

# Department of Legislative Affairs Meeting

Agenda for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Room 406, 4th Floor of the JCSU

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Spencer Schultz called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Director Schultz, Policy Director Overholser, Policy Analyst Worrall, Projects Director Truscott, and Projects Director Nelson were present.

Assistant Director Gardner was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

As for T-shirt designs, Schultz received t-shirt designs but no budget proposals. He will hopefully have them by tomorrow at 9 pm.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at this time.

**5. REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

- a. **Director Spencer Schultz** Harry Reid and John Carrey are coming to town. The event will be free to attend. He can ask for one extra ticket. The event is on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm and just got approved. The reservations are free, but it is first come first serve. He recommended showing up at 12. On a different note, during the Budget and Finance hearing, he found out that they are not spending about 8,000 of the remaining money in the account. His reasoning is that there is no point in spending the money since it does not fall into next year's account. Instead, they should spend money on things they can use next year. He is contemplating laptops for the director and assistant director. They can also set aside money in a separate account for traveling for next year or swag for the department. There are no consequences of not spending the money. For the department budget next year, Hannah will set the budget. During some off years, there will likely be a budget cut of some sort. He also talked about instituting a legislative tracker. The President sets the executive budget. This could possibly take people out of the department, but this probably will not happen. Schultz is a big fan of saving students money. Policy needs to create and present flyers to preview Wolf Pack Smart Talks. Students attending can get retention. Projects side for flyers includes having the dates and speakers set up. Two-week notice increased to four. Projects more focused on contacting interest groups and increasing number of voters. Gear things include professional shirts, leather binders, and legal pads. Schultz asked the group their opinions on forming a legacy binder. He also wants Make Your Mark to be more cohesive with voter registration. Maybe in the future they can use dunk tanks and pies.

Katie Worrall asked when ballot questions have to be submitted.

Quinton Overholser said that the ballot has to be pre-submitted in early August.

Schultz said he would get them to vote on it. He will put his full weight behind it.

- b. **Assistant Director Keely Gardner** was absent excused.

- c. **Policy Director Quinton Overholser** said that April 11<sup>th</sup> is the volunteer night for Boys and Girls club from 4-7 pm. It is a night out and they are looking for 500 volunteers. It puts it close to the goal of 1874 volunteer hours. Kiwanis is finalizing details for the 19-21<sup>st</sup> Safe Embrace event. SPCA is also flexible for the same dates (15-21). April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Common Grounds event from 4-6 pm. There are events all over the board. By the end of the week, they will have Inkblot print off everything. For 1874, they need to get the word out to Greek organizations after spring break. As for Legislation Tracker, he is just waiting on the update. It will be more of a cohesive structure for the department next year, with more of a team mentality, and less division. The ballot questions for next year give leeway for the director and policy analyst. They will engage with voters and they can register voters at Wolf Pack Smart Talks. They can also change chalk boards from set times to present them at WPST's. Focus more on the ballot. It is a good idea to do more collaboration with local initiatives, activist groups, etc.
- d. **Policy Analyst Katie Worrall** met with the committee to write the Youth Houselessness Bill for the homelessness. She finally got a hold of Jill Tolls. She wants to do a separate bill that is more student-related. She is taking suggestions on how to write this bill. Schultz said he used to work with her. She can go to legislator and ask what they want to do and see how that fits inside student opinion.

Truscott said he would go to Charice Compton and Jill Tolls.

Overholser said they would have more resources.

Schultz said that, in the history of the department, one bill has passed. Since assembly district 24 is up and there is no incumbent, the election will be interesting. As a department, they can hold a debate this semester or next- one on one, more informal. The Young Democrats are having Eric Swallow come to campus. He is the youngest male in congress right now and is a very politically active guy. They could market it, and they don't have to sponsor it.

