

**ASWWU
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 4th, 2008
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Legislative Affairs Council Members	<i>Present:</i> Adam Day, Joel Graves, Tracy Lamont, Alexander Garcia <i>Absent:</i> Gina Tichenor, Devin Malone
AS VP Legislative Affairs	Erik Lowe <i>Present</i>
Legislative Liaison	Sarah Ishmael <i>Absent</i>
WSL Chapter Chair	Kristina Mader <i>Absent</i>
Advisor	Kevin Majkut <i>Absent</i>

MOTION 08-W-007	To approve the minutes of February 19 th , 2008.	<i>Passed</i>
MOTION 08-W-008	To approve the minutes of February 26 th , 2008.	<i>Passed</i>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Erik Lowe, AS VP Legislative Affairs called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-W-007 by Lowe

To approve the minutes of February 19th, 2008.

Vote: 5-0-0 Action: *Passed*

MOTION 08-W-008 by Lowe

To approve the minutes of February 26th, 2008.

Vote: 5-0-0 Action: *Passed*

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

None

V. CHAIR REPORT

Relevant items discussed in Section VI

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Low reported that he sent a copy of the most recent Legislative Report to the members of LAC.

B. COLLEGE CIVICS WEEK

Low reported that he has been in touch with the Secretary of State, Sam Reed, in order to bring him here on April 14th, 2008. He is working on this project with Ben Murphy, and the event will likely be a forum regarding things such as voter access and voting rights. Planning is also taking place for Electoral Action Training which is going to be a weekend program educating participants in regards to the electoral process.

C. ELECTORAL ACTION TRAINING

Low stated that anyone who wanted to get involved with the planning aspect of the Electoral Action Training is more than welcome to do so. EAT is a free, weekend-long training provided by USSA, and Low recommended all of LAC to attend. At this point, the date is undecided, but will be confirmed by next week. There may be no meeting next week because it is dead week, but all relevant information will be emailed by next week. The AS Board, Students for Civic Engagement, LGBTA, ESC, Western Democrats, and the Elections Office all wish to be involved with the planning aspect of EAT. The training teaches students how to get involved with electoral processes. Hopefully, over 50 students will attend.

D. AS SPRING HIRING

Spring hiring for the AS started yesterday. All salaried positions (with the exception of the Board of Directors) are in the process of being hired until March 21st. Low stated that he had provided all members of LAC with an updated job description for the Legislative Liaison position. He encourages all to apply and believes that all members of the LAC are very experienced due to their role in the drafting of the Legislative Agendas. There will be a committee of three AS employees (of which Low will be the chair) along with an advisor.

E. ELECTION BOARD

Low reported that he will forward relevant documents to the LAC. There will be twelve students on the board; the board will examine grievances and make rulings on them. There will be two parties to a grievance, and each party picks two members of the board who they would not like to be a part of the grievance process. The Election Board Chair gets a stipend of \$300 for giving guidance to the members of the board as well as leading the proceedings. Last year, there was one grievance that was eventually rescinded. If a candidate/student feels that someone broke the election code, then they can file a grievance. Grievances that are extraordinarily grave in the essence of their reported misconduct can result in

a candidate being kicked out of the race. Anyone who wishes to be involved is invited to fill out a committee application.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

4:30pm Tuesday, April 8th, 2008
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IX. ADJOURN

4:31pm