

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

VU 567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Matt Jarrell (President), Virgilio Cintron (VP Bus Ops), Ramon Rinonos-Diaz (VP Academics), Colin Watrin (VP Activities), Bernard Ikegwuoha (VP Diversity), Morgan Holmgren (VP Governmental Affairs) and Mike Pond (VP Student Life)

**Advisors:** Jim Schuster, Director of VU Facilities

**AS Student Senate Rep:** Anne Jansen, Student Senate Chair

**Guests:** Students for Renewable Energy: Erin Acker, Jason Austin, Erika Redzinak, Neil Baunsgald, Kelly McGivem, Jessi Howard, Camille Still, Collin Stackhouse, Bodie Cabiyo, Noe Penney, Brittany Honish, Renewable Energy Fee Committee: Matt Moroney, Robert Nixon, BreAnna Jones (BSU & MEChA), Elle Peters (LGBT), Anna Ellermeier (The AS Review), JaneLee Waldo (Drug Information Center), Hallie Anderson (ASP Pop Music), Keri Weinbrecht (ASP Special Events), Students for Disability Awareness: Sarah Ralston, Daman Wandke, Brittany Otter, Maria-Lynn Olsson, Kaelin Carson, Casey D Hall (Resource & Outreach Programs Director)

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-10-W-51** Concurrence with the proposed 2010-11 Housing and Dining rates not to exceed a 4.25 percent increase as stated in Doc. 1. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-52** Approve \$35,000 out of the Large Event Loan Fund for ASP's Big Spring Show. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-52** Move to recommend a \$2 per quarter increase to the Non-academic Building Fee for Fiscal Year 2011 in support of the new Viking Union Facilities' funding model, as recommended by the AS Facilities & Services Council. Furthermore, we recommend that this funding model include the VU Administration presenting its annual budget and proposed fee increase to the AS Board of Directors, who will then recommend the annual increase to the University Administration. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-53** Approve the creation of the Disability Outreach Center with the stipulation that it be reviewed annually over the next three years. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-54** Approve the AS Hiring Committees as stated in Doc. 6 with changes with the stipulation that the AS Personnel Director have the ability to change the Hiring Committees as needed. *Failed*
- ASB-10-W-55** Approve the creation of a Hiring Committee List for the 2010-11 Academic Year excluding the current position holder from their hiring committee. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-56** Direct the Budget Committee to find funding for the AS Club Coordinator for the next academic year. *Passed*
- ASB-10-W-57** Approve Consent Items A-B as stated in the Agenda. *Passed*

**Matt Jarrell, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Due to two Board meetings last week the minutes are not ready.

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT-** Management Council is down to about \$1,000 for the rest of the year.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** (*comments from students and the community*)

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS** - Guests

**VI. ACTION ITEMS** - Guests

A. Housing & Dining Fee

Pond Doc. 1

The proposal hasn't changed. Pond said that they presented this to the Residence Hall Association and the students on that committee supported this proposal.

*MOTION ASB-10-W-50 by Pond*

Concurrence with the proposed 2010-11 Housing and Dining rates not to exceed a 4.25 percent increase as stated in Doc. 1.