- e. **Projects Director Jake Truscott** talked about catering for the next event. They haven't been able to come to a decision yet and need ideas. There are two options- comfort food or Carolina kitchen and barbecue. It would be \$1,095 for 100 people. It is a nice feast with ribs, pulled pork, barbecue, corn bread, etc. Other option is \$2,100 for 200 people, which is a conservative number. They can fit 270 people in the theater. Fig Tree catering is another option. They have an American option- hot or cold. Another option is Hawaiian food. They can also go by per-person, which would be \$20 per person. On another note, the event last night was subpar. The tolls were well versed but there were only 7 or 8 people in attendance. 12 total including ASUN members. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Meet Your Legislator. Brita helped organize it last semester and put it toward the end of April. They might invite Jeffrey Griffin or good friend Marcus Teal. Want to do a Smart Talk involving Emily Hobson, and LGBTQ career studies and gender politics. 3 WPST's are already decided. There will be one during April and one during May. There will be none in March. Nevada Now or LGBTQ for April 17, then Cservinsky whenever he's in town. Ask Katie to use her resources and reach out to the Center.

f. **Projects Coordinator Mackenzie Nelson** said that Make Your Mark is tomorrow morning. Everything is set up for that. They'll need to keep receipts. They are getting 9 dozen muffins. It will be two hours tomorrow morning from 10-12 in the same area as last time. On another note, last night was a smaller showing. On campus everywhere was smaller than usual. They need to file for next event's SEAB for May 1<sup>st</sup> by Friday. He commended the department for a great job getting Carissa and two state legislators to an event. People should come to the next event. Last night was just a bad night for an event. In the beginning of the year, a lot of people came. He sees a swing back and forth. Co-sponsorship makes or breaks it. They also should get water bottles for next time.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

The Department will review, discuss, and debate the following event and budget proposals. Actions may be taken to approve favorable proposals.

I. Meet Your Legislator Update- It is May 1<sup>st</sup> in the theater. They need to reserve the Great Room just in case and not wait until the last minute. It will be run by next Friday; and have a letter sent out with a letterhead. Spread the letters around for a public invite to increase numbers. They can also market outside of Inkblot. Upper administration and future ASUN members will address the productivity of Inkblot.

II. Silver State Exchange Discussion looks the program up. It is a policy impact for students.

III. Priorities for next year (Timeline/Goals)- Truscott said there would be a large speaking event next year. The president of the department next year will have money to spend. He wants to put into the minds of people in charge next year the things that were done the previous year. So far, they have some good candidates.

Schultz said they should have an initiative and a calendar every month. People come into department and leave. He believes that as far as policy goes, BDR will come. Two standards over the year prove that we're productive.

Mackenzie said he usually has everything planned out beforehand. He suggested making a calendar for next year before the end of this academic year- at least plan dates and general ideas. They need better integration with Makes Your Mark and WPST with new and different ideas.

Schultz said whoever decides to be projects director next year would benefit from looking at calendar for next year.

### a. Individual Presentations

IV. Legislative Tracker Preliminary Budget Discussion- there is a memo describing the Legislative Tracker. They'll need to explain what it is and what it does for the department. Noah will approve the memo for the capital fund expenditure. It goes from the committee to Senate. Senate approves. They will be pulling straight from budget. This should come from the capital fund.

V. Allocation of \$250 for the purchasing of a Department Table Cloth- they received an email from Keely saying she never bought it.

Schultz moved to allocate funds.  
Seconded by Mackenzie.

No discussion. No abstentions; motion carries.

VI. Allocation of up to \$1,500 for CLDE Travel for Policy Director Overholser approval to send Quinton to CLDE.

Schultz motioned to allocate funds.

Seconded by Mackenzie.

Discussion- CLDE is a conference for student government officials from all over the nation in either Baltimore or D.C. It spends 4-5 days learning about civic engagement. It is actually in Anaheim this year. If interested, department members can send Schultz a formal email.

There were no abstentions; the motion carries.

**7. REMARKS**

- a. Members of the Department may give remarks to the Director and Assistant Director

**8. STAFF REPORT(S)**

- a. Members of the ASUN professional staff may provide comments and updates to the Department

- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Spencer sends nominations for a Department Member of the Year and Intern Member of the Year. The end-of-the-year banquet will be March 27<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday, at 7 p.m.- dress nice. Meetings are going to be on Tuesdays at 5:00 or 5:30 next Tuesday. He commended the department on a job well done.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.