

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

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

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

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

**AS Student Senate Rep:** Lucas Bourne, Student Senate Chair

**Guest(s):** Evan Marczyński (The AS Review)

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-10-F-44** Approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 27, 2010. *Passed*

**ASB-10-F-45** Approve the AS Club Recognition Procedure as stated in Doc. 1. *Passed*

**ASB-10-F-46** Approve the Budget Committee Charge & Charter. *Passed*

**ASB-10-F-47** Approve the Facilities & Services Council Charge & Charter with the stated change to the charge section with the stipulation that it come back to the Board by January 15<sup>th</sup>. *Passed*

**ASB-10-F-48** Transfer \$20,000 from 2010 unallocated and unspent funds, \$17,000 of that to Operational Enhancement and \$3,000 to AS Board Discretionary with the stipulations that it goes through an assessment and review by the end of the year and also goes through the Budget Committee. *Passed*

**ASB-10-F-49** Approve Consent Items A Committee Appointments with stated changes. *Passed*

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION ASB-10-F-44 by Agosti*

Approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

Second: Starkey                      Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA-** Additional committee appointments: Student Tech Fee- Erika Whittaker, Departmental Related Activities Committee- Maria Torres.

**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. AS Club Recognition

Beck Doc. 1

Nothing has changed from last week. Ikegwuoha was unable to connect with Michael Vendiola. He feels that they could pass this document and if there are any issues they can deal with it later.

*Brockman joined the meeting.*

*MOTION ASB-10-F-45 by Agosti*

Approve the AS Club Recognition Procedure as stated in Doc. 1.

Second: Starkey                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

- C. Budget Committee Charge & Charter Brockman Doc. 3  
 Brockman struck all of the grey parts that were changes from the template.

*MOTION ASB-10-F-46 by Beck*

Approve the Budget Committee Charge & Charter.

Second: Agosti                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

- D. Facilities & Services Council Charge & Charter Brockman Doc. 4  
 Brockman said in the Bylaws it says the purpose is “To establish policies” so this was added to the document. Rinonos-Diaz requested that it be changed to “To Establish and review policies.” Brockman said historically when they required more than three seated members for quorum the meetings would be canceled more than they met. Rinonos-Diaz is uncomfortable with a quorum of three for this many members, he wonders if they should look at the membership for the committee and if people are not attending then perhaps they should be removed from the committee. Brockman said that typically members will show up if something affects their area. Starkey said that he feels this sets a bad precedence to lower quorum because people are not showing up. Beck and Rinonos-Diaz dittoed. Brockman said that it is hard because the AS doesn’t manage Lakewood or the Viking Union. Rinonos-Diaz suggests maybe there could be one representative for several areas and if someone else wants to request funding they could send someone to explain their funding area. Watrin thinks this would be an interesting idea. Agosti said that if they are making policies then there should not only be three people deciding this. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that this is why we have the Sunset Clause to look into issues with committees. Majkut thinks that Rinonos-Diaz has an interesting idea but he also thinks that if people are not attending then perhaps the structure of the committee needs to change. Majkut said they could approve this for fall quarter and only have only the VP, 2 students and 1 senator attend or to pass it with all of the students for fall and have a normal quorum. This would give the committee time to look at the issues with the committee. Brockman said that he feels it is a good idea to pass it for just fall quarter, the only problem he has is that he’s already told people to show up and would not want to tell them they can’t vote. Brockman said that he recommends fall quarter and into January. Brockman intends to have three meetings this quarter.