Second: Cintron

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

B. Renewable Energy Fee Language

Pond Doc.2

The first page in the document is the proposed language brought forward to the Board from the Renewable Energy Fee Committee. The second page is the document created by Jarrell. Dr. Coughlin said that they should not be vague in wording, but they should not make it too constricting either. Holmgren feels that the wording on the back would be too long for the ballot. Pond said the ballot should have the fee language and what the money is going towards. Pratt said that he had some concerns about saying "to purchase 100% Renewable Energy". He feels that this is not true, since the energy purchased is really about 5-6% renewable and then WWU purchases Rees to offset all of the energy that is used by Western. Pratt said that he is concerned about expanding a fee that has not exactly met what it was created for. Pratt thinks we all should be for renewable energy, but is not sure that the students understand what is actually happening. Moroney said that the main goal of the educational component of the fee to inform the students about what the fee entails including the discrepancy between what WWU purchases and the Rees that are purchase to offset the energy used. Moroney said that another intention of the expansion is to allow for projects that would produce renewable energy. Pratt said that the projects that would be done on campus are experimental and the outcome out of it is not for sure. Nixon said that 2-3% power that is purchased on campus is wind powered and therefore renewable and green. Jarrell said that they should add the word "offset" to the ballot so that people understand. Rinonos-Diaz has also heard about the intent to hire a student employee similar to the Alternative Transportation Coordinator and feels this would need to be added. Cintron thinks the next step would be to look at how proposals are chosen. Cintron said that he feels that starting out with a task force would be appropriate and then they would decide who should be on the committee; this is similar to the Student Tech Fee process. Cintron is really hesitant to say that request that students pay double next year. Rinonos-Diaz, Jarrell and Watrin dittoed. Cintron suggests leaving it at \$4 this year but leave the language saying up to \$9 so that it can be increased to an appropriate amount in the future. Pond said they could pay for Rees out of the reserves for about a year. Holmgren likes the wording as is, because it allows an opportunity to raise the fee to \$9 and that it will have to come to the Board each year to recommend the rate of the fee. Holmgren thinks that they should wait until after the students vote to figure out the rate that they should set it at. Rinonos-Diaz asked why the committee decided to change the fee to the more narrow realm of Green Energy. Moroney feels that the four bullet points encompass many sustainability projects. Pond said that the committee talked a lot about the renaming of the fee and that they felt that the projects fit better under Green Energy. Pond said that they didn't want to decide how much funding went to each of the areas because they didn't want to get boxed in. Rinonos-Diaz said that he would feel more comfortable leaving the renewal timeline at 5 years because it will allow for the kinks to be worked out. Holmgren and Cintron dittoed. Rinonos-Diaz said that everything comes before the Board on a yearly basis. Pond said that the committee chose 2013 because they didn't want to come up against lapses in institutional memory. Ikegwuoha dittoed. Holmgren thinks that having the fee up in two years can put too many things up before the students. This year this is the only fee up for a vote. He feels that there will be enough documents now to make a better institutional memory. Cintron feels that the procedural details can be worked out after this goes to a vote. Holmgren would like to see an addition of a student position and the removal of "but not limited to". He feels that this statement leaves it too open for interpretation. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that they should keep this in as it is the same language that is in the Student Tech Fee currently. Ikegwuoha feels that the categories are broad enough that it is acceptable. Watrin supports the \$9 amount at this point, because they can use the reserves for a year but then they will need funds for the Rees. Pond will add about a position,

strike “but are not limited to”. The date of renewal will be changed to 2015. Add language to read at a rate of “up to” \$.90. The Board of Trustees sets the fee rates each year. Each year the AS Board would reevaluate and recommend to the Trustees a reasonable rate. Cintron suggested adding “(currently \$4 with a \$19.50 cap)”. Holmgren asked if they could see the supplemental documents. The outline that was presented to the Board at the work session could be a starting point for the document. Jarrell feels that they can approve the ballot language and give the committee the power to have the supplemental document as long as it is unbiased. These changes will be made to the second page of the document. This will be an Action Item next week.

#### C. ASP Large Event Loan

Cintron Doc. 3

There are new budgets and new bios based on band availability. Under the bios MGMT and Phoenix are no longer considerations because of conflicts or refused offers. The two budgets take into account a range in prices for the headliner. Anderson said that it is difficult with artists because there is really no set rate. Price can be influenced by where else they are playing shows, travel costs, etc. Holmgren feels that \$30 is a high ticket price for a show. Pond dittoed. Anderson said that they can get a poll star report to help them set the ticket prices and see how many tickets they have sold. Red Square, Carver Gym and the Ree Center are not available. This show will be in PAC Mainstage. Cintron asked why the two budgets have losses. Anderson said that they could subsidize more if needed. Anderson said that Sasquatch, Folk Life and Ski to Sea are happening that weekend; this is why the show is on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. She feels that while four of the artists are playing at Sasquatch, there are many performers playing at the same time at the festival. She believes that people will still be interested in this show because it will be a more intimate show. They feel that Vampire Weekend and Of Montreal are good options. Weinbrecht said that they are adding an extra element to the concert by having a photo booth, laser show, etc. They are looking at giving the artist a percentage of the profits to try to lower the probability of not being able to repay the loan. Cintron said that if they are not able to pay back the loan then the money would need to be found from within the budget or from reserves. Anderson will keep the Board apprised via email of the progress.

