Student Senators: *Present:* Kendall Bull (Chair), Jered McCardle, Ethan Glemaker, Christopher
Brown, Sharon Schultz, Matthew Yoo, Evan Fowler, Katie Vainikka, Felipe
Espinoza, Victor Celis
Absent: Druksel Dorji, Christopher Savage, Mason Luvera
Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg
Secretary: Marissa Jaksich
ASVP for Academic Affairs: Fabiola Arvizu
Guest(s):

Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm

S-12-S-02	Approval of the minutes of Thursday, April 5th, 2012. *Passed*	
S-12-S-03	Moving Issue of the Quarter from an Information Item to an Action Item. *Passed*	
S-12-S-04	Issue of the Quarter as Student Technology Fee with Proposed Amendments. *Passed*	
S-12-S-05	Approval of Women on Women. *Passed*	

 I.   **Approval of Minutes**
MOTION S-12-S-02 by Yoo
  Approval of minutes of April 5th, 2012
  Second: Celis   Vote: 7- 0 - 2   Action: **Passed**

II.   **Revisions to the Agenda**
MOTION S-12-S-03 by McCardle
  Moving Issue of the Quarter from an Information Item to an Action Item
  Second: Fowler Vote: 9- 0 - 0   Action: **Passed**

III. **Public Forum**

IV. **Information Items**
  A. **Issue of the Quarter**   Doc. 1
     Chair introduced the issue of the quarter discussion and said that it would be turned
     into a public forum. Fabiola, who is actually the chair of the student technology fee,
     gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Student Technology Fee (STF). She
     explained that the Student Technology Fee's mission is to provide students with
     adequate technology experiences through three objectives, including broadening and
     enhancing the quality of the academic experience, providing additional student
     access to technological resources and equipment, and increasing the integration of
     technology into the curriculum. The student technology fee addresses the funding of
     proposals that comes to the committee, and the mission guides them on how the tech
     fee should be used. She explained that the student tech fee pays for computer lab
     renewal and replacement, the Student Technology Center and its services, the
     wireless network renewal and replacement, in addition to any STF approved
     proposals. She said the proposals tend to be submitted by the departments, because
     they have specific needs for the students but also said that anyone is welcome to

submit proposals. She then presented the student tech fee language that was on the ballot about five years ago. She explained that why she brought this issue to Senate was that the tech fee was up for renewal in the next year and would be an important issue for students. She completed a timeline, presenting events of what would be happening in the next year. She mentioned that print quotas had nothing to do with the student tech fee, but that the association students are making between the two is raising awareness of the tech fee. The STF is a partnership of Information Technology in the University's administration and the Associated Students. The STF Committee is how the Associated Students holds accountability to the university. Brown asked if the committee sets the fee amount for students. Fabiola responded saying no that the fee is decided by the people who write the language for the fee. She said that a subcommittee made up of board members and students at large would be meeting next year to create the language. In the fall is when Information Technology would begin reviewing the progress of the STF and assessing the future needs and dialoguing with the students. She said that they are also working on developing more formalized student assessment through surveys to gauge students for their feedback. Winter is when the subcommittee meets to finalize the language, and then hopefully the referendum is approved by the board to be put on the ballot in spring. She said that print quota could potentially come out of the student tech fee, but that it would most like raise the fee and would be dependent on what else the students really want to see coming out of the fee. Yoo asked what the process was in letting students know the timeline and processes involved with student tech fee so that students could make the most informed decision. Fabiola replied that this was a priority of hers and hopes to accomplish this through putting on forums and sending out emails from Information Technology. Fowler mentioned that it was a very scary prospect that the fee needs to be voted on by students, because students need a clear understanding of what the fee is in order to vote intelligently on it. Brown enquired why the student tech fee was initially set up and was wondering why the university does not pay for Wi-Fi. Fabiola replied that it had been around since the late 1990s or early 2000s, and provides what the university cannot provide to departments for funding for technology and equipment that students need to have a successful experience. She explained that the student tech fee goes further and is about us contributing to our own enhanced education through specialized technology and equipment not typically seen in the class room. Brown wanted to know if the student tech fee was expanded if eventually when the university is less strapped financially if they would again pick up paying for these services. Fabiola responded that she carefully watches to make sure the fee is spent on things other than what the university provides. She thinks the fee will increase just because of increasing costs associated with technology. She mentioned they were looking to upgrade the Wi-Fi system on campus to give students better connections. Fowler feels that the language should state "computers and Wi-Fi" to be more specific. Brown suggested adding it as an "i.e." and thinks examples would be good to provide. Fabiola suggested changing the language to the "following services" instead of "purposes". Fabiola explained that she wanted a really neutral question that would not influence students in any way. Fabiola also liked the idea about adding examples to the end to give a clearer understanding to students of where the fee would be applied to. Celis agreed with changing "purposes" to "services," but does not think the "i.e." is needed. Yoo mentioned adding "the list

