

ASWWU  
Legislative Affairs Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
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<b>Legislative Affairs Council Members</b>	<i>Present:</i> Adam Day, Joel Graves, Devin Malone <i>Absent:</i> Gina Tichenor, Tracy Lamont, Alexander Garcia
<b>AS VP Legislative Affairs</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 08-S-001</b>	To approve the minutes of March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2008.	<i>Passed</i>
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Erik Lowe, AS VP Legislative Affairs called the meeting to order at 4:42pm.

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

*None*

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 08-S-001 by Lowe**

To approve the minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: *Passed*

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

*None*

**V. CHAIR REPORT**

*Discussed in Section VI*

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. DC LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Lowe reported that he was still drafting this document. While in Washington D.C., the representatives of ASWWU met with the staffs of five of Washington's representatives and two of its senators, one of which was an alumnus. They discussed the Higher Education Act. It is passing thus far with no vote against it from Washington. Various environmental issues were discussed including possible grants in higher education for environmental programs. More details

about this will be sent to the LAC members via email. The ASWWU representatives also met with the president and training director of USSA. They discussed how they could make DC lobbying efforts more effective. The USSA said that our legislative agenda was by far the best they had seen from a university's student organization

## **B. FINAL OLYMPIA REPORT**

Ishmael reported that the ten page report would be emailed to the LAC members. The child care bill, mental health portion of the campus safety bill, and the credit transferability bill (all of which we were in support) were all passed through the legislature but then vetoed by the Governor. A veto report is being drafted in which there will be the Governor's analysis as well as some background information giving further insight into why she vetoed the bills. The bill regarding performance contracts in the state universities passed with the stipulation that there be two students on the committee for each school. The bill is focused on finding ways to spend money that will most benefit students. The S&A fee was protected in the budget but not in the bill. Faculty salaries were no longer a factor because the faculty dropped that portion of their legislative agenda. Most of the environmental bills of which we were in support died rather quickly in the legislature. Also, the Higher Education Coordinating Board's master plan resolution was passed.

## **C. COLLEGE CIVICS WEEK**

The AS is partnering with the Secretary of State to put on a week of civics. The Secretary of State himself, Sam Reed, will be coming to WWU on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to talk about voting, international trade, and other topics. Reed is a big supporter of college students. The Students for Civic Engagement are also putting on a movie night on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> during which the Frontline documentary *Hot Politics* will be shown and discussed. The Yes We Can forum, focused on leadership within communities of color, will be on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>. The forum will be structured as a panel and will include several notable speakers, including Deborah Hayes and the President of UW-Tacoma, Will Johnson.

## **D. ELECTORAL ACTION TRAINING**

The AS is partnering with the USSA to bring the Electoral Action Training to campus on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The training is designed to show students how to implement/work on candidate or issues based campaigns. The training is free and there will be free food on both days. All students are encouraged to attend. We are trying to get at least 35 students to attend. Registration has begun.

**E. ELECTION BOARD**

We need more members on the election board. Lowe encourages everyone to pick up a committee application form to apply. Twelve members are recruited and each candidate involved in a grievance can choose two of the twelve to refrain from participating in the judgment process of a grievance.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

*None*

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

4:30pm Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
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**IX. ADJOURN**

5:07pm