



WASHINGTON STUDENT LOBBY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
200 Union Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501

MEETING AGENDA

WSL State Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday January 31, 2009 12:00pm
Washington State Capital
Meeting Room A, B, & C – John A. Cherberg Building
416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome
- III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Board of Directors, November 7th, 2008
 - b. General Assembly, November 7th, 2008
 - c. Board of Directors, December 6th, 2008
- V. Reports
 - a. Officer Reports
 - b. Staff Reports
- VI. Legislative Report
 - a. WSL Legislative Agenda Items
 - b. Bills of Interest
 - c. Watch Items
- VII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports
 - a. Association Reports
- VIII. Presentations and Public Testimony
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Future Meetings
 - i. February 21st, 2009, 12:00pm Washington State Capital
 - ii. March 14th, 2009, 12:00pm Washington State Capital
 - b. March 21-24, 2009 United States Student Association Legislative Conference, Washington D.C.
More Information: www.ussaconferences.org
- X. Adjournment

**WSL State Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 6, 2008
Bellevue Community College
Library (Building D), 126P**

I. Call to Order
12:15

II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome

Ashley Elliot	EWU
Whitney Jones	EWU
Matthew Holmes	EWU
Morgan Holmgren	WWU
Sarah Ishmael	WWU
Jake Stillwell	CWU
Logan Bahr	CWU
Derrick Peacock	CWU
Richard Lum	UW
Anttimo Bennet	UW
Archita Taylor	UW
Andrew Helm	GPSA
Dave Iseminger	GPSS
Kayla Simons	GPSA
Amanda Alva	BCC
Brianne Wood	BCC
Vanessa Pantley	BCC
Shawn Hoey	WSU
Josie Jarvis	TESC
Sommer Knight	WSU – Vancouver
Jim Blair	UW – Tacoma
Steve Lindstrom	WSL
Mike Bogatay	WSL

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Resolution to establish a committee on the current Washington budget crisis added.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Directors, November 7, 2008
(No quorum)

b. General Assembly, November 7, 2008
(No quorum)

V. Reports

a. Officer Reports

President- Committee days, met with legislators and passed out our legislative agenda. Anderson very supportive of student's plight with the budget and the community college trustee issue. Roberts was receptive to WSL goals for tuition hikes, she stressed the difficult upcoming budget year. New chair of Senate Higher Ed is Sen. Kilmore. Academic guidance system may be cheaper than first thought. Brendan Williams have been talking about passing legislation saying that student fees may be used for lobbying.

Communications- Participated in Committee Days.

Finance- The foundation is coming along with no significant hang-ups.

Legislative Affairs- Participated in Committee Days and discussed Higher Ed day.

Recruitment and Retention- Transitioning into his new position of VP. Developed a roster of possible new member campuses.

b. Staff Reports

Mike Bogatay, Executive Director- (*Copies and PowerPoint presentation provided*) The legislative agenda has been finalized. The state's revenue shortfalls are going to be expansive and the Governor's office has been talking about a 23% cut for agencies. Facilitated WSL meetings for committee days. Met with Washington Bus and their possible venture into the legislative arena. Meeting with some ongoing workgroups on issues like transfer policy and performance agreements. Has purchased software to increase the effectiveness and interactivity of our online endeavors. Compiled a list of possible Foundation board members.

Steve Lindstrom, Advisor- Ways and Means Committee has had some changes, with the WSL friendly Pridemoore leaving. The House has reorganized their committees and have created some subcommittees and the Appropriations committee has been renamed the Ways and Means. Audit Review and Oversight has been created and it might involve on how higher education dollars are spent. The Governor's budget is out on December 16. Increasing the cost of Running Start and reducing waivers are also being looked at as possible budget cuts.

VI. Presentations & Public Testimony

a. John Klacik, Director of Student Financial Assistance, Higher Education Coordinating Board

The HEC Board oversees the state's financial aid. There aren't any specific program and activity cuts but the legislature will certainly be combing over these programs and evaluating them. Programs that address high demand areas (rural healthcare, math and science teachers, special education teachers) and merit based programs are looking likely to have significant funding decreases. "Nothing is off the table". There has been much discussion on higher ed budget cuts but most of the conversations have been "unfocused". A "one-stop-shop portal" is in development that would serve any age group that is looking for higher education options in Washington. The budget must be due out by December 19th, it's traditionally been released a few days before. It's been tradition for the legislature to increase financial aid by the same percent they increase need based financial aid; that practice will be put to the test this year. It will be a good idea for education to strive for some federal aid dollars. The vehicle for requesting federal stimulus money is not apparent. The private loan market is going to be beyond the government's ability to affect. Student loans, in the future, will be harder to acquire and be more expensive. Federal loans for graduate students are not drying up and are uncapped. There is no tracking of private loans.

b. Evan Rohar, Socialist Student Organization of Washington- The current budget crisis will be unacceptable and organization and action will be necessary. The budget deficit needs not to affect higher education in Washington. A grassroots organization including students, staff and faculty will be necessary if anything will be accomplished. Federal aid and tax reform are the most important items that should be addressed.

