

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

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

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

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

**Guests:** Lillian Furlong (Western Front), Jamin Agosti, Byron Starkey, Shawna Leader (The AS Review), Benjamin Brockman

## MOTIONS

**ASB-10-S-44** Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, May 19, 2010. *Passed*

**ASB-10-S-45** Approve the Student Senate Charge & Charter with stated changes. *Passed*

**ASB-10-S-46** Approve the AS Program and Services Recognition Policy as stated in Doc. 4. *Passed*

**Matt Jarrell, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION ASB-10-S-44 by Watrin*

Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

Second: Pond                      Vote: 5 - 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. AS Budget

Cintron Doc. 1

The projected balance is around \$17,500 in the negative. Wallace said that they are estimating on the higher side of the cost of institutional recharge. Also in the document are the carry forwards that have been requested. Majkut thinks that the 2.4 million budget includes the \$70,000 from the AS Bookstore. The deficit would be balanced by the funds that are left from this year and the unallocated funds. Majkut said that this way there will be a balanced budget. He said that usually at the end of the year there is about \$100,000 left. This usually goes to computer purchases, to replenish the repairs and replacements, etc. AS Pop Music will have a \$35,000 budget, but are requesting a \$5,000 reserve fund because this is the first year for this model. Also KVIK needs \$11,023 in new equipment that was approved during the Triennial Assessment Program process. Watrin said that there were over 100 people at the AS Club Event. Watrin found that to put on two quality events they needed more funding and ended up using about \$600 from the AS Personnel funds. The two events will now be planned by two different offices and so he is requesting splitting the budget. He requested \$600 for the Clubs and \$2,000 for the AS Awards Banquet Budgets. Two years ago the budget was at \$3,000 for both events. The Board was in support of this idea. The Diversity Initiative Fund is a new account to help fund events such as taking students down to Olympia to Lobby. This year Ikegwuoha had to use funds out of Board Discretionary. Holmgren asked if there would be an assessment of how the changes to the budgeting process this year worked for people. Wallace is just going to pass along what he thought worked and what didn't. This item will be an Action Item next week.

### B. AS Employment Policy-Hiring Committees

Cintron Doc. 2

Jarrell said that after assessing the Hiring Practices this year the Personnel Committee would like to make permanent the exclusion of the current position holder from the hiring committee for

their position. Jansen said that at the assessment they talked about having the hiring committee ask questions of the current position holder so that the committee knows about the position. The Board would like to see the changes to the entire policy document for next week and asks Conner to bring in his findings from the assessment process. This item will be an Action Item next week.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS - Guests

### A. Student Senate Charge & Charter

Holmgren Doc. 3

Jansen said that the Charge & Charter reflects the recommendation that were made last week including the AS VP for Academic Affairs, or AS Board of Directors designee (non-voting). Also under membership take out the "to be" after Chairperson.

*MOTION ASB-10-S-45 by Holmgren*

Approve the Student Senate Charge & Charter with stated changes.

Second: Pond

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

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

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS- Board

### A. AS Program Recognition Policy

Cintron Doc. 4

There are no changes from last week. Holmgren had a discussion with Cintron about the contracted policies. He would like to exempt Western Votes from this policy because it already exists and hasn't gone through the Structure and Program Advisory Committee (SPAC).

*MOTION ASB-10-S-46 by Holmgren*

Approve the AS Program and Services Recognition Policy as stated in Doc. 4.

Second: Rinonos-Diaz

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

## IX. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board

### A. Western Votes Contract

Holmgren Doc. 5

Holmgren has been working with Cintron and students involved in Western Votes all quarter to find out where Western Votes falls within the AS. They has roles within the AS that they are expected to meet and so Holmgren wished to formalize this relationship. Western Votes has expectations as volunteers and in return are given access to a few budgets that normal students do not receive. They were one of the only groups to request money from the Legislative Action Fund. Cintron suggested bypassing SPAC and the Business Director because he wanted to have something up and running as a contracted group in the fall. Holmgren clarified that the Exec Board was a President, Vice President and Coordinator of Records, but they did not wish to have these titles locked in by putting them in the contract. Holmgren will remove the word Charter from the document. This document had started out as a Charter for a Cooperative Organization. Holmgren said they changed this because they wanted it to be more formalized to encourage review. All new contracts have to be reviewed in one year, then they must be reviewed at least every two years. Holmgren said that they could also use the contract ideas for outside groups who work with the Associated Students. They were trying to find something between a program and a club. Watrin said he has considered doing this for InterClub Council. This item will be an Action Item next week.

### B. Rental Licensing Ordinance Resolution

Holmgren Doc. 6

Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) approved this yesterday. They have been talking about this subject for the last month. Dick Conoboy the Zonemaven and Mark Gardner of the City of Bellingham came to speak with the group three weeks ago and on Monday the city had a work session on this topic. They felt that since this was an issue that was coming up and the Associated Students should address it. Currently the only way to get something done about a problem with a rental property is by registering a complaint. However, if someone moves out

they are no longer eligible to be a part of a complaint. The complaint system requires tenants to know Housing, Fire and Building Codes, which is a problem for most student tenants and probably all tenants in general. Just around half of the residences in Bellingham are rental properties. LAC feels a Rental Licensing Program should be educational where landlords have a responsibility to make tenants aware of their rights and the requirements of living in their space. They are also supporting lower costs for this program because in some areas the fees have been \$1,500 per unit per year. They are encouraging \$30-50 fee per unit per year, this would also cover inspectors visiting residences. One of the issues with having inspectors going into units is that they may try to enforce the rule of three, or drug violations. LAC proposes to only let them enforce safety requirements. LAC would also like to have a database with this kind of data about units and landlords. They believe that some sort of licensing program should be implemented in the City of Bellingham. Ikegwuoha asked if this would help with student concerns or if it is only about codes. Holmgren explained it would be on safety aspects only. There was concern that anything more than this might violate privacy. There will still be complaint procedures for tenants. He feels that complaints will receive more importance under this because they point to an issue in the system. LAC is asking this year's Board to approve this document because they are worried that a final ordinance could be up for Public Hearing before the next Board could have two meetings to look at this. The next VP for Governmental Affairs will be meeting with City Council Members early in his term and can discuss this with them. Jansen will bring this item to Student Senate. This will be an Action Item next week.

