board of any large changes to the description. Hoey asks when the application will be released, Peltier responds that the date will probably be changing since Board and staff members need more time to review.

Lowe motions to approve the Search Hiring committee, Peacock seconds. Hoey proposes an friendly amendment to change the dates of the due date for applications amendment. Motion passed.

Buelt motions, to have the Executive Committee and WSL Advisor be the Hiring Search Committee. Lowe Seconds. Motion passed.

F. Advisor's Contract Renewal

Peltier would like the contract to be passed but would like in the future, that job descriptions be created. Kreiling voiced praise for Lindstrom and the incredible asset he is to the WSL, citing that Jake Stillwell (absent) concurs.

Lowe moves to approve the contract letter with Lindstrom for 2008-2009 with the amendment adjustment, changing the word "guiding" to "advising", Peacock seconds. Motion passed.

VII. Member Reports

ASBCC- The new student government is almost fully in place. The Board of Trustees position is still being pursued.

ASWSUV- 18 people applied for to the legislative liaison position.

ASWSU- Passed around a list of projects. A newsletter is being circulated by the Student Government to create better lines of communications between the students and their representatives. PBJ Club, they'll offer free sandwiches for students to open up in forums and with speakers. The communications between the student government and the students are poor, which is something they'll be working on this year.

ASWWU- At the end of May, the faculty finally reached agreement. It's been over a year since the collective bargaining began. Decision packages are being voted on by the BOT regarding disability services and healthcare. The new president, Bruce Sheppard, will be taking over , Bruce Sheppard, and will be



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meeting with state legislators, of which will be attended by the Lowe. The vote coalitions and registration projects are doing very well.

ASEWU- The AS staff is all hired and ready to go. Washington Association of Student Councils is meeting in the Tri-Cities and would like the WSL to be involved. Matt Holmes has been hired as ASEWU's legislative liaison.

ASCWU- The new Board members are all in office. The S&A committee confirmed Central's USSA membership funds. ASCWU bought blanket insurance.

Announcements

VIII. Announcements

A. Next meeting is at WWU, September 20th at 12:00.

IX. Adjournment

Peacock motions to adjourn, Buelt second. Meeting adjourned.