

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Student Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 VU 567**

**Student Senators:** *Present:* Kendall Bull (Chair), Jered McCardle, Ethan Glemaker, Amy Stavig, Katie Vainikka, Evan Fowler, Victor Celis, Jamie Hamilton, Christopher Brown, Matthew Yoo  
*Absent:* Ean Olsen, Felipe Espinoza, Mason Luvera, Jacquelyn Gratias

**Advisor:** Lisa Rosenberg

**Secretary:** Marissa Jaksich

**ASVP for Academic Affairs:** Fabiola Arvizu

**Guest(s):** *Western Front:* Kaylee Salisbury

*Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33pm*

**S-12-W-06** Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. *Passed*

**S-12-W-07** Moving Issue of the Quarter to an Action Item. *Passed*

**I. Approval of Minutes**

*MOTION S-12-W-06 by Fowler*

Approval of minutes January 16th, 2012

Second: McCardle                      Vote: 9- 0 - 0                      Action: **Passed**

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

Fowler motioned to move issue of the quarter from an Information Item to an Action Item.

*MOTION S-12-W-07 by Fowler*

Moving Issue of the Quarter to an Action Item

Second: Brown                      Vote: 9- 0 - 0                      Action: **Passed**

**III. Public Forum**

**IV. Information Items**

**A. ASTAC Review Agenda**

**Doc. 1**

Chair introduced the AS Transportation Advisory Committee (ASTAC) agenda information item as a document that the AS Board gave to the Senate to review in an attempt to try and improve Senate's advisory role for the AS Board. He said that this issue will be looked at by the board in the future and wanted to solicit the Senate's advice on any improvements or recommendations that need to be made to this document. Vainikka, the senator on ASTAC, introduced the issue further by giving a general overview saying that this document was the master plan, and that ASTAC was an advisory board to the people who actually make the decisions. She explained how the document outlines general recommendations that ASTAC had for improving transportation needs around campus, including better lighting on trails, sidewalks in some areas to allow better accessibility, bike racks and bike routes, etc. She said that ASTAC is seeking suggestions on what is a priority to get done first and also any other recommendations for improvements. Senate chair proposed that buses

come every ten minutes instead of every 15 minutes during the day to ensure that every student can get on a bus during those peak times, and then extend bus times to larger increments like every half hour at night to compensate. Vainikka replied that they work closely with WTA, but that they cannot always advise them too specifically. Fowler agreed with the Garden street crosswalk recommendation. Celis remarked that he laughed at the kiss and drop area location. Celis also thought bike path improvements were really great. Glemaker mentioned the campus traffic and parking section and wondered if the C/R lot entrance in front of Fairhaven could be added because its current state was very poor. McCardle added that on the paths to Birnam Wood there were a lot of lights burnt out and he inquired if there was any way to monitor upkeep of lighting. Vainikka agreed that this was something to look into. Glemaker suggested approving the plan with the pending changes senators had made. Chair agreed and stated that he would add all the changes discussed and that they would vote on it as an action item the following week.

## V. Action Items

### A. Issue of the Quarter

**Doc. 2**

Chair introduced that there were three issues of the quarter that were submitted to him to be voted on. McCardle brought up that the issue of the quarter about Occupy, although well-written did not have the word “Occupy” in it and felt that it should be included. Glemaker thought Occupy was more about corporations, and questioned the wording of the Occupy issue. Chair replied that it was in attempt to gear the issue more towards students. Fowler said that the Occupy was mainly in opposition to corporatization of the government but that one big thematic element of it was the privatization of education. He believes framing the Occupy issue toward how it affects university students would be better than the larger way of addressing the issue. He believes the Occupy movement is a very complex issue but that there are definitely aspects of it that are pertinent to students. McCardle brought up how students would be more interested in the side of Government funding for higher education. Celis brought up that before the Senate revises this 3<sup>rd</sup> proposed issue of the quarter, that they first need to decide which one they are doing, because he believed it to be ineffective to spend time revising one issue if they were maybe not going to use it. McCardle suggested two rounds of voting that way the senators who voted for the issue with the least amount of votes, could recast their vote, and have a say in the final vote.