#### C. Green Energy Fee Task Force Charge & Charter

Pond Doc.7

Majkut sent out an email expressing concern about forming the committee too quickly because he feels that the composition of the committee is very important to the success of the program. Majkut thought that they were talking about approving the ongoing committee, but the Board is really just looking at a Task Force group to come up with the final committee and process. Majkut thinks it is important to get feedback from the administration. Rinonos-Diaz asked for this to be done by the end of spring quarter in his stipulation because he wanted to make sure that this was passed by this Board who had worked a lot with this information. Pond said the Task Force will be making changes and processes over the summer and during fall quarter. It will not be the committee to look at funding projects. Pond said that this is similar to the charter for the Task Force that determined the fee. The changes are the charge and the term of the committee. The membership changed a little allowing for three students at-large and taking off the Students for Renewable Energy. This will be the membership but there is always the opportunity to bring in experts for advising. This group will do outreach to university organizations. Majkut would like to add in a Student Affairs representation, possibly Linda Beckman. Rinonos-Diaz asked if it was intentional to leave off a Faculty Member. Pond said that taking out the Faculty Member came from time constraint issues of getting the committee together. Pond feels that the Task Force could bring in Faculty to advise or make them a member. Rinonos-Diaz offered to help find a faculty member to serve on this committee. Jansen said that this would be equal student and non-student membership. Holmgren doesn't think this is an issue because it is a consensus model. This will be an Action Item next week.

#### D. Green Energy Fee Timeline

Pond Doc.8

Pond said that this is basically the same timeline that was in the documents last week. He invited additions or changes. Holmgren was thinking that they should add a time in mid to late July or August to meet with the new VP for Business and Financial Affairs. Majkut said that if they put this in, then the Task Force could start work right away. Ikegwuoha requested bringing the proposal to the Board as a work session before it is brought to a Board Meeting. Pond said he could add "work sessions can be held as needed." Rinonos-Diaz said that having outreach on the timeline would be a good addition. He thinks that they should also look at finishing the Student Position earlier so that it can be hired in a timely fashion after final items come to the Board. This item will be an Action Item next week.

**X. CONSENT ITEMS** *(subject to immediate action)***XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT****Student Senate Meeting Information**

Anne Jansen, Student Senate Chair said that they will be finishing up the Bylaws next week. They will not be brought to the Board because there would not be time to pass them, but she will forward them to the Board. Tuesday of Finals week at 6:00 p.m. Senate will be having a Study Break session, have some cookies and say goodbye.

*Colin Watrin left the meeting to set up for the End of the Year Banquet.*

**XII. BOARD REPORTS****VP for Academic Affairs**

Rinonos-Diaz reported that Scholar's Week was a success and had a wide representation from groups across campus. The keynote speaker was engaging and very interesting. Academic-related issues which are currently being discussed include the T0-T1 and '11-T3 budget recommendations, the future of the strategic plan, service learning across campus, online course evaluations, and guidelines for student designed majors. Several university committees have begun seating their new membership for next year, so if any students are interested please let Rinonos-Diaz know. Tech tonic was yesterday. They are planning an accreditation report and are working on GUR recommendations.

**VP for Student Life**

Mike Pond reported that gender inclusive working on white pate, went to Campus Community Coalition and AST AC had its last meeting of the year. He is working on the Ree Center Charge and Charter to make it more consistent and concise. University dining had its last meeting. Casino Night was very successful. NRHH had its hall of the year event and Edens/Higgison won.

**VP for Governmental Affairs**

Morgan Holmgren reported that LAC had the last meeting yesterday. He finished exit interviews with all but one member and they were positive. Next week they will be showing episodes of the West Wing in VU 552 from 4-7pm with pizza. Mike Bogotay came to WWU and delivered petition forms regarding Initiative 1098 which would increase taxes for high earners. Starkey is created a petition drive on Wednesday of next week. The Candidate Forum was last night; not a lot of students in attendance but plenty of faculty and staff. Scott White visited on Wednesday.

**VP for Diversity**

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that he is continuing to discuss next with the ROP Director; goals, expectations, etc. He is wrapping up steering they will have food and discuss what went wrong. He is finishing up the ESC Scholarship process. Esc banquet is coming up. Diversity award committee chose their recipient. There were not any student nominations this year, so they are looking at restructuring the award.

**President**

Matt Jarrell reported that he is working on documents, including the Green Energy Fee, to bring to the Board of Trustees meeting in two weeks. Jarrell plans on continuing to work with Lyndie Case with the Campus Community Coalition. He is continuing to intern with Watrin and is working to create a solid legacy document.

**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS-**

A. Agenda Items due by tomorrow at 2 p.m. for last meeting.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:10 P.M.**