



about students studying abroad running. Peters feels that this isn't fleshed out enough to include in the code this year. Arvizu & Richards dittoed. Ellermeier passed out a proposal for a suggested way to handle voting on the code.

#### Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

- A. Resolution Opposing Arizona Ban on Ethnic Studies (*20 minutes*) Maute-Gibson Doc. 4  
 Maute-Gibson said that they changed the document to focus more on Western's values and what they see are the educational needs of society, nationally. The largest change is to urge the WA Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction to the people who hold their positions in Arizona. A quote by Malcom X "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." Maute-Gibson feels that there is a lot of gain intellectually and social change in America. But there has also been a lot of strain and tragic examples of institutionalized hate and fear that have shaped the nation. She thinks it is through learning about these experiences that people grow the most and decide how they are going to shape the future of the nation. She feels it is their responsibility to shape what they want to learn and how to move this nation forward. She feels that without knowing the truth about the history of the nation they can't adequately move forward. Ethan Glenmaker said they are in full support of everything that the resolution says and would like it to be passed today. Chelsea Thaw thanked the Board for looking at this a third week and thanked the students who are participating in this process. Legislative Affairs Council has seen this resolution. They are looking to organize a trip down to Olympia to deliver the resolution to the Governor. Arvizu thanked the students who participated in this process. She thinks this is a bold move and hopes that this helps them with their effort and asked the students to keep the Board informed of further efforts.

##### *MOTION ASB-12-W-13 by Orallo-Molinario*

Approve resolution Opposing the Arizona Ban on Ethnic Studies with the change to the third whereas to "the TUSD, based on former Superintendent Tom Horne's interpretation of the State of Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 15-111 and 15-112...".

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

- B. Marriage Equality Resolution (*10 minutes*) Maute-Gibson Doc. 4  
 Crowther and Ellermeier worked together on a new version of the resolution which is a reorganizing of the information, but has no substantive changes. Maute-Gibson said that the house voted and approved the Marriage Equality Bill and has sent it to the Governor to sign. Passing this resolution will allow the AS Legislative Liaison to thank the Governor for her support. Richards would like to see the letter before it is sent. Maute-Gibson said that it is Meyer's job to thank legislators on behalf of the AS, he does it often and he might just stop into the Governor's office. Ellermeier is happy with this resolution because it focuses on the effects on the students in higher education and addresses the lack of equality. She feels good about the first three "be it resolved" statements because they state the values of the student body. The fourth "be it resolved" crosses a line for Ellermeier. She feels that it takes a stance on a social issue and while she has personal feelings on this, she doesn't think that as President she could vote for that "be it resolved" because it goes beyond higher education. Crowther likes that the changes focus more than higher education, but it also acknowledges that it is a civil rights issue and that it is about dignity. He thinks to reduce marriage equality to just a higher education issue demeans it.

##### *MOTION ASB-12-W-14 by Maute-Gibson*

Approve all whereas clauses in the Resolution Supporting Marriage Equality.

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

*MOTION ASB-12- W-15 by Arvizu*

Approve the first “be it resolved” in the Resolution Supporting Marriage Equality.

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

*MOTION ASB-12- W-16 by Richards*

Approve the second “be it resolved” in the Resolution Supporting Marriage Equality with amendment striking identity and replacing it with orientation.

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

*MOTION ASB-12- W-17 by Arvizu*

Approve the third “be it resolved” in the Resolution Supporting Marriage Equality.

Second: Maute-Gibson                      Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: Passed

Peters asked if it is really “the” solution to how same-sex couples are treated. Richards and Arvizu dittoed. Maute-Gibson said that this is the biggest problem as a couple, as individuals there are many more issues. Arvizu doesn’t think this is a solution for all couples such as interracial couples or couples with other identities. Crowther said that this issue is working to solve issues as same-sex couples, obviously there are many different identities and oppressions, but he thinks that this doesn’t take away from this legally and policy wise remedying the issues as same-sex couples as it relates to financial aid. In this narrow sense, he believes it is accurate as stated. Maute-Gibson sees passing this as a responsibility within their job descriptions, there are people in power who have stated that the reason they have moved on this issue is because of the voices of students and young people. When students have the opportunity to connect with legislators and if they believe that their voices are their sharpest tool then, they should use them responsibly. She doesn’t think they should sit passively back and leave this to only address higher education. Richards said there are queer, straight and a lot of other students that do not want marriage equality and she wants that to be known. Duot said that this is important and they need to acknowledge that students are suffering from this, it does affect student life. He cannot be happy while others are not happy. They should not be neutral on things that affect student life; neutrality is not the best solution. Crowther thinks that this is an issue that people can’t be neutral on. He thinks they should either take a stand for justice, or they are just allowing injustice to happen. The last be it resolved is the logical solution to the problems recognizes very real suffering that queer students and students with parents who are queer suffer. As a vital component of a solution to the inequality, they should come to the conclusion to support marriage equality. He feels that this recognizes the inequality, the very real experiences and suffering that are caused by a lack of marriage equality that queer students and students with queer parents face and to address this, the Board supports marriage equality. Maute-Gibson struggles with the reason to vote no being that the Board doesn’t know what everyone thinks or knows that there are students who are against it. She feels that, in this case, making a decision based on the majority is not doing justice to their roles. She feels this is right for state and all students. In looking at history, if the majority had been given the choice to vote about slavery, etc. they would stay around longer. She feels that sometimes people need to stand up and say that this is enough. Bull stated a Howard Zinn quote “You can’t be neutral on a moving train.” Most students do support marriage equality according to opinion polls, students support marriage equality by. He feels that civil rights are not built on the prejudice of the majority; they are inherent for all people. Orallo-Molinaro said that normally he doesn’t think of life as black or white. For number 4 he thinks that it gives the resolution teeth, he understands that they should focus on higher education. He feels that the whole idea of the resolution is to end with number 4. Maute-Gibson dittoed. Crowther paraphrased Hilary Clinton saying that leadership sometimes means standing in front of the people that and leading them forward. He resents any discussion of opinion polls and how people feel about his right, because regardless of what they say he has the right to marry. Interracial marriage was decided