#### *MOTION ASB-10-W-51 by Watrin*

Approve \$35,000 out of the Large Event Loan Fund for ASP’s Big Spring Show.

Second: Holmgren

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

*Board recess at 7:05p.m. and reconvened at 7:13p.m.*

#### D. Viking Union Building Fee

Cintron Doc. 4

Cintron presented the proposed motion for the Viking Union Building Fee. Add after funding model add “as recommended by the AS Facilities and Services Council.” Holmgren was wondering what the long term ideas were about this. Schuster thinks that the increase will be on average \$1 per student per quarter. Schuster said that they needed this fee to start at the beginning of this fiscal year; to make up the funds necessary they are asking for a \$2 increase per quarter for next fiscal year. Future increases will depend on what the Viking Union needs. The way they would fund capital building expenses would be to sell bonds, but when you sell bonds you also have to pay the interests. So an increase to this fee would be used to pay the bond expenses. Ikegwuoha appreciated the simplicity of the dollar amount per student. Rinonos-Diaz appreciated how well thought out the VU Budget is for including an equipment repair budget.

#### *MOTION ASB-10-W-52 by Rinonos-Diaz*

Move to recommend a \$2 per quarter increase to the Non-academic Building Fee for Fiscal Year 2011 in support of the new Viking Union Facilities’ funding model, as recommended by the AS Facilities & Services Council. Furthermore, we recommend that this funding model include the VU Administration presenting its annual budget and proposed fee increase to the AS Board of Directors, who will then recommend the annual increase to the University Administration.

Second: Holmgren

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

- E. TAP Report - Disability Outreach Center Cintron Doc. 5  
 Cintron said that the Coordinator has the new standardized Job Description. He added the information about the difference between Disability Resource Services and this new office. He also added another bullet point to the strategic goals asking them to define a relationship with Disability Resources for Students. Letters in support of the creation of the office were read from four people a WWU alumni, WWU Staff Member, WWU faculty and WWU student. Under Position Responsibilities #11 Change to Web Developer. Cintron said that they could direct the budget committee to find the dollars support this program. There was applause when this office was created.

*MOTIONASB-10-W-53 by Cintron*

Approve the creation of the Disability Outreach Center with the stipulation that it be reviewed annually over the next three years.

Second: Rinonos-Diaz Vote: 7- 0 -0

Action: Passed

**VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS** *(subject to immediate action)*

- A. Salaried Hiring Committees Cintron Doc.6

Cintron said that in accordance with the Employment Policy there is nothing that says that the Hiring Committees approved by the Board, but in the spirit of what they are talking about he brought them back. Cintron does not support this proposal because he still has significant concerns. Pong and Holmgren dittoed. Change ASP Special Events Coordinator Chair to Aaron Garcia. Change all three ASP Hiring Committees to Watrin. Cintron said that they chose Board Members and Directors as chairs because they often serve in a managerial role. Cintron said that AS Productions was hard because some of the positions don't exist anymore. Holmgren has concerns about the equality on committees because Nikki Brown is serving on 5 committees. Cintron said that in some areas, such as the LGBTA, hiring happens at once for 3 positions, so it might look like someone serves on a lot of committees. Ikegwuoha wondered why he was not included on the ROP Hiring Committees Cintron explained that the Board Members were used for committees that needed spots filled. Cintron said it is a real puzzle figuring these out because someone might be applying for their same position and another in the organization so they couldn't serve on either of these. He said there are also advisor issues, for example Lisa Rosenberg should serve on all 20 hiring committees for her area. Cintron suggests giving the Personnel Director ability to change committees to even out the workload or remove someone if they apply for a position that would be a conflict.

*MOTIONASB-10-W-54 by Watrin*

Approve the AS Hiring Committees as stated in Doc. 6 with changes with the stipulation that the AS Personnel Director have the ability to change the Hiring Committees as needed.

