

To: AS Board Members

From: Erik Lowe

Date: 1/30/08

Subject: Washington, D.C. Student Lobby Trip

Greetings AS Board,

As you are probably aware, for the last few years, the Associated Students has sent a delegation of students to Washington, D.C. during spring break or spring quarter. The purpose of a trip of this sort is to meet with legislators and their staff as well as various federal agencies and NGOs to discuss the AS Federal Legislative Agenda and key points important to Western students. This has been shown to be very beneficial in the past, both as a way to educate legislators and policy makers on the needs of the large constituency that is Western, as well as to educate the student delegates about the inner workings of the federal government.

This year, on the heels of a very successful ASWWU Lobby Day in Olympia, I ask you to provide that opportunity again. The delegation originally would consist of Ramiro Espinoza, Sarah Ishmael, and myself. Recently, I was approached by Dan McLafferty and Annie Jansen about the possibility of them traveling with us. Both Dan and Annie have unique perspectives that would greatly assist ASWWU in accomplishing our goals in Washington, D.C. Dan has been very active as the secretary of Legislative Affairs Council and providing input to both our State and Federal Legislative Agendas. Annie has the academic affairs experience to give great weight to certain issues in regard to financial aid and student loans, both from her current position as well as prior work in our Registrar's office.

I have enclosed the figures for full-funding to send 3, 4, and 5 people to Washington, D.C for the days of March 23rd-27th. Due to the low amount budgeted for Legislative Affairs, and the very ambitious and successful year we have had so far, there is no money to allocate to this trip from the Legislative Affairs budget. It is my plan to ask the budget committee to allocate funds for a trip of this nature in next year's budget. That way, future VPs will not have to worry about securing funding for this annual event.

Thank you for your support.

Airfare:

\$400 per person (approximately)

Days Inn Silver Spring - \$86.85 a night

Washington Suites Georgetown - \$254.00 a night (average)

Per Diem - \$40 per person per day (approximately)

MetroRail 7-Day Fast Pass - \$32.50 each

	3 people	4 people	5 people	
Airfare	\$1200	\$1600	\$2000	
1 Bedroom Suite	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	
Days Inn	\$765	\$765	\$765	
Per Diem	\$480	\$640	\$800	
MetroRail	\$97.50	\$130.00	\$162.50	
Total w/ Suite	\$2800	\$3370	\$3970	
Total w/ Inn	\$2550	\$3135	\$3800	

Total Cost for Trip: \$2550 - \$3970 returning march 27th