

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Student Senate Meeting**

Tuesday,

October 28th, 2008

VU 567

Present: Annie Jansen, Danielle Dickson, Nick Gaddy, Justin Gazabat, Wyatt Ho, Rebekah Johnson, Brianne Kumar, Dan McLafferty, Justin Van Dyk, Judah Corsini
Absent: Chelsea Bourdess, Nikki Brown, Chelsea Fletcher, Allison Hardesty
Advisor: Greg McBride
Secretary: Brooke Hayter
Guest: Randy Godfrey

Annie Jansen, Student Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

S-08-F-01 Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, October 21st.

S-08-F-02 To keep discussion item C. Senate Logo, as an information item for next week.

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION S-08-F-01

Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, October 21st made by Dan.

Second: Nick Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

II. Revisions to the Agenda

Discussion item C. Vice Chair and Parliamentarian, item D. LAC

III. Public Forum

Randy Godfrey, one of Western's gardeners, came to discuss the issue of slacklining on campus.

IV. Information Items

A. Slacklining

Randy Godfrey began by explaining some of the concerns he had with slacklining damaging the trees on campus. **Judah entered at 6:10pm.** He has spoken with student groups on campus that slackline and they were very cooperative. He requested that they move to the trees in front of Old Main where the trees are larger and older and maybe able to handle the tension better. His goal is not to discourage slacklining. He has heard that there has been talk about contacting the engineering and art department to create poles for students to use for slacklining. Annie mentioned that she had not heard anything from the Board about an actual proposal to do this, but is going to look into it. Randy said even if the proposal does go through it would still have to go through risk management and the University Planning Committee. Dan asked Randy how critical he felt the problem was if it were to continue for about another two years. Randy responded by saying that the trees could actually die. Randy also discussed how important it is to educate students about the damage being caused by slacklining. Dan asked the other Senators what the future of this issue should be. Some Senators felt we should draft some specific ideas of what the Senators would like to be accomplished. The

Senators decided they would like to tackle this issue now rather than waiting, they felt they should have something prepared for spring when slacklining picks back up again rather than waiting until spring to begin their discussion. Judah is going to speak with Erik about this issue. It will be an information item again next week.

B. Issue of the Month

Postponed until next week.

C. Senate Logo

The Senators discussed whether or not they would like to have a new Senate logo. They discussed a few ideas such as having a coat of arms, the Western Viking, or the AS logo. They decided to ask Jeff Bates to assign someone from the Publicity Center to this project. They would like whoever this person is to attend the next Senate meeting so they can give them a better sense of exactly what they would like the logo to look like.

MOTION S-08-F-02

To keep discussion item C. Senate Logo, as an information item for next week, made by Dan.

Second: Nick

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

A. By-laws

The Senators briefly looked over the by-laws that were passed last spring. Dan asked for clarification about section 2.2. Greg explained that if a Senator were to leave their position during spring quarter, the person who is appointed to the empty spot has the option to carry over to the following school year.

B. Charge and Charter

The Senators discussed that the Charge and Charter states that a Board member is supposed to attend the meetings. They talked about having the Board members having a rotating schedule as to who attends. Virgilio informed the Senators that the Board would like all of the Charge and Charters updated by the end of fall quarter.

C. Vice Chair & Parliamentarian

Annie informed the Senators that both of these are elected positions and according to the By-laws the election process for these positions needs to begin next week. Senators will do nominations for these positions next week. Annie informed the Senators that the Vice Chair will run meetings in the absence of the Senate Chair. The duties of the parliamentarian are to assist the chair with parliamentary procedure during the meetings.

D. LAC

This year the LAC has a shorter time line to put together the Legislative Agenda, they only have until November 18th for the federal agenda. This year they are doing three Legislative Agendas, one for Washington State, one for the federal level, and one for the City of Bellingham. There is no set timeline for the city agenda.

VII. Senator Reports/Concerns

- **Annie Jansen** nothing new to report.
- **Dan McLafferty** informed the Senators that he noticed a few things in the by-laws and charge and charter that he would like to tighten. He would like these documents to reflect this year's Senate.
- **Brianne Kumar** is waiting to hear about the Tech Fee Committee. She is also going to be on the Parking Appeals Board.
- **Nick Gaddy** nothing new to report.
- **Rebekah Johnson** nothing new to report.
- **Danielle Dickson** is on the Facilities and Services Council as well as AZTAC.
- **Judah Corsini** spoke with Danny a reporter from the Western Front for about an hour regarding the Senate.
- **Wyatt Ho** came from the LAC meeting. He informed the Senators that they are making a lot of progress, during the meeting they were able to get through three sections in one hour. He also had an idea about having the Senators hold a forum once a month about hot topics on campus. This will be a discussion item at next week's meeting.

VIII. Other Business:

Annie informed the Senators that she was looking over the budget for the Student Senate and she will bring it to next week's meeting. Also she contacted Sarah Ishmael about the lunch with Senator Shinn and is waiting for a response.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:54 P.M.