

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

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Colin Watrin (President), Benjamin Brockman (VP Bus Ops), Ramon Rinonos-Diaz (VP Academics), Alisha Beck (VP Activities), Bernard Ikegwuoha (VP Diversity), Byron Starkey (VP Governmental Affairs) and Jamin Agosti (VP Student Life)

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

Guest(s): Will Graff (Western Front)

MOTIONS

ASB-10-SUM-03 Approve the minutes of Wednesday, July 14, 2010. *Passed*

ASB-10-SUM-04 Approve the Inter-club Council Charge & Charter. *Passed*

ASB-10-SUM-05 Approve \$2,200 from Operating Enhancement for the Summerstart Funding Request as stated in Doc. 2. *Passed*

Colin Watrin, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-10-SUM-03 by Agosti

Approve the minutes of Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM (comments from students and the community)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS- Board

A. Inter-club Council Charge & Charter

Beck Doc. 1

Beck made the changes suggested last week. Majkut found in the History of Western that the first Interclub Council was established in 1927, so it has come back around.

MOTION ASB-10-SUM-04 by Starkey

Approve the Inter-club Council Charge & Charter.

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

B. Summerstart Funding Request

Brockman Doc. 2

Brockman said that he rounded off the amount requested, since it was so specific. He would like this money to come out of Operational Enhancement which currently has \$15,000. The Board will suggest that this item be included in the budget requests for next year.

MOTION ASB-10-SUM-05 by Rinonos-Diaz

Approve \$2,200 from Operating Enhancement for the Summerstart Funding Request as stated in Doc. 2.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board

A. Project Leadership Charge & Charter

Beck Doc. 3

Beck said that leadership events have been held for few years and this would make the planning committee official. Starkey asked if they will be making decisions about what

programming events will be happening during project leadership week. Beck said that the schedule will come from the committee. The VP for Activities is the Budget Authority for the \$5,000 Project Leadership Account and will use funds in accordance with the committee's recommendations. Watrin said that the ACE Leadership Conference used to be an event for club leaders. Two years ago it was moved to an on campus event and was expanded beyond just AS Clubs to all campus leaders. Watrin said that before the VP for Activities just recruited people to help with the event. Ikegwuoha said that he was not sure about using the consensus model for adopting the Rules. Rinonos-Diaz said that it makes sense because they are planning an event. He doesn't think the committee will be creating intensive Bylaws, so the consensus model should work. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

B. Washington Student Association (WSA) Resolution

Starkey Doc.4

Starkey said that there is a possibility the WSA will be voting on this resolution at the August meeting at Western. The WSA includes all of the Public Higher Education Institutions in WA. They lobby on behalf of Higher Education. He would like to know what the Board thinks about this resolution. This item would not necessarily be on the WSA Legislative Agenda, but could be used if a bill came up in Olympia. Watrin said that the purpose today is not to critique the content of the document, but to discuss the concept. Agosti had concerns about the 6th and 7th whereas comments because they are a little specific. He feels like resolutions are usually more general. Overall Agosti supports the document. Starkey said that this will not be passed to legislators; it will be a more internal document. They might not use the specific studies listed in the whereas statements. Starkey explained that decriminalization of Marijuana would mean that a person could have a certain amount and just get a fine. If someone was carrying over that amount it would be considered intent to sell, which would be a criminal act. Starkey said that many of people are being prosecuted currently for possession of lower quantities are in the college age group. Brockman said that he feels there items available legally that are more of a threat to public health than Marijuana. Watrin wondered if the WSA and defacto WWU should be involved with this issue. Starkey thinks that now is not the time and place for the WSA to be taking a stance on something so controversial because they should be concentrating on larger legislative goals, such as the major budget cuts that Higher Ed has taken. He feels the resolution might hurt the credibility of the organization. Rinonos-Diaz dittoed and asked if the WSA has taken a stance on anything similar to this. Majkut did not believe they have, but wasn't positive. Starkey said that this is not directed at any bill or initiative, so there are no specifics on the amounts that might be used as a cut off to make it a criminal act. Starkey thinks they could support the second resolve to lobby for any revenue earned from the decriminalization of Marijuana to go towards Higher Education, but not lobby to decriminalize it overall. Agosti dittoed. Watrin, Brockman and Beck dittoed the concerns over taking away from the focus of budget issues. Brockman wondered what it would say to Western students if marijuana in essence financially supported higher education. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that it is good that people in the WSA are looking for other ways to fund Higher Education. Beck dittoed. Agosti thinks that there is a big social stereotype about Marijuana. Ikegwuoha was concerned that saying higher education would like revenue from it, that it might insinuate that the WSA supports decriminalization. Brockman thinks that it is unrealistic that higher education would get a larger percentage of funds from the state, the dollar amount might increase but he doesn't feel that they will get all of the revenue from decriminalization. Watrin said that this would give them the ability to lobby on behalf of receiving more funding. Agosti said that his understanding of resolutions is that they exist to make a public statement. Starkey said they will not mail it out to all of the legislators, but if someone was to ask the WSA what their position was, they would share this document. Starkey requested that the document be brought back again to the next meeting.

