

Legislative Steering Committee
November 7, 2005 4:00 pm
HUB 304D

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05

II. Roll Call

Present:

Tyler Dockins, Chair
Ben Golden, Director
Lee Dunbar, ASUW President
Karl Smith, BOD Liaison/ASUW Director of Operations
Nick Peyton, GPSS Liaison, GPSS Vice President
Inigo Esteban, ASUW Student Senate Liaison
Ashleigh Flowers, Member At-Large
Joel Murray, Member At-Large
Hannah Lommers-Johnson
Phyllis Ying, Member At-Large
Angie Wallace, Member At-Large
Rene Singleton (non-voting), Ex-officio Member

Guests:

Hala Dillsi, ASUW Director of Community Relations

III. Approval of the Agenda/Minutes

Angie moved to add Board Bill 3.3 to attachments, passed without objection.
Lee moved to approve the agenda, Ben seconded, without objection.

IV. Chair's Report

Tyler said that we got the funding for the Legislative Reception, and then showed the Committee the PowerPoint presentation prepared for the ASUW Senate meeting on 11.8.05.

V. Old Business

a. Legislative Agenda

Angie moved to fix all grammatical errors.

Ben seconded, without objection.

Lee moved to insert World-Class in the italicized before higher education in the Academics section.

Motion passes, without objection.

Angie moved to change the language in the third bullet point to read: "We support the right of collective bargaining for academic employees."

Karl seconded, without objection. Motion passes.

Ben moved to insert the bullet point: “We support measures that highlight the many benefits and achievements of the University of Washington and thus supports to promote Husky Pride.

Ashleigh seconded, without objection. Motion passes.

FORMATTING

Tyler asked that both a 2-page and a 3-page version be drafted so that we can see what each would look like.

Lee noted that the removal of the position statement section was done a little hastily, and so wanted to open discussion on that to ensure that everyone was comfortable with their removal.

Nick spoke in favor of their removal because he thought that they represented a miscellaneous section of bullets that were less important than the others or that we couldn’t quite fit into a specific section.

Angie said that the removal didn’t sit well with her because without the position statements, Ben just has a huge document of the University’s opinions – so huge that he won’t have time to effectively lobby on all of the points, and so what we’ve done is given him a lot more autonomy to pick what he wants to lobby on.

Joel echoed and added that he thought that it was inefficient to have Ben lobbying on K-12 issues..

Lee said that we should recognize that Ben is not the only lobbyist. Lee will be down in Olympia, and he’ll be bringing students down there with him.

Angie moved to approve the agenda with today’s approved amendments.

Karl seconded, without objection.

Vote: 8-0-0 in approval of the 2006 Legislative Agenda.

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Reports/Updates

a. Director’s Report

Ben mentioned three things:

- A National bill that, if passed, will cut roughly \$15 billion in federal financial aid
- There is a WSL meeting on November 20 at WWU where there will be discussion about the WSA proposal
- There is a ASUW Senate Resolution concerning an 520 off-ramp cutting through the Arboretum, and he strongly recommended voting it down. It will increase traffic in the U-area, be unsightly, and cost a lot of money.

b. President’s Report

Lee talked about supplementary budgets and UW's bio-techno-nano research***

c. BOD Report

Karl said that the Board passed Board Bill 3.3, An Act to: Help Fund the Legislative Reception, which will pay for the Kane Hall rental and the table rentals from Abbey Rentals for a total of \$658.91

d. GPSS Report

Nick reported that the GPSS Legislative Agenda is on first readings in Wednesday's Senate meeting.

e. Advisor's Report

Rene offered her congratulations on a job well done on the Legislative Agenda. There was constructive debate which she enjoyed listening to.

f. Discussion Items

Tyler said that OGR is looking at having a few open forums on campus, maybe with someone coming in to talk about the LightRail, and some other people in to talk about issues for Lobby Day.

Lee said that there was an article in the Times or the PI in the Education section about Supplementary Budgets, and that on collegereport.com there's a report on college costs.

Hala said that President Emmert was at the Daily meeting, and that he said that for lobbying, he thought that it would be a good idea to make it a 12-month effort, that parents should be more involved, and that there could be more grassroots outreach done. As far as the cost of education, tuition now carries 50% of the cost of education, which is more than we've ever seen.

g. Announcements

h. Adjournment

Nick moved to adjourn.

Angie seconded, without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.