Second: Jarrell

Vote: 2 - 4 - 1

Action: Failed

Jarrell asked what motion would be better for the people who voted against the motion. Holmgren feels that this is how he voted when they discussed this before. He feels that having the position holder on the committees, sets up the system for failure. Cindy Monger read the motions from the previous week.  
 Discussion on the motion: Watrin is frustrated with this process, but realizes that last week was unprecedented in that they had two motions that failed. He doesn't know what the procedure is, but realizes that some people's opinions have changed and they have someone new at the table. He feels that these actions discredit the conversations that happened last week and that student opinions are not being heard. Jarrell dittoed. Holmgren felt that no conclusion was really made last week except for maintaining the status quo. Pong & Cintron dittoed. Rinonos-Diaz doesn't think that voting a particular way delegitimizes the process. After more reflection, he does not think that the changes to the hiring process were enough to reduce the bias in the system without this change. He also pointed out that when there are issues on Hiring Committees,

they fall under confidentiality and so have not been made public. Jarrell feels that this is not transparent. He felt that they gave a clear direction to the employees that did show concern and that students weren't informed that this change might happen. Jarrell feels that what happened this past week was that people made decisions behind closed doors. He feels surprised and attacked, he wished that the employees would have been able to come and speak on this. Ikegwuoha said that he made his decision based on conversations with Cintron and past experiences. He feels that the current position holder can still be an information resource to the committee, but not have a vote. He wants a system that is not biased and gives people the best opportunity to get the job. Ikegwuoha listened to the tape of the last meeting and he understands what happened. Last week Cintron said that he would make a list that he thinks falls within the realm of what he heard the Board say. He did not say that he was going to vote for a list that, to him, is not in the best interest of the students. He said that while 4 students were here, they have over 70 employees, but even they do not outweigh 14,000 students. He is on the Board as a student representative and not as an interest group for AS Employees. While he is empathetic to employee moral he doesn't feel that this is a reason to not make the best decisions for all students. Ramon Rinonos-Diaz feels that the accusations about not being transparent, breaking the open meetings act, etc offensive. He thinks that the process that he went through was the same as he does with other issues in terms of talking to Board Members and students about how they feel. He feels that this is just as transparent as any other process, it was placed back on the agenda and the documents were available online on the web. They did not know that this was going to happen. Watrin said that documents were placed online, but were not related to the stated motion. He feels that students who saw this thought that they were on the hiring committees, so everything was ok. Holmgren wondered if a new list would come back to the Board. Cintron feels that the list would be created and the Board would not need to have a meeting after this motion. The list is needed for AS Training the day before classes begin. Cintron thinks that it will be done by next week and could be emailed out to the Board. Rinonos-Diaz said that the training has been extended and that it is all about hiring.

*MOTIONASB-10-W-55 by Cintron*

Approve the creation of a Hiring Committee List for the 2010-11 Academic Year excluding the current position holder from their hiring committee.

Second: Ikegwuoha                      Vote: 5 - 2 - 0                      Action: Passed

B. AS Club Coordinator Funding Cintron  
 Activities Council thought that they could fund part of this position from the Activities Council Budget. The logic behind it is that this is a resource that every club could use and other funding only benefits one or two clubs. They agreed that it would be better to have one or two less programs and have a yearlong resource. Ikegwuoha said that the Ethnic Student Center has used all of their funds and that ESC Clubs do not normally use the Activities Center resources. Watrin said ideally they would not have to use any funds, but Activities Council wanted to show the importance of this position by offering some of their funds. The decision the Board will make is what they would like to ask of the Budget Committee. Holmgren's concern with this conversation is that they are doing the budget committees job. Pond and Rinonos-Diaz dittoed. Watrin said that they need to tell the budget committee to support this position so that they can start the hiring process.

*MOTIONASB-10-W-56 by Holmgren*

Direct the Budget Committee to find funding for the AS Club Coordinator for the next academic year.

Second: Cintron                      Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: Passed

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS- Board**

**IX. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board**

**X. CONSENT ITEMS** (*subject to immediate action*)

A. Academic Honesty Board- Nate Wallace (pre-law), Brian Conner (Journalism),  
Ramon Rinonos-Diaz

B. Peter J Elich Excellence in Teaching Award- Ramon Rinonos-Diaz

*MOTIONASB-10-W-57 by Ikegwuoha*

Approve Consent Items A-B as stated in the Agenda.

Second: Pond

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Action: Passed

**XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

**Student Senate Meeting Information**

Anne Jansen, Student Senate Chair reported that there was a brief meeting where Senate discussed the Green Energy Fee; their recommendation was to support this wording.

**XII. BOARD REPORTS-** will be given at the meeting tomorrow.

**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS-**

A. The Renewable Energy Fee will be on the agenda tomorrow.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:20 P.M.**