

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Anna Ellermeier (President), Fabiola Arvizu (VP Academics), Mario Orallo-Molinero (VP Activities), Travis Peters (VP Bus Ops), Deng Duot (VP Diversity), Iris Maute-Gibson (VP Governmental Affairs) and Sara Richards (VP Student Life)

Student Senate Representative: Kendall Bull, Chair

Advisor(s): Ted Pratt, Dean of Students

Guest! si: John von Volkli (AS Office of Assessment), Patrick Stickney (LAC), Gianna Gargiulo (Planned Parenthood/VOX), Charlie Hagen (AS EDGE), Morgan Jade (SAC), Victor Celis, Katie Savinski, Ethan Glenmaker, Sasha Parsley, Ashley Alvarez, Alanna Francis, Amanda Squires, Kimberly Absher, Chelsea Thaw, Andrew Dyer, Stephanie Buehler, Nadia Saldaña-Spiegle, Raymundo Cortez

MOTIONS

- ASB-12-S-12** Approve the minutes of Wednesday, March 6th, 9th, and 12th. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-13** Approve the 2012-2013 AS Federal Agenda. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-14** Approve the KUGS SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 4. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-15** Approve the Underground Coffeehouse SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 5. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-16** Approve EDGE SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 6. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-17** Approve the AS EDGE Program Coordinator Job description as state in Doc. 7. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-18** Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-12-S-12 by Maute-Gibson

Approve the minutes of Wednesday, March 6th, 9th, and 12th.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Maute-Gibson announced that congratulations go out to all students for their efforts in lobbying on behalf of students. At 7:00 a.m. the legislature passed a no cuts to higher education budget for the first time in years. There were no cuts to work-study, financial aid, state need grant or higher education operating budgets. It is 100% due to the efforts of students, faculty, staff and all of the other higher education stakeholders who worked to make this possible. There have been other cuts to social services and they should be conscious of this but proud with the shift to the paradigm of the importance of higher education.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. War on Women Resolution *(15 minutes)* Maute-Gibson Doc. 1

Maute-Gibson said that at the county, state and federal level there are many ways that women's health and healthcare are being funded and impacted. The county is in charge of how healthcare funding is allocated. The state is in charge of allocating funding and interpreting the new healthcare bill. At the federal level they define what healthcare is and where that funding goes. At the federal level they have seen the largest attack on women. Maute-Gibson believes that the AS taking a stance on this is very important, as the young people have a role in