to be a right long before the majority agreed. While he recognizes there are people in the queer community that do not support this, they don't have to marry. This isn't being activists this is coming out and saying that this is a constitutional right (as recognized by the ninth circuit supreme court which has jurisdiction of this area) and the logical conclusion of the whereas clauses that they unanimously approved. That's not activist it's saying that they are going to finish what they started and not be passive. As a queer student on this campus he would appreciate it if his Board would stand behind him and support his rights, explicitly. Arvizu asked that marriage equality be lower cased because they can't take a stance on a ballot issue. Duot thinks that they need to listen to their students, leading as a majority doesn't make sense. This is important for now and for the future, it is part of civil rights and human rights.

*MOTION ASB-12- W-18 By Maute-Gibson*

Approve the forth "be it resolved" in the Resolution Supporting Marriage Equality with change "as a vital component of a solution to the inequality. "

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

**VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS** (*subject to immediate action*)

**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

A. Interclub Council *(10 minutes)* Orallo-Molinari Doc. 2

They would like to suspend meetings until the start of the next school year. They will be having a task force work on items raised in ICC this year.

*MOTION ASB-12- W-19 by Arvizu*

Suspend Interclub Council meetings until Sept 22, 2012.

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

B. Underrepresented Student Employment Committee CC *(15 minutes)* Duot Doc.5

Duot met with Brockman and Majkut to make some changes. Brockman supports this great idea, he feels that the AS Employees are not as representative of the student body as it should be. The Personnel Office is making efforts to reach out to more students on campus to apply. Ellermeier likes that the Strategic Plan is in the charge and appreciates the details. Brockman thinks that specifying the Personnel Director (PD), he thinks the representative could be AS employees or volunteers in the office. Majkut thinks that representatives that are part of the system can bring their own experiences in applying and working, but it could also be good to have volunteers who have different experiences. Peters said that this is a primary focus for the PD and he would like to strike "or designee". Brockman said that he would trust anyone in the office, he suggested "Personnel Office Representative". Peters understands that people in the office would be capable of doing this but prefers it to be one person. Duot said that this is not a one year committee, he hopes it will continue. Orallo-Molinari said that he still thinks that this is a subcommittee of the Personnel Committee. Brockman said that he imagines this more as a task force that is working on a very specific thing. Arvizu suggested "Advisory Group". She also suggests that they have the PD as Vice-Chair. Maute-Gibson doesn't see the necessity of it being the PD, she suggests having them report to the PD. Brockman would like this to be a task force because he hopes that this will be a one year group. He wants them to do tasks such as going out to advertise for hiring. He thinks that a problem is that one group hires a new group. He thinks that people have natural biases and that effects hiring. Ellermeier thinks the PD should be an ex-officio non-voting member if it advises this position. Maute-Gibson said that a task force doesn't expire at a date, but when a goal has been met. Arvizu hopes this continues beyond this year. Orallo-Molinari and Maute-Gibson dittoed. When Arvizu applied to work in the AS she was told not to because it was hard to be a person of color in the AS. Brockman said that hiring is coming up very fast and he would like it to start meeting soon. Maute-Gibson thinks that the committee can come up with goals to reach these outcomes.

*MOTION ASB-12- W-20 by Arvizu*

Approve the Underrepresented Student Employment Committee with the amendment that reflects the Personnel Director as non-voting ex-officio member.

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

## C. AS Elections Appeals Panel CC

*(10 minutes)*

Peters Doc.6

Peters read over the minutes from when this was brought to the Board in November. There were questions about what happens if every Board Member runs in an election. They don't have a mechanism better than this. For this year, this is the best option. Ellermeier said that she would like to look for a better model.

*MOTION ASB-12-W-21 by Orallo-Molinario*

Approve the AS Elections Appeals Panel Charge & Charter.

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

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

## A. AS Board Job Descriptions

*(15 minutes)*

EllermeierDoc.