above" to "Do you utilize any of the services provided by this?" instead of "provided by this" to make it a clearer statement. McCardle asked about tabling and believes the issue is important to get the students' input. However, he thinks "i.e." is unnecessary because senators will be available to answer questions about the services provided. Lisa made a suggestion to change "Students will vote" to "Student vote on renewal." Also she mentioned adding an "a" to "STF is [a] quarterly fee" Celis likes it now as it is more would make it less clear. Fowler expressed that he would feel overwhelmed if there were more questions added to this issue.

MOTION S-12-S-04 *by Fowler*
Issue of the Quarter as Student Technology Fee with Proposed Amendments
Second: Celis   Vote: 9- 0 - 0   Action: **Passed**

V. Action Items

VI. Discussion Items

A. Women on Women Resolution
Chair introduced this issue as a resolution that went to the AS Board of Directors the day prior. Chair enquired about any questions or concern. Chair responded most were in favor of it. Celis reported VOX and other campus community members were in attendance at the AS Board meeting and there were many personal testimonies. McCardle mentioned that LAC was overwhelmingly in favor of this resolution. Celis remarked on the board's role in taking stances on public political matters, and thinks that people need to remember that they need to be representing the students and not their personal opinions when considering this resolution. However he is in favor of the resolution. Fabiola wanted to reassure that the resolution was not taking a stance on any religions. Fabiola said this resolution addresses the issue of access to affordable health care for women. Brown is curious about the controversial bill mentioned and wondered the reasoning for rejecting it. Fabiola addressed that the resolution specifies specific bills, and she thinks it should cover all broad base legislation on the matter. Fowler asked who sponsored the resolution. Fabiola responded Iris Maute-Gibson. Fowler wanted to know where WWU and students fall into the resolution. Fowler thought that it addresses a gender and should be more addressed and representative of the students. Fabiola said that they do not distinguish a student from a woman and said that they cannot separate the two. Fowler believes that this is Politicalizing the AS Board and thinks it is less relevant to the campus. Brown seconded removing specific acts and making it more general. Fowler thinks the resolution will set precedent for decisions in the future. Celis commented that not voting would be seen as a discriminatory move to take to now to all of a sudden bow out from political issues. Fowler thought it was important to have some dialogue about the Board voting on politically charged issues. Chair motioned to end discussion, but Celis thought it would look better for the senate to have an official stance on the resolution, so he motioned to approve the resolution.

MOTION S-12-S-05 *by Celis*
Approval of Women on Women Resolution
Second: Fowler Vote: 7- 0 - 2   Action: **Passed**

B. **Subcommittees**

McCardle and Espinoza volunteered to be on the Student Technology Fee Forum committee. Fowler volunteered to be on a Promotions/ Senate Reform committee. Chair then took this time to report on the work session with the AS board that had taken place the previous week on senate reform. Fabiola suggested drafting a digest on the topics discussed at the work session so that students who were unable to be there could get a better understanding of what was discussed. Chair replied that he would do that. Celis suggested having senate reform as a discussion item in the coming weeks.

VII. Board Reports/Concerns

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Schultz reported that she was in the process of being approved for Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, and then introduced herself to the rest of the senate for those who had not met her yet.

Celis reported that Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) met Tuesday and talked about a new committee that is potentially being formed, the Recruitment, Admissions and Support committee.

McCardle reported that Iris, the chair for Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) was sick last week, so they had a very short meeting. He did report that he and Kaylee were both nominated for Washington Student Association (WSA) positions for the 2012-2013 year and that he accepted an interim position as Vice President of Finance.

Fowler reported that Green Energy Fee committee is preparing for reviewing proposals. He also reported that budget committee was meeting but that nothing much was going on yet and is still in the initial stage of discussing how they will assess programs.

Yoo reported that Election Board did meet in the prior week. He explained that Campbell was charged with missing a mandatory candidates meeting but that the Board voted to let him run but penalized him in campaigning time in Red Square.

Espinoza reported that ESC's President's Council met and discussed the Russian Club's lack of attendance as well as the ESC's shortage of funds due to bad budgeting practices.

IV. Other Business:

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:49 P.M.