deciding what they want the next generations' healthcare to look like. She feels that it is important to advocate strongly on behalf of women. Once the Board takes a stance, the resolution stays in effect until or if another Board takes a different stance. This will help the AS lobby on behalf of women for years. Looking into 2012 this will be a significant issue in the elections. Stephanie Buehler said that the AS represent all Western students 54.6% of them are women, and adding the number of transgender and gender neutral students on top of that demographic shows that over half of our student population is directly affected by the War on Women, infringing on their rights to health, safety, and equality. Examples of infringements include: the fight against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act version S1925 which makes domestic violence and sexual assault crimes and would protect all victims (other versions limits takes away services and protection form communities of color and LGBTQ communities.) Another infringement is the state of Washington's law that allows health care providers to deny women emergency contraceptives, this is especially harmful if a student has been sexually assaulted and doesn't feel comfortable getting conception. Places like Planned Parenthood help students afford care by offering a sliding scale for payment. This helps our students not have to choose between paying their rent, or being screened for breast, cervical, or ovarian cancer. Bills have proposed across the nation to limit women's access to birth control which is needed for medical reasons such as help with anemia and endometriosis, and help to prevent ovarian cancer and cysts which can cause women to lose their ovaries. Buehler said this personally impacts her because she gets ovarian cysts which are extremely painful and keep her out of work and school for days because pain. Birth control prevents these and if she becomes unable to access it, it will limit her success as a student. The President of VOX said as a student and a woman, birth control is a crucial part of not only my health, but my education. To become pregnant would likely mean the end of her education. These violations are reducing women to second-class citizens. It is her sincere hope that the university will not ignore the rights and the struggles of more than half of its population and that it will elect to take a stance on this war against our choices, our health, and our progress as students. Buehler continued talking about other states where bills are proposed to do things such as firing women for using birth control, and attempting to repeal the Equal Pay Enforcement Act. Buehler asks that the AS makes it known that their students will not be discriminated against because of their gender, and that their health, safety, and equality will not be treated as if it is inferior to others. Hilary Landers is in support of this resolution she hopes that the AS will take a stance and be a leader on this issue. Chelsea Thaw said they are students and women. Everyone has many identities that they cannot separate. This issue impacts who she is at this school and in her career. Kim Absher said that so far the Board had been in support of health with supporting marriage equality and against the Coal Train. She feels that this affects a huge amount of people. She had part of her cervix removed this year; it was traumatic in many ways. She studies health policy and advocacy. She was lucky, if she hadn't had access to resources and insurance, she would have developed cervical cancer and would not have been able to have children. Absher said that access is important. This is a policy and equality issue, but is also a personal issue for many people. Sasha Parsley urges the Board to pass this resolution. The choices that are being limited by these attacks on women's health are despicable. If they have the students take a stance it sends a message and will help focus the lobbying efforts of the students. She thinks that the higher education budget not being cut shows students' voices do matter. Amanda Squires thanked the women who worked on this resolution for advocating for women, as a woman who doesn't have healthcare they are advocating for her. Taneum Bambrick thinks that it is important to take a stand against this time that they are in where some people believe that some people deserve help more than others. She feels that women's bodies are becoming a cultural statement. A trans-identified individual finds it very hard to have their hormones, psychology and surgeries covered, she is glad to see them included in this resolution. Ellermeier thanked everyone who came to speak.

B. AS Environmental Center Library Proposal (*15 minutes*) Peters Doc. 2

Jason Austin and Hilary McGowan said that how the resource library is being used has changed. Ultimately they spoke with people at the library about transferring the materials to the library. Hilary McGowan said that a lot of their books have disappeared, because there is no real way to track the books other than the paper records. There have only been about 10 people come in to use the library this year. A large portion of their library has disappeared. They are on their third copy of the BBC series Planet Earth, for example. They feel that this move will make the books more accessible because of regular hours. The books could be moved to Wilson Library right away and could say they are a gift of the Associated Students so that people knew it was funded by students. Arvizu was wondering if they were aware that they can fine students or put holds on their accounts for the books that they check out. McGowan said that she believes that they have tried it in the past, but because there isn't staff there all the time, they can't track usage accurately. Ellermeier looked at the mission statement from the program standards and this is an integral part of the mission statement. Austin said he feels they are moving away from these kinds of services and focusing more on face to face connections because you can get so much information from the internet. This proposal came out of a very significant assessment of space and use. They will be working on their mission statement to make it represent current practices. They feel that the office library is hardly ever used and would be more useful to students in the main library. Richards has a fear of losing the random foot traffic that would connect people with the office. Orallo-Molinaro suggests sharing systems for protecting AS libraries because there are a lot of libraries in the AS. The EC library is very big and takes up an entire wall, it is hard to track. Duot is excited about this move because it will help students have more access to the resources. Peters said that he was a bit torn in that he thinks that this could potentially challenge the integrity of the other libraries but what he keyed in on is that they are not serving students very well. He appreciates the awareness. Maute-Gibson said that perhaps they should look at the use of libraries in the AS. She was thinking of creating a library in the Representation & Engagement Programs Office, but after hearing this is concerned. McGowan said that the function of their library is far different than the Resource and Outreach Programs office and she feels that many of the EC books that are based on science are very outdated.

Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Federal Agenda

(*30 minutes*) Maute-Gibson Doc. 3

This item has a significant amount of time because Maute-Gibson was out ill last week. Maute-Gibson worked on making this a unified document, but is still working on a few more formatting things. She worked to make it more values focused rather than just supporting or opposing bills. There is a lot of rhetoric in the guiding principles that link to the core values of the AS. They are focusing on who is affected by these decisions. The main issues supported are: affordable access to higher education, increasing eligibility for pell grants back to 18 semesters, increasing the income back to \$32,000 family income, maintaining the maximum pell grant and the Tyler Clemente Anti-harassment bill. The Anti-harassment bill became an official bill right after being passed by the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC). This is the first time since the DREAM Act that they have been able to discuss an actual bill with elected officials. They have worked to align this document with similar language to the marriage equality bill, to make it more holistic about equal opportunities to engage at institutions. There are two recommendations for the DREAM Act, there is one from LAC and one from Student Coalition for Immigration Rights They both passed LAC she did not feel comfortable changing students' language but will if this is recommended by the Board. The last item is accountability of the for-profit universities because they get the same level of financial aid and work study and they use this money for advertising for the college etc. Western was the only college in Washington to look at this accountability. In Washington DC last year they were very impressed with this being part of the agenda. Rep. Rick Larson said that they held a committee

meeting looking at accountability of for-profit colleges for the first time partially because of these efforts. All of these resolutions came from the students. They are comprehensively looking at what it means to have access to education- financially and safety-wise. She thanked everyone involved and Patrick Stickney for his excellent work as Vice-Chair of LAC. Richards said that in the Pell Grant Resolution she would like to have the original date that they are asking to return the funding to. Stickney said that it is proposed but hasn't gone into effect yet. Nadia Saldana-Spiegle would like to point out that not being documented is not a visible thing and each student can know someone who would be affected by this. WA passed HB 1079 which guarantees in-state tuition to undocumented students who have attended a state high school for two years and graduated or gotten their GED. This institution is already showing support for undocumented students in terms of showing financial aid resources on the website that are available to these students. Western would be the first public institution to put a statement like this on the website. Whitman also did this. Richards feels that there are two different voices in the resolutions and she feels that they are both important. Duot dittoed. Maute-Gibson said that she is also hoping to get additional testimony. She feels comfortable having both DREAM Act resolutions in the Agenda; she doesn't feel that it is redundant. Orallo-Molinaro said that this packet really hits many different voices and he thinks will touch people on a personal level. He thinks it will be very impactful. Specifically he hears the voices of students that he has personally spoken with in the Anti-harassment bill. Duot really likes this document and feels that the Board is here to fight for all students. Maute-Gibson said that students at Rutgers University wrote the Anti-harassment Bill and it is a huge deal to have this being looked at in federal government. She thinks that taking these documents written by students will help represent those voices in a true way. She would be happy to add testimonies to this document. Raymundo Cortez has been working with migrant youth in Skagit Valley and in Whatcom County many students say that they don't want to go college because they feel that they will not be able to do anything after college because they are still undocumented. The DREAM act will help because they will have the opportunity to become students. Other people are afraid that they will come to university and get picked up by immigration officials while on campus.

MOTION ASB-12-S-13 by Orallo-Molinaro

Approve the 2012-2013 AS Federal Agenda.

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

The Board took a break and reconvened at 6:47p.m. Richards left the meeting

B. KUGS SPAC Recommendations (10 minutes) Peters Doc. 4

Arvizu feels comfortable with the KUGS recommendations. She feels that their goals are in place.

MOTION ASB-12-S-14 by Arvizu

Approve the KUGS SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 4.

Second: Maute-Gibson Vote:6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

Richards rejoined the meeting

C. Underground Coffeehouse SPAC Recommendations (10 minutes) Peters Doc. 5

John von Volkli said that there are similar recommendations for ASP Films.

MOTION ASB-12-S-15 by Orallo-Molinaro

Approve the Underground Coffeehouse SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 5.