*MOTION ASB-10-F-47 by Agosti*

Approve the Facilities & Services Council Charge & Charter with the stated change to the charge section with the stipulation that it come back to the Board by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Second: Watrin                      Vote: 5 - 1 - 0 Action: Passed

- B. Reserves Transfer Request Ikegwuoha Doc.2  
 Brockman reported on behalf of the small group who looked at the Budgeting it included Watrin, Brockman, Jonathan Oliver, Raquel Vigil and Majkut. It is the recommendation of the group to transfer a total of \$20,000 from 2010 unspent funds (\$17,000 for Operating Enhancement and \$3,000 for Board Discretionary), before last year’s funds are transferred to Rainy Day Funds. This was partially because some things were not allocated for in the Budget Process, even things that were approved during the TAP Process. There was also \$2,000 repurposed due to university budget cuts. Watrin had to spend some funding for conference attending, to supplement for the Vice President for Academic Affairs who has no budget, and regular expenses. Due to this the Board needs more funding. \$17,000 plus the amount that has been spent would equal 1% of the total AS Budget. Historically the Board has had access to about 1% of the funds. Rinonos-Diaz said that no matter what happens with this there should be an assessment of Operational Enhancement, Board Discretionary, etc. Starkey asked SPAC would be analyzing the AS Board this year. Majkut thinks that they may have gone too far back on funding the Operational Enhancement and the Board Discretionary in the original budget. But now it is incumbent upon the Board to keep within these budgets. Majkut

recommended \$3,000 for discretionary based on the time of year.

*Ikegwuoha joined the meeting.*

The Board has spent \$1,500 at this point; this should be enough to get through the rest of the year. Majkut said that with a budget of over 3 million dollars and hundreds of thousand being given to other people to allocate it seems odd that the Board doesn't even have \$1,000 for legitimate expenses that have come up. Ikegwuoha suggested creating an assessment process at a work session.

*MOTION ASB-10-F-48 by Starkey*

Transfer \$20,000 from 2010 unallocated and unspent funds, \$17,000 of that to Operational Enhancement and \$3,000 to AS Board Discretionary with the stipulations that it goes through an assessment and review by the end of the year and also goes through the Budget Committee.

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

### **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

#### **A. AS Student Trustee Selection Committee**

Watrin Doc. 5

Watrin said that this charge and charter has just been moved into the template format. Starkey thinks that everyone should not be allowed to serve on the committee if they are applying for the position because the AS President could be applying. Agosti suggested removing the One from in front of AS Board Member in the Membership Section. Watrin said that the committee will be meeting earlier this year to come up with criteria for selection to be brought to the Board. Change date to November. This will be an Action Item next week.

#### **B. AS Legislative Agenda**

Starkey Doc. 6

Starkey said that this has been approved by Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) and AS Student Senate. Last year's Agenda had a lot of points and it was recommended by LAC that there be less bullet points because they only get 15 minutes with each legislator. Usually they are just going to glance at the agenda. The ideal would be to have only a few clear, concise bullet points. Also, due to the current financial situation in the state they thought that it was appropriate to narrow it down to just funding, tuition and financial aid. He would like the Board to speak to whether they think that it would be 07-09 biennium graph which was passed by the AS Student Senate or 09-11 biennium graph with was passed by LAC. The 07-09 is ideal budget they would request, and the 09-11 would be the budget before 14 programs were cut. Ikegwuoha said he would like to keep it at the best case scenario in 07-09. Brockman said in the Mission Statement he would like it to say "foster students' personal growth". Change a positive contribution to positive contributions. Grammatical changes should be discussed outside of the meeting. Agosti feels that they should start somewhere reasonable with the 09-10 graph. When the average time length that students get with legislators is 15 minutes, if Western asks for 30 million more they might be ignored. Watrin said that the university is asking for the 09-11 budget. Ikegwuoha thinks their job is to represent students and they don't have to be on the same page as the university. Brockman dittoed. Bourne said that this is exactly why the Senate kept it at the 07-09 because they felt that it was best to keep the bar high when going in to bargain. Starkey said that it can go either way. The second graph is showing state vs. student funding and he feels this lays out his ideals. Starkey feels that the concept of unity is important at this point he feels they should say that they understand the budget reality and are asking appropriately. Brockman said that the first rule of haggling is to start high. They are here to represent students and almost all of students want as much aid as they can get. Ikegwuoha thinks that if they mention both then it shows that they have already given up some. Starkey feels that the university might be losing 5-10 million on top of the \$3 million they have already cut, 09-10 original budget is asking for more. Watrin said that coming in with a higher negotiation is a good strategy, but the students are not actually going to sit at a table and negotiate. They only have 15 minutes to make an impression and having a clear concise

