

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday April 14, 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)

Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

AS Student Senate Rep: Anne Jansen, Student Senate Chair

Guests: Shawna Leader (The AS Review), Elle Peters, John Woodward (Neo Tribal/Alternative Library), Hallie Anderson (ASP Pop Music)

MOTIONS

ASB-10-S-11 Approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 7, 2010. *Passed*

ASB-10-S-12 Suspend the Rules of Operation to make Information Item A an Action Item. *Passed*

ASB-10-S-13 Approve the Viqueen Moorage System Replacement with an amount not to exceed \$2,600 out of Repair and Replacement. *Passed*

ASB-10-S-14 Approve the artist list in Doc. 2 with the stipulation that if none of these artists are able to be booked, the Board gives Anderson approval to book other artists who can fill the space. *Passed*

ASB-10-S-15 Add Kayla Warr for Student Senate as Item C. Approve Consent Items A-C. *Passed*

Matt Jarrell, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTIONASB-10-S-11 by Watrin

Approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

Second: Cintron Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests

A. Viqueen Moorage System Replacement

Cintron Doc. 1

Jim Schuster, Director of VU Facilities presented a map with the locations of the buoys that are used for moorage. Due to the waves over this year they came loose. Schuster had a diver look for them and they were unable to recover any of the structures. Repairs have begun. Facilities and Services would normally review this request for Repair and Replacement, but have been unable to meet so far this quarter. They would like to have it funded now to pay the person for their work.

MOTIONASB-10-S-12 by Cintron

Suspend the Rules of Operation to make Information Item A an Action Item.

Second: Jarrell

Vote: 6 - 1 - 0

Action: Passed

MOTIONASB-10-S-13 by Ikegwuoha

Approve the Viqueen Moorage System Replacement with an amount not to exceed \$2,600 out of Repair and Replacement.

Second: Jarrell

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

VI. ACTION ITEMS - Guests

A. Large Event Loan- Spring Concert

Cintron Doc. 2

Hallie Anderson said that they were unable to secure any of the bands that were proposed previously. They also looked into using different locations, but have decided to stick with the

PAC Mainstage. Anderson said they have already been speaking with the agents and the acts are available during that time and are accepting offers. Sellable seats in the Mainstage are about 1,050. Rinonos-Diaz was confused because some of the acts have an average audience of around 500. He is concerned about selling out. Anderson said that group has sold out a show at the Showbox in Seattle and it has about the same capacity. Majkut asked that they think about allowing Anderson approval to seek out other artists if AS POP is not able to secure these acts. Rinonos-Diaz said that the ambiguity of this process makes him uncomfortable.

MOTIONASB-10-S-14 by Watrin

Approve the artist list in Doc. 2 with the stipulation that if none of these artists are able to be booked, the Board gives Anderson approval to book other artists who can fill the space.

Second: Holmgren Vote: 6 - 1 - 0

Action: Passed

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

VIII. ACTION ITEMS-Board

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board

A. Washington Student Association (WSA) Dues

Holmgren Doc.3

Holmgren presented the budget for the WSA. The first column is the budget that was adopted by the WSA for this year. The second is the proposed budget with an increase in the dues that was passed in November. The third column is a budget for next year based on the current dues schedule. At this level the WSA would go back to a one employee organization. Mike Bogatay was told that he was not able to create a draft budget for the increase that was balanced because of the one passed in November. At this point Evergreen has dropped out of the organization. The November draft was expecting higher revenue. Rinonos-Diaz said that they do not currently have enough revenue to cover their expenses, so they are asking for a \$.25 FTE increase. Holmgren said that it looks like Westerns dues will be about \$12,000, or \$2,000 less than he said last week. The Legislative Action Fund would still have about \$5,000-10,000 left to spend on Campus-wide efforts. Holmgren said that at this point their membership is contingent on Western paying dues. Cintron has concerns about the budget not being balanced and worries where they will make cuts. He would like to see a balanced budget before he would feel comfortable approving an increase. Holmgren said that this Saturday they will have a discussion about if there is enough support in the organization to create a budget for \$1 FTE. They have considered cutting the Lobbyist Advisor. Holmgren and Jarrell will ask Bogatay to create a budget for \$1 FTE.

B. Green Energy Fee Task Force Charge & Charter

Pond Doc. 4

Pond said this is a task force to look at the restructuring of the fee. Rinonos-Diaz thinks the Charge should be: "To make recommendations to the AS Board of Directors regarding the Green Energy Fee Program. To establish a Financial and Operational Structure for the Green Energy Fee Program." Cintron said that they could make it bullet points. Holmgren said that he is supportive of the creation of a position and thinks that it would be good for the committee to review whether or not this position is necessary. Pond left the position in the charge since the committee and the Board seemed to be in favor of it. Rinonos-Diaz also has concerns about membership because it is not a student majority. He doesn't know whether the solution is adding another student or making someone else non-voting but he thinks that they should look at why each member is on the committee. Jarrell said that Dr. Coughlin had concerns about the process. He would like to make sure that she agrees with the membership. Majkut said that she would like to see Linda Beckman on the committee. Holmgren is not sure if a secretary is necessary. Pond said that he also has to find people who can serve on the committee. Jarrell said that the university needs to be involved in this process and will help ensure that membership is there. Rinonos-Diaz doesn't agree with a consensus model, Cintron ditto. Pond's intention is that if the taskforce's work is not complete by spring quarter then it would need to come back to the Board.