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

D. AS EDGE SPAC Recommendations (10 minutes) Peters Doc. 6

Peters still has concerns about creating a fund for this specific of an item. Arvizu is hesitant on the prioritization of this in terms of budgeting. Von Volkli said that they could change this to

speak to Management Council about this item. Or to talk to the Personnel Office about increasing their fund. Arvizu said that it is asking a lot from all of the offices to give money to this and she would like to check with the offices before this. Ellermeier said that the spirit of this is that it would be great if the AS could use this.... “Encourage the use of the EDGE for team building, this might include a subsidy.” Peters doesn’t think that they will be allocating less to each office because of this. These are just recommendations, the Board is not bound to them. It is a suggestion for things to move towards in the next few years.

MOTION ASB-12-S-16 by Orallo-Molinaro

Approve EDGE SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 6.

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

E. EDGE Coordinator Job Description *(15 minutes) Peters Doc. 7*

Charlie Hagen, EDGE said that they changed minor things for consistency such as the office hours, etc. They decided to keep the term of position to two weeks before summer quarter. There was a discussion with Fred Collins, Kevin Majkut and Hagen where they decided this was for the best because it would not be fair for a new coordinator to come in before a budget session. They also thought it would take away from eligible students because many students graduate in the spring and cannot work in summer if they are not enrolled in the fall. Ellermeier asked if they had looked into having a better internship process because of the summer being the busiest time for this position. Hagen said they are going to move the hiring process back a month or two to allow the position holder as much time as they wish for internships. Ellermeier asked if they looked at the position classification. It is at the hourly rate of a coordinator but at the 19 hours per week rate. Brockman felt that it wasn’t necessary to make this a director job description. Arvizu wondered how this position was funded. Peters said that more or less this position is self-sustaining. Hagen clarified that there are 12 established office hours and then 7 hours for other responsibilities such as leading trainings or inspecting the challenge course. Ellermeier was concerned about this position needing to work more than 19 hours per week. Hagen felt that there were also times when they will work less than that. Peters said that this person is a salaried employee but it is calculated at an hourly rate.

MOTION ASB-12-S-17 by Arvizu

Approve the AS EDGE Program Coordinator Job description as state in Doc. 7.

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Committee Appointments

Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee

Christopher Brown Political Science Junior (Senate, LAC, Parking Appeals)

MOTION ASB-12-S-18 by Maute-Gibson

Approve Consent Item A.

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

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Kendall Bull said that Political Trivia went really well. It was a great way to get out information about the Representation and Engagement Programs and Elections. Next Thursday he would like to take up the issue of whether to keep Aramark neutral in the union elections if they do come for Aramark Employees.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President

Anna Ellermeier reported that they had a great work session with the Student Senate and she will be attending a meeting to discuss why they have the Senate and the direction they are hoping to go to. There is a really interesting agenda for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and Friday. On Thursday they will be having a panel with local elected officials, including mayor. She encouraged people to come or to listen in on the website.

VP for Business & Operations

Travis Peters reported that they have been receiving budgets but they received all of them yet. He encouraged budget authorities to turn their proposals in.

VP for Diversity

Deng Duot thanked everyone for helping in the hiring process. They had a 20% increase in applicants this year. Also, ESC Steering was having a hard time with their budget but they are ok now.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Ellermeier, Joe Meyer and she will be leaving to Washington D.C. at 5 p.m. on Monday and returning on Saturday morning. They have meetings with Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Rick Larson. She would like the legislative districts of all of the Board Members and their parents to help get meetings with more people.

VP for Student Life

Sara Richards reported that 43 people attended the Green Fee Energy workshops. The Ree Center has refinanced their bonds. This means they will be paying off bonds for 4 more years than expected. They also voted in a partnership with an unnamed donor to build a new turf field behind the softball field. The Alternative Transportation Fee campaign is rolling and she would love student and Board help.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Travis Peters will be the acting president next week. Ellermeier and Maute-Gibson will be trying to Skype or call in.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7: 15 P.M.