

**ASWWU  
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007  
VU 567**

<b>Legislative Affairs Council Members</b>	<i>Present:</i> Adam Day, Joel Graves, Gina Tichenor, Tracy Lamont, Alexander Garcia <i>Absent:</i> Devin Malone
<b>AS VP Legislative Affairs (Chair)</b>	Erik Lowe <i>Present</i>
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>	Sarah Ishmael <i>Present</i>
<b>WSL Chapter Chair</b>	Kristina Mader <i>Absent</i>
<b>Advisor</b>	Kevin Majkut <i>Absent</i>

<b>MOTION 07-F-015</b>	To approve the minutes of November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2007.	<i>Passed</i>
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Erik Lowe, AS VP Legislative Affairs called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

**II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*None*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 07-F-015 by Lowe**

To approve the minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Vote: 7-0-0 Action: *Passed*

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

*None*

**V. CHAIR REPORT**

The state legislative agenda was sent to the Student Senate on Friday and will be subject to approval tonight. The AS Board of Directors had the agenda as an information item last Wednesday, but the Board felt that they needed more time to review the agenda so it will be subject to approval (with suggested changes) this coming Wednesday. Ishmael reported that she attended the Northwest Leadership Conference and met with other liaisons, discussing various issues such as the DRS and what we can do for them.

## **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The LAC discussed various items that they felt should be included in the Federal Legislative Agenda of the Associated Students of WWU. The topics that were largely agreed upon included an increased focus on understanding of the occurrence of hate crimes on campus, increased focus on diversity within and among campuses, more accessible and affordable health care, increased financial aid for students from middle income families, and the implementation of on-campus voter drop-off boxes to make it easier for students to submit their ballots. Environmental issues were also discussed as a possible addition. The subject of the inclusion of ASWWU's stance on the current situation in Iraq (with respect to the involvement of the United States Armed Forces) caused some heated debate within the LAC. A consensus did not occur, but the debate ended with the understanding that this would not be included in the Federal Legislative Agenda and that this topic would be better resolved through the creation of a Resolution.

### **B. STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TALKING POINTS**

Along with the State Legislative Agenda, three main points from the agenda are outlined and elaborated on in a separate document. Last year, one of the main points was the transition from self-sustaining human services to state-supported human services (along with self-sustaining off-campus programs). Considerations for the talking points of this year's State Legislative Agenda include the issue that student teachers pay full tuition when they do not always even attend on-campus classes, increased funding for the expansion of the CDC and child care services in general, and the issue of campus safety.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

*None*

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

4:00pm Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
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## **IX. ADJOURN**

5:45pm