As far as changing the tax system goes, it is a massive undertaking and requires a constitutional amendment. Also, the message needs to be streamlined if it is considered. (Ishmael, Helm, Holmes, Lum and others)

VII. Action Items

a. 2.008 WSL Subscription to Democracy In Action

Discussion- Master Plan states that this is a necessary purchase to increase student involvement. The extension of the reduced rate should be looked into by the ED. DIA just partnered with Catalyst which is a nationwide voter database that will allow us to utilize that system.

b. 2.009 Purchase of a Workgroup Printer for Olympia Office

Discussion- The dues problems the purchase of the printer is not going to put the WSL budget's into jeopardy. The cost-benefit will be apparent with this purchase. The printer is going to be able to network with all the office computers.

c. 2.010 Addressing Washington State's Budget Deficit and Proposed Cuts to Higher Education

VIII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports

a. School reports

CWU- Officially hired a new university President. We have a new legislative liaison, Logan Bahr. NWSLC was attended by a group of Central students.

EWU-Student legislative action coalition doing well and growing. BOT is planning a special budget and inviting student input. Football team is ranked nationally.

WWU- BOD adopted legislative agenda. Lobby day, Jan. 19th, is currently being planned. A “education week” is being planned to address a separate issue each day. BOT meeting next week to discuss budget situation.

UW- Student leaders have met with key UW admin that echo the press’ budget reporting. The UW legislative workshop was a success. AS passed resolution in support of the tuition caps. Started the grassroots effort to highlight the legislative session and its affects for students.

UW-T- Working with administration for budget cut discussions.

WSU- Lobby day is Feb 15-17. Assistant Attorney General has voiced that student fees can’t be used toward any kind of lobbying. The check box has been initiated to gather funds and other activities have been created to build support for the WSL.

WSU-GPSA- Passed the WSL’s legislative agenda. Steve Lindstrom came and gave a presentation to a group on basic lobbying. Helm has created a leadership course that may focus on lobbying and WSL may have a space in the curriculum.

WSU-Vancouver- Rec center survey completed. Brought delegation to the NWSLC in Portland. Planning to bring student delegations during session.

BCC- Looking for Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs. BCC has been examining the budget in response to state budget crisis. The faculty wants to partner with the students in a conjoined effort or “movement” in the legislature. The fight to get a student trustee on community college Boards is ongoing.

TESC- Building the strength of the Geoduck Student Union. Administration is very open to student leaders and their efforts. Gaining information on how other state student governments work. The campus is looking to make involvement in WSL an important part of the student government. ESC may have housing resources for other student campuses.

IX. Announcements

a. Future Meetings

- i. January 31st, 2009 Cherburg Building Meeting Room C, Olympia
- ii. February 21st, 2009 Cherburg Building Meeting Room C, Olympia
- iii. March 14th

b. HEC Board Meeting

- i. December 17, 2008, South Seattle Community College – Georgetown Campus
 1. 9:00 am – 12:00 Advisory Board
 2. 1:00 pm – 3:00 Regular Board Meeting

X. Adjournment

3:42

MEETING MINUTES
WSL State Board of Directors
November 8, 2008
Central Washington University
Student Union Building, RM 301

I. Call to Order 11:04

II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome

Andrew Helm	WSU
Jim Blair	WSU
Matt Holmes	EWU
Ashley Elliot	EWU
Brianne Wood	BCC
Jake Stillwell	CWU
Steve Lindstrom	WSL
Whitney Jones	EWU
John Daniel Peppe	BCC
Jacob Peltier	BCC
Erik Lowe	WWU
Derrick Peacock	CWU
Sarah Ishmael	WWU
Sergey Smirnov	UW
Peter Sterr	WSU Vancouver
Sommer Knight	WSU Vancouver
Anne Jansen	WWU
Morgan Holmgreen	WWU
Angelina Gradskaya	BCC
Vanessa Pantley	BCC
David Iseminger	UW-GPSS
Logan Bahr	CWU
Mike Bogatay	WSL

III. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Add agenda item, regarding letters to legislators. Spelling corrections.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Directors, October 25, 2008

V. Reports

a. Officer Reports

Elliot- Policy and procedure manual
Wood- Policy procedure manuals
Peltier-Policy and procedures manual
Bahr- Policy and procedure manual

b. Staff Reports

Bogatay- Working to implement the strategic plan
Lindstrom- HEC Board meeting

VI. Action Items

a. Nominations for VP of Recruitment and Retention

No new nominations

b. 2.007 Budget line item amendment

Chair entertains motion to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

c. Letters to victorious legislators

WSL has a history of writing letters to winning legislators, congratulating them and reminding them of the WSL and our issues.

