

MEETING AGENDA
WSL State Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday February 21, 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
 - d. Board of Directors, January 31st, 2009
- V. Reports
 - a. Officer Reports
 - b. Staff Reports
- VI. Legislative Report
 - a. WSL Legislative Agenda Items
 - b. Bills of Interest
 - c. Watch Items
- VII. Action Items
 - a. HEC Board Application Endorsements
- VIII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports
 - a. Association Reports
- IX. Presentations and Public Testimony
 - a. WSL Strategic Plan Update
- X. Announcements
 - a. Future Meetings
 - i. March 14th, 2009, 12:00pm Washington State Capital
 - ii. Set date and location for April
 - iii. Set date for General Assembly at Central Washington University
 - b. February 27th, 2009 11:00am – 3:00pm Westside College Civics Week Kickoff Meeting, South Puget Sound Community College
 - c. March 6th, 2009 11:00am-3:00pm Eastside CCW Kickoff, Yakima Valley Community College
 - d. March 21-24, 2009 United States Student Association Legislative Conference, Washington D.C.

More Information: www.ussaconferences.org
- XI. Adjournment

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 Grads kaya	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.

II. 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.

**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

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

I. Call to Order – 12:03

II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome

Ashley Elliot EWU
Whitney Jones EWU
Matthew Holmes EWU
Morgan Holmgren WWU
Jake Stillwell CWU
Logan Bahr CWU
Derrick Peacock CWU
Richard Lum UW
Anttimo Bennet UW
Jean-Paul Willynck UW-T
Sergey Smirnov
Archita Taylor UW
Andrew Helm GPSA
Dave Iseminger GPSS
Kayla Simons GPSA
Amanda Alva BCC
Brienne 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

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V. Reports

a. Officer Reports

President- Conference call with USSA regarding the benefits that the economic stimulus package will contain for students. USSA and US PIRG penned a letter to Congressional leadership thanking them and advocating the passage of the economic stimulus package. A job well done for the WSL team in Olympia for this week's presentation/testimony on student debt and financial aid.

VP of Leg Affairs- Working on WSL Lobby Day, Feb. 16th, and scheduling meetings with legislators. Many organizations are having their lobby day which has made scheduling meetings difficult. There will be a

lobby day lunch where many legislators have been invited to. Also the next day, Feb. 17th, is Higher Ed Day at the Capitol. A half hour meeting may be scheduled to develop an understanding of the WSL's legislative agenda.

VP of Finance- The budget is lacking a bit from the missing dues. Training went over budget a bit but those losses will be recouped from individual payments from attendants.

VP Recruitment and Retention- Central Seattle CC is interested in becoming a member. Clark College may also be interested in becoming a WSL Member. Clark is also a potential pilot college for the student trustee.

VP Comm- Been working in Olympia as legislative liaison and have been coordinating with the other members of the Executive Committee.

b. Staff Reports

ED- Bought some new computers and a printer. The HECB student member has announced an early resignation and a strong student is needed to fill the spot. The HECB supports the current tuition caps. A search committee should be set up that will publicize the opening. Training went well and the student trustee bill are ready to be shopped around. The WSL has gotten a free LobbyGov account because a WSL alum created it.

Advisor- Now's the time of session where leadership is pressuring the policy committees to quickly get their bills out; before the first cutoff. Liaison training went well but would've been much better if everyone could've made it but conflicting schedules are understandable. The liaisons and the corresponding student governments are doing a wonderful job; everything is running relatively smoothly. Graduated tuition is a problem and there have been murmurings about its institution. We must be cognizant of all the activities that are going to affect us.

VI. Legislative Report

a. WSL Legislative Agenda Items

Tuition- Highest priority, we have much support for keeping the 7%,

Tuition setting authority- HB 1235 – Would give Boards the authority to raise tuition.

Financial aid- The decrease in fin aid is a constant talking point.

Student Fees- Two parts: student fees aren't subject to restrictions on state money and I-960 doesn't apply to student fees. It's a simple clarification with no real opposition.

CC Student Trustee- There are six comm. colleges that are willing to host a pilot program. We have prime sponsors in both chambers.

Hate Crimes- Sen. Murray really took the torch, had language drafted and Sen. McDermott is the sponsor. The bill has not yet been dropped. The struggle is the Judiciary committee.

Academic GPS- The actual GPS program isn't getting much traction because of the fiscal not but a bill to convene a workgroup for the HECB that will create a over arching portal for state higher ed info is getting support.

b. Bills of Interest / Watch Items

HB 1130- HECB Portal Workgroup

HB 1235- Extending local tuition setting authority

HB 1466- Regarding WSL fees

SSB 5043- HECB Portal Workgroup

HB 1025- ISBN Disclosure Policy

SSB 5044- High Demand Work-Study

SB 5174- Incentivize 4 Year Graduation

HB 1428- Field of Dreams Program

SB 5175- Changing Washington "Promise" Scholarship
SB 5237- Three Year Baccalaureate Program
SHB 1841- Faculty Trustee
HB 1949- Community College Trustees
SHB 2021- Revitalizing Financial Aid
HB 2098- Single Need Based Aid
HB 2118- Advisory Committee on Tuition
SB 5776- Student Fees
SB 5864- UW North

VII. Issue Roundtable & School Reports

a. Issue Roundtable-

Work study- Are we going to take a stance on the bill changing work study policy to favor resident students? General consensus is that it wouldn't be a fruitful bill to take a position on, given the current legislative situation and our other duties.

Faculty Trustee- Should we support the creation of a faculty trustee? There are a lot of concerns about how this bill is written. The students hold a special position in higher education. General consensus is that this is not an issue that we will take a position on this year. The hearing for this bill is Tuesday.

b. School Reports

BCC-Open forum around the budget cuts. Used that as an opportunity to increase student interest and involvement. Keeping their eyes on the bill relating to Bellevue College.

WWU- Western's admin is seeking local tuition setting authority and the removal of the tuition cap. Also, they've cancelled their football team.

UW GPSS- Free speech ordeal continuing. There will be a two-tiered health insurance plan for undergrads and grads. The WSL dues have been a problem due to the lack of foresight of predecessors. The check box system is being worked on currently.

UW- Lobby day was incredibly successful. The leg office has a new research assistant. The Daily issue is working its way through the Student Senate. The administration is asking for an apology but not a resignation.

UW T- Dues are paid. Doing a letter/email drive for students to voice their concerns about the budget and tuition increases. Developing new Senate by-laws. Forums on budget situation.

CWU-Dues will be paid soon. Some students are meeting with Congressional Rep. Doc Hastings to present their vote work this year.

WSU- If the student fees bill goes through hopefully the dues will be paid up. Lobby day is the 16th.

WSU GPS- Will probably be able to pay dues soon. Will also step up efforts to get students

WSU V- Problems with student media and student government. Discussing the institution of a non disclosure agreement.

TESC- The police have requested funds to prepare themselves for a campus shooter situation. Forums have been setup for students voice their concern. The passage of the student fee bill is instrumental in Evergreen's ability to pay their dues.

EWU- An interim President is in office. Lobby day is Feb the 23rd. WSL and USSA's fees are going to added as a check box on online registration. A budget forum was also held with a good turnout.

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