Round 1 of voting results are as follows:

**Gateway Pacific Terminal — 4**

**Male/Female bodied bathroom identifiers—2**

**The Occupy Movement—3**

*\* Male/Female bodied bathroom identifiers topic was eliminated because it received the least amount of votes.*

Round 2 of voting results are as Follows:

**Gateway Pacific Terminal — 5**

**The Occupy Movement— 4**

The first listed issue of the quarter about the Coal Train Terminal wins, and will be the Student Senate’s Winter 2012 Issue of the Quarter.

## VI. Discussion Items

### A. Student Senate Reform Committee

Chair brought up that there would be a work session for the committee with the AS Board some Friday at 4pm after to work on senate reform. He said that they have not settled on a definitive date yet, but that he would keep the Senate updated.

### B. Tabling

The Chair reported that Senate is scheduled to table Issue of the Quarter at Viking Union's Vendor's Row on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3pm. Fabiola suggested creating an online sign-up sheet to hold people accountable that there would be more than one senator there at a time. She also said she would be available from 1-2pm.

### C. Trivia Night

The chair announced that Student Senate along with Western's Political Science Association would be having a trivia night most likely the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of spring quarter in the Underground Coffeeshouse.

## VII. Board Reports/Concerns

**Fabiola** reported that the Board was very impressed by all of the Election Code Review's hard work and that they have been conducting weekly work sessions on the Election Code changes. She mentioned that the University planning and Resource Council was looking at starting a nursing program, since there is such a high demand for RNs in the state. She reported Student Tech Fee has three very dedicated student representatives that she is currently working with to review 72 proposals. She mentioned that the proposals are all online and that they should have received an email from John Lawson, the Vice President for Information Technology, with a link to the proposals. She reported that there had been some response of students wanting student printing back, but she responded that unfortunately the student tech fee does not cover printing. They are exploring some other alternatives, though and discussing what the future is for student printing on campus

## VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns

**Brown** reported that Parking Appeals Board had not met yet this quarter.

**Hamilton** reported that the Senate Library committee was talking about money and how to best not spend money.

**Fowler** reported that Green Energy Fee would be meeting the following week.

**McCardle** reported that SPAC's meeting was very short, but that the AS offices under review had submitted their TAP reports for assessment. He also mentioned that they had their SPAC group picture.

**Celis** stated that ACC met the previous day. He said that they met with departments to discuss changes in curriculum including changes with majors and minors, and then they went through all those proposed changes as a committee.

**Vainikka** stated that ASTAC had not met this quarter

**Glemaker** reported that he attended the first AS Facilities and Service Council meeting, but they had to change the meeting time, and due to class conflicts he would no longer be able to attend the council meetings winter quarter.

**Stavig** reported that ECR committee had their last meeting the previous week to finalize all the ECR changes, and that Remy Levin, the committee chair, would be delivering it to the AS Board for approval.

**IV. Other Business:**

**Lisa** brought up Elect-Her, a program that the Representation and Engagement Programs and Women's Center are putting on that would take place Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. She explained how this was event in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) that encourages more women to run for election on campus and then when they leave campus in other arenas. She said that the event is open to anybody interested in running for student government. **Fabiola** mentioned that she would be one of the panelists this year. She thought anyone should do it because it teaches good leadership skills. **Lisa** said that it covers topics like why it is important for people especially women to run for office, creating a message and campaign, as well as networking with a panel of current students in government and elected club leaders. She mentioned that it would take place all day that Saturday, but that there would be a continental breakfast, lunch, and closing reception. She told the senators that there was an E-sign form to fill out, but that it was a free event. **Lisa** also stated that it was the second year that the event was being done on Western's campus, and the third year that it has been offered nationally.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:01 P.M.**