Majkut said that part of the issue is that the way that the language is stated is up to \$9. They need to have a recommendation from this group to give to the Board of Trustees. If the group is not able to come up with this number then it will possibly stay at the current rate. Majkut feels that the administration thinks they should have a clear process before they approve an increase. The Task Force will give a presentation to the Board with their fee recommendation. This item will be an Action Item next week.

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

A. Carl H. Simpson Bridging Award- Keley Ogunmola (Publicity Center), Kylie Gemmell (Spanish/Fairhaven Concentration)

B. Student Trustee Selection Committee- Jacob Massine (English Grad Student)

C. Student Senate- Kayla Warr (Engineering Tech Freshman)

MOTION ASB-10-S-15 by Cintron

Add Kayla Warr for Student Senate as Item C. Approve Consent Items A-C.

Second: Holmgren Vote: 7- 0-0

Action: Passed

XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Anne Jansen, Student Senate Chair reported that they are discussing a logo change. They passed around a schedule for tabling in Red Square about the Issue of the Month. Holmgren will present Board Reports to the Senate. Jansen said that they wanted to form a subcommittee to look at the Charge & Charter and the By Laws, but now they are just going look at these documents as a committee.

XII. BOARD REPORTS

VP for Business & Operations

Cintron reported that he has been working on the AS Budget, Hiring Committees, and legacy documents for the next VP. Cintron will be working with Rinonos-Diaz on the Strategic Plan. He will making some minor changes to some policies and procedures, such as the Rules of Operation. He will also be working on the AS Not-for-Profit.

VP for Academic Affairs

Ramon Rinonos-Diaz reported that the quarter is starting off well. He is reviewing the first draft of the GUR proficiencies metrics, scholarship and job applications, and the campus computer labs lists for the Student Tech Fee Committee. Faculty award committees have started up as well. Other academic-related issues which are currently being discussed include course evaluations, course numbering, interdisciplinary and non-departmental programs, First Year Experience Programs, and curricular impacts of budget cuts.

VP for Student Life

Mike Pond reported that he attended the spring quarter Sustainability Committee meeting and presented the Green Energy Fee. He stopped by the AS Job Fair to support the Personnel Office. He attended the Representative Rick Larsen Visit. He has completed both of his hiring committee questions. The Residence Hall Association had elections and has elected half of their executive board. Residential Advisory Committee met discussing the residential handbook. He also attended the Global Chef and thanks University Dining Services for a great event. He will be spending a lot of time on the Green Energy Fee Task Force. The Ree Center will be presenting to the Board for next week.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Morgan Holmgren reported that this past week the Washington State legislature has finally shown movement on the budget and a final budget. The outcome is worse than Western would have liked to have seen, but it isn't worst case scenario either. Each university is going

to get a 6% budget cut. But funding for the State Need Grant will actually increase a small amount. The State Work Study program is being cut by 30%. Jamie Marine will have a more detailed and complete legislative report for the board at the April 21st meeting. Holmgren will be listening to the WSA meeting on the conference phone in VU 543 this Saturday. The Legislature is done meeting and has passed a budget.

VP for Activities

Colin Watrin reported that he has been spending a lot of hours working on reviewing applications for AS hiring and AS scholarships. He has been meeting with advisors to discuss the framework of next year's Project Leadership event and making the planning committee into an official AS committee. Inter-Club Council is preparing for next week's Calling All Clubs meeting. Watrin volunteered with Western Preview over the weekend. Lastly, Watrin has been working with the Admissions office and Publicity Center to advertize for the Essence of Bellingham Photo Contest. Watrin said tomorrow Inter-Club Council will be doing more software demos for Club Software. He is also working on End of the Year Recognition.

VP for Diversity

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that this past week he has been reviewing job applications as well as meeting with all 4 hiring committees. He has also started looking at AS scholarships as well as gearing for ESC scholarships. He has been helping to raise awareness of the Latino Student Union dinner as well as recruiting more students for the service learning project on Saturday. He is helping to plan an immigration event set for later this month. He is currently looking at how to involve most students on "Get your study on" as well as outreaching for the Encounter Youth Conference and International Night.

VP for President

Matt Jarrell reported that he and the Rebranding Committee have reviewed the Tag Line Survey sent to students last week, and have decided that more options need to be developed. He met with Cintron and Nate Wallace, the AS Business Director, in preparation for the AS Budget presentation for the Services and Activities Fee Committee. He had a great time meeting with Representative Larsen, and has been working hard on his hiring committees and scholarship selection. The Board of Trustees meeting is tomorrow and Friday. Saturday is the Washington Student Association meeting.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS-

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:05 P.M.