Ellermeier said that the job descriptions have to come in by next week because the packets go out soon. She made two substantial changes including changing “experience working in group situations” to “working as a member of a team”. She thinks that this distinction is important because they are working together to create something larger. Watrin added “courage” last year. She worked with him on some better wording that communicates more clearly this qualification. Maute-Gibson appreciates that it shows ability for change within the new wording. Duot thinks that the changes are good and help layout what they are looking for in a good leader. Richards said that she has moved the Residence Hall Association from attend meetings of to work as a liaison with. She doesn't feel she has anything to contribute to the discussion because she doesn't live in a residence hall and feels this is true for many Board members. Richards said that this quarter she has not been able to attend the meetings but she sends a report every week. She will reflect in the legacy document that they should attend the first meeting to make a connection. Maute-Gibson asked what RHA thought about this. Richards had not contacted them. Arvizu asked if they could add “serve as a voting member on the First year Experience”. Next week there will be a separate document for the Board Template. Ellermeier will be bringing a style guide for the job descriptions.

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

## A Committee Appointments

Legislative Affairs Council

Thomas Durham

Political Science

Junior

*MOTION ASB-12-W-22 by Arvizu*

Approve Consent Item A.

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

**X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**Student Senate Meeting Information

Kendall Bull, Student Senate Chair reported that it was a slow week for the Senate. On April 9<sup>th</sup> they will co-host Political Trivia Night in the Underground Coffeehouse with the Political Science Association.

**XI. BOARD REPORTS**President

Anna Ellermeier reported that this week was full of many exciting things. The WTA Board approved the contract that she and Maute-Gibson have worked to negotiate for the last three months. If the students vote for the Alternative Transportation Fee, Western will have bus passes for the next five years. The Higher One conversations are wrapping up and a letter will be coming out to students with outcomes of the conversations, including the changes on how Higher One is marketed. She had dinner with the Board of Trustees at the Viking Commons. The Trustees were very receptive of the AS Tegislative Agenda and they feel that the partnership with the administration is making a huge difference.

#### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Fabiola Arvizu thanked Maute-Gibson for inviting her to be on the Elect Her panel. Arvizu reported that the Student Tech Fee meetings are going well. She was told that she does a good job at facilitating meetings. She and Richards are serving on the first year interest group to try to nail down how to address the mission of the first year experience. Some programs have prospered out of this, such as Western Reads and FIGs. The group wants to address new areas of interest in the University. She interviewed with a student about a seminar project, his questions have really been helping her write her legacy document. Viking Fanding, a GUR event to help students choose the classes most applicable to their degree, is on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VP for Activities**

Mario Orallo-Molinaro reported that he has been working with the Communications and Marketing Office on goals and priorities for the remainder of the year. He thanked the Board for passing the hiatus of the ICC. They are cleaning up the Club Hub closet to create some more room. They are starting a task force to implement some of the things ICC proposed.

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

Travis Peters reported that this week was lots of smaller tasks. At Management Council, they came up with a few goals as a group and will be breaking into subcommittees to handle this. One example is the internships for offices and the internships for legacy purposes. He feels that things are a little more structured at the Board level and he would like more structure across all positions. The work session for the assessment reports went well and things are ready to go at the committee level. Next week they will be voted on and come to the Board after that. Management Council is looking for more transparency in the organization on hiring processes. He is getting input from the Management Council before bringing it to the Board. They are going through revisions to the Employment Policy now in Personnel Committee. If there are any concerns about the policy, please contact Peters.

#### **VP for Diversity**

Deng Duot reported that he attended a meeting with .... and a student from Ethiopia. He is working with the Social Issues Resource Center to bring a speaker on the February 26<sup>th</sup> who was a former member of Black Panther Party. He attended a presentation about the Cherry Point Coal Terminal which educated people on what is happening at Cherry Point. The Black Student Union dinner tomorrow, there will also be an after party. He feels it will sell out. He said to spread love because Valentine's Day is coming up.

#### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Elect Her was very successful. It was an intimate and effective event. She thanked Mayor Finville and Kathy Fehman for participating. She encourages everyone to attend the Washington Student Association Fobby Day on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a very different experience from Western's Viking Fobby Day, there will be a rally and speakers. It will be a good opportunity to see a different kind of lobby day. If Board Members are unable to attend but would like to lobby, she and Ellermeier are working to set up times to

testify in front of committees and asked those interested in doing this to contact her. Congratulations to the University of Washington for their very successful Huskie on the Hill Lobby Day with over 120 participants. The continued sentiment from Joe Meyer, the Legislative Liaison is that legislators saying that they are not hearing from students, parents and alumni asking to support higher education funding.

**VP for Student Life**

Sara Richards reported that February 15<sup>th</sup>, ASTAC is getting student input on the master plan. They have broken down the Master Plan into five sections and they are giving people easels and markers to write down suggestions. They will compile a priority list and a Master Plan which will be forwarded to the University. They need more students on the Western Reads Committee. She needs feedback about bringing a food truck onto campus. She will let everyone know on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> if there will be another funding cycle for the Green Energy Fee.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Richards said that the Drag show is tonight and Saturday is a Women's Rugby Home Game.
- B. Ellermeier will be taking agenda items on a case by case basis if they are submitted after the deadline.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:48 P.M.**