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

X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AS COMMITTEE MOTIONS

XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT- The Senate does not meet during summer quarter.

XII. BOARD REPORTS

President

Colin Watrin reported that he has been meeting with University Administrators. The University Branding Committee is looking again at logos. Watrin will be bringing this to the Publicity Center and having designers come up with logo proposals. He thinks it would be great if the AS PC designed the WWU logo. He has been working on Cold Beverage and Dining Renewals. Starkey and Watrin traveled to Ellensburg for the Higher Education Board Meeting, he felt it was educational. They also got to meet with people from Central's AS.

VP for Business & Operations

Benjamin Brockman reported that he has been working on fall training planning. He has been discussing supplemental funding with directors and reviewing the budget with Jon Oliver.

VP for Academic Affairs

Ramon Rinonos-Diaz reported that things are going well.

VP for Student Life

Jamin Agosti reported that the Summer Green Fee Task Force will be meeting on Thursday. They are hoping to have a good portion of the Operational Guidelines finished by mid fall or end of fall, so that people can start asking for grants out of the \$280,000 that is available. He has been meeting with Athletics and is looking at having an AS themed game. The Alt. Transportation Fee committee is doing great things and working on a response to Sunday Service cuts. The Western Card/Bus Pass merger is still being worked on. They are working on creating a Guest Policy for the Late Night Shuttle. Agosti is excited for the short term and long term Marketing Task Forces to meet. The PC will be updating on the website this week.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Byron Starkey reported that he is going to an open hearing with the Office of the Governor about budgeting priorities. He has been meeting with City Council people and other officials. The WTA officially cut Sunday Service as of this morning. The Alternative Transportation Fee Committee will be looking into solutions. He will keep that Board updated.

VP for Activities

Alisha Beck reported that she has been finishing up charge & charters and thinking about who she could contact about serving on the committees. She is working on University Branding and looking at consistency in the blue used across campus. They are also researching how to improve Western's presence in the community. She is excited about Transitions events.

VP for Diversity

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that he met with Janna Cecka, Michael Vendiola and Greg McBride to discuss how the space in the Ethnic Student Center can be repurposed. He had the ESC planning retreat last week where they discussed the Triennial Assessment process and goals for the year. He met with the Resource and Outreach Programs Director about accessibility in the ROP Offices and applications for Supplemental Funding.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS-

- A. Transitions starts tomorrow. There is a Board Table at the info fairs. They need to have people volunteer to help start the Amazing Race.
- B. Marketing Task Forces: Short Term: Alisha, Byron, Bernard. Long Term: Colin, Jamin, Ramon.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:49 P.M.