message that agrees with the university will be more impactful. Agosti feels that they should start with a realistic goal, because he doesn't feel like asking for 30 million extra dollars is going to make a good impression. Rinonos-Diaz said that no one is disagreeing on asking for more funding; they are just disagreeing on how to get there. He thinks that unifying with the university so that they are hearing the same thing in repetition is good. Starkey said that in the past the students and universities were not on the same page and so the legislators didn't know what they really wanted. Starkey thinks that they need to come up with a strategy after this. If they can go in as a unit the voices will be amplified. Ikegwuoha said that unity is important but unity is about dialogue so the university should be communicating with the Associated Students. Starkey said that things did not work out that way the 09-11 biennium was established by the six university Presidents. Starkey said that these conversations happened over the summer and LAC and Senate were not around to meet, but the AS President and the AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs were included in the discussions. This item will be an Action Item next week.

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

### A. Committee Appointments

#### Activities Council

· John von Volkli (3) sophomore

#### Graduate Student Task Force

· Victoria Retasket graduate student affairs administration

· Christopher Toutain graduate student affairs administration

· Michelle Neff graduate MBA

#### Teacher Curriculum Council

· Matthew Zigulis graduate elementary education

#### Senate Library Committee

· Jake Swanke graduate student affairs administration

#### University Judicial Appeals Board

· Lindsey Smith (2) sophomore poli sci, classical studies

· Kayla Warr (2) sophomore political science, philosophy

· Jacob Zerby junior

· Jason Austin (1) junior environmental policy

· Crystal Cappuccio (1) graduate school counseling

· Amara Walsh (1) junior political science

#### Campus Recreation Advisory Committee

· Jamie Brown graduate student affairs administration

#### Facilities & Services Council

· Brittany Otter Senior poli sci, philosophy, economics

· Julia Kelley (Senator) Junior Huxley

*MOTION ASB-10-F-49 by Rinonos-Diaz*

Approve Consent Items A Committee Appointments with stated changes.

Second: Ikegwuoha Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: Passed

## X. AS FINANCIAL REPORT AND AS COMMITTEE/ COUNCIL MOTIONS

## XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

### Student Senate Meeting Information

Lucas Bourne, AS Student Senate Chair reported that they came up with an issue of the month: The Associated Students seeks to provide a fulfilling Western Experience through a wide variety of services & programs such as the Outdoor Center, Sexual Awareness Center, AS

Productions, KUGS, AS Clubs and Student Governments. What services provided by the AS are important to you? Do you have any questions or concerns? Originally they were going to ask what students value and what they would like to change. They decided against this because they were not sure that students had a broad understanding of the AS and it starts out too critical. Watrin said that the Board is coming up with a survey and he wonders if some of this wording would work. Bourne said the Senate would love to look at the survey results. Senate approved the Legislative Agenda at the meeting.

## **XII. BOARD REPORTS**

### **VP for Business & Operations**

Benjamin Brockman reported that the strengths based training during fall training will be incorporated into winter training and he would like to hear from Board Members if they have any comments. The TAP process is starting tomorrow at the first meeting of the Structure and Program Advisory Committee. The Vice President of Human Resources for Sodexo will be on campus tomorrow. Sodexo was just rated the number 1 most diverse organization in America. Looking at their finances they are doing very well as well as being diverse. He thinks this supports his assertion that diversifying increases strength. He would like to take the AS in this direction. Facilities and Services will be meeting on Friday. Beck and Brockman just returned from the ACUÏ conference. The AS Publicity Center won an award for the Ice Cream Social Poster and beat out 54 institutions

### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Ramon Rinonos-Diaz reported that he has been working on the University and AS Strategic Plan. He was able to get the word student added into the University Strategic Plan two times. The Student Senate has been very helpful to him. The registrar identified issues last year and now they are going to try to get people to address these issues again. The online catalogue is online, please try to look at this to see if it is useful. Otter and Rinonos-Diaz worked on the AS Program Standards and Brockman and Ikegwuoha will be looking at them. The first year programs will be creating a strategic plan as well. If anyone is interested please contact him. Beck has thought about serving on this. The Women in Science luncheon is tomorrow.

### **VP for Student Life**

Jamin Agosti reported that the Green Energy Fee hired the Graduate Position to start creating the packet and work with student groups to flesh out their proposals. It looks like proposals will be received by about half way through winter quarter. He talked to Steve Swan about the Shuttle Redesign Project to see if he would like to cosponsor the project if they could incorporate the new Western Logo and slogan. Swan is thinking about contributing about \$4,000 which is roughly a third of the project. They are hoping to find \$4,000 from the Alternative Transportation Fee, so that it will be an AS, University, Alternative Transportation Fee project. Prop 1 is projected to pass, so Sunday service should begin again. The AS Website is going well and there will be an assessment to see how the new model is working. There is a lot of progress on the technical side of the website. Watrin, Beck and Agosti have been meeting with Marketing Students to work on a survey about the AS. This is the first level of the project in looking at what students perceive the AS to be. The second level is working on staff brainstorm groups to ask AS Employees what the AS perceives about itself.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Byron Starkey reported an Election Update 1053 which would require 2/3 vote for any new revenue to come into WA is currently failing. 1107 repealing the soda and candy tax is currently passing and will reduce revenue by 100 million dollars and a good amount of that would probably be going to higher education. Proposition 1 passed and they might be able to attribute this to student turnout. Lobby Day applications have been sent out to everyone on the Board

and he hopes all will be able to attend. Within LAC they reviewed a tuition proposal from Rep. Anderson. It is very interesting to say the least. 1,230 individuals dropped off their ballot in the box in the VU. In the 2008 there were 2,500, but for a midterm election this is a good number. The Washington Student Association is looking at a new budget without WSU. The cause of the WSU leaving the organization is currently unverified and they will keep the Board updated.

#### **VP for Activities**

Alisha Beck reported that Evan Marczyński, the AS Review and Beck are on Student Publications Council. They are hiring people to be editors on student publications. She started meeting about the Elect Her event and this should happen about the middle of winter quarter. Beck and Brockman attended the ACUI Conference. It was a great chance to network and meet people within the region.

#### **VP for Diversity**

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that the Tactical Assessment Program spoke with seven interested students who would like to serve on the diversity subgroup of SPAC. The Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) is working with students on the Incidence Bias report. There are new ways that students can report if they are feeling uncomfortable on campus. They can report anonymously if wanted. When it comes to civil rights it is illegal for the university not to respond especially when it comes to protected groups. They are talking about where this reportage will go, whether it will be the EOO or another group. He will send out information as he receives it. He feels that the new changes at ESC Steering are going well. The SIRC had an event that went really well yesterday. Ikegwuoha commended Rinonos-Diaz on his work on the Women in Sciences luncheon. The Minority Employment Council had an event at the President's House and they have funds for professional development.

#### **President**

Colin Watrin reported that last night was the Bowman Leadership Dessert working with the next generation of student leaders on campus. He has been working with Starkey on legislative issues including the agenda, talking with the WSA and looking at funding models. Both WSU and UW have asked Western for help on their next Voter Ed Drive. Majkut and Watrin met with Chris Cox about the future of the AS and Library. He met Scott Pierce about the faculty and met about budgets.

### **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Cindy Monger requested that Board Members talk to her about Action Items so that she knows if documents have changed.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:23 P.M.**