VII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports

a. School reports

CWU- Election party, ballot stamp grant, large student attendance, presidential elections party.

BCC- Voting reminders, contacting legislators.

EWU- Election center data center, semester conversation, textbook rental and other cost saving textbook measure.

UW-T- Working on constitution and by-laws.

WSU GPSA- Action on hate crime, free immunizations, Dad's weekend and free football tickets.

UW GPSS- Public Ivy League, voter party, tuition setting authority, higher education/healthcare summit

UW- Education panels, Sen. Shin will be in attendance.

WSU Vancouver- Hate crime prevention, Rec center, diversity and gender discussions.

WWU- Voter registration was a success, ballot boxes, voter database work continuing, Bellingham Business Forum.

USSA- 110,000 student registrations, 200,000 direct GOTV contacts, worked to defeat anti-EEO initiatives.

VIII. Announcements

a. Future Meetings

i. December 6th, 2008 Bellevue Community College

ii. January 31st, 2008 Cherburg Building Meeting Room C, Olympia

iii. February 21st, 2008 Cherburg Building, Olympia

b. Nov. 14-16, 2008, 19th Annual Northwest Student Leadership Conference, Portland State University

IX. Adjournment

11:44

MINUTES
WSL General Assembly Meeting
Saturday, November 8, 2008
Central Washington University
Student Union Building, Theater

I. Lunch Domino's Pizza.

II. Call to Order 12:30

Andrew Helm	WSU
Jim Blair	WSU
Matt Holmes	EWU
Ashley Elliot	EWU
Brianne Wood	BCC
Jake Stillwell	CWU
Steve Lindstrom	WSL
Whitney Jones	EWU
John Daniel Peppe	BCC
Jacob Peltier	BCC
Erik Lowe	WWU
Derrick Peacock	CWU
Sarah Ishmael	WWU
Sergey Smirnov	UW
Peter Sterr	WSU Vancouver
Sommer Knight	WSU Vancouver
Anne Jansen	WWU
Morgan Holmgreen	WWU
Angelina Grads kaya	BCC
Vanessa Pantley	BCC
David Iseminger	UW-GPSS
Logan Bahr	CWU
Mike Bogatay	WSL
Victor Ruiz	CWU
George Senekhamphone	CWU
Jed Bradley	CWU
Kris Byrum	CWU
Lydia Byslma	UW
Luke O'Bannan	UW
Sabrina Fields	UW

IV. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Peacock moves to approve. Second. Motion passed.

V. Reports

a. Officer Reports

Stillwell- Explained the guiding principles, see GA packet.

Wood- Worked on legislative agenda.

Peltier- Continued the work on the procedures and policy manual

Bahr-Involved in discussions about the policies manual

Elliot- Worked to balance the budget

b. Staff Reports

Bogatay- Explained the Roberts Rules guide

c. USSA

Greg- Vice President of USSA- Update on USSA's legislative and election work. Pledge to work with WSL member campuses. Working for education to have a funding increase in the new budget. Working on the DREAM Act. Pushing the Veterans Reprieve legislation.

VI. Approval of 2008-09 Legislative Agenda

Contact Mike Bogatay for exact language in agenda items.

Community College Board of Trustees

Iseminger moves to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

Graduate and Professional Tuition Setting Authority

Lowe moves to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

Maintaining Tuition Caps for Residential Undergrads

Chair entertains motion to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

ADA Compliancy

Friendly amendments accepted. Lowe moves to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

State Biofuel Policies

Call to question. Chair moves to adopt. Motion failed.

Gender Expression Hate Crimes

Call to question. Chair motions to adopt. Motion passed.

Insufficient Access to Technology for Students

Friendly amendments accepted. Iseminger moves to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

IIX. Approval of 2008-2009 Legislative Agenda

O'Bannan moves to adopt. Second. Motion passed.

IX. Election

a. Vice President of Recruitment and Retention

Chair moves to appoint Serge Smirnov through acclimation. Second. Motion passed.

Announcements

All are welcome to attend UW's Legislative Panel.

VIII. Adjournment

Lowe moves to adjourn. Second. Motion passed at 2:20.