

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Student Senate Meeting
Thursday, May 10th, 2012 VU 567**

Student Senators: *Present:* Kendall Bull (Chair), Jered McCardle, Ethan Glemaker, Christopher Brown, Sharon Schultz, Katie Vainikka, Victor Celis, Christopher Savage, Matthew Yoo, Evan Fowler,
Absent: Druksel Dorji, Mason Luvera, Felipe Espinoza

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg

Secretary: Marissa Jaksich

ASVP for Academic Affairs: Fabiola Arvizu

Guest(s): *Students:* Katie Barnard, Patrick Stickney, Andrew Taylor, Caylyn Rolph-Tate

Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

- S-12-S-11** Approval of the minutes of Thursday, April 26th, 2012. *Passed*
- S-12-S-12** Approval of the minutes of Thursday, May 3rd, 2012. *Passed*
- S-12-S-13** Amend the amendment. *Passed*
- S-12-S-14** Approval of first proposed amendment. *Passed*
- S-12-S-15** Approval of second proposed amendment. *Passed*

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION S-12-S-11 by McCardle

Approval of the minutes of Thursday, April 26th, 2012

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

MOTION S-12-S-12 by McCardle

Approval of the minutes of Thursday, May 3rd, 2012

Second: Vainikka Vote: 8- 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

A. Rental Licensing Agreement

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Glemaker before any motions took place wanted to know what the difference was from this Rental Licensing Agreement resolution from the previous years' resolution. Stickney claimed that this is still a pressing issue for students and that this resolution aims to approach it through working with city works to ensure that action is properly taken. Fabiola said that no action had been taken by the AS with the previous resolution. Glemaker wondered how the resolution was a student issue. Taylor thought that there needs to be more proactive regulation of rental properties in the Bellingham area, but does see that there could be a shift in language to emphasize that it is a safety issue of students living in rental apartments to help it apply more to Western students. Brown said there is a new city council member and a new mayor that could possibly change what the city council's vote would be for another

resolution regarding rental licensing. Celis had a question whether student senate was the best place for this resolution. He views this as more words and not actions, and he feels that more should be done with it in a committee like Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) who has a greater ability to act on it. McCardle suggested making it an amendment. Yoo shared Celis' concern and felt that senate should raise more awareness on campus about this issue. Yoo wondered if they could add a statement about having the board raise awareness to the student body. Savage asked whether this resolution was based on several occasions. Taylor affirmed that yes it dealt with problems from many local property management companies in the Bellingham area. Stickney mentioned that LAC does not have a local impact so it would not be better to pass the resolution onto LAC. He also said that students would support having protections in this community. Fowler said that he did not see any issue with senate passing it, but sees it as symbolic support of the student body. Glemaker said that he was seeing more how this resolution had more of an impact, but still felt like adding some whereas statements to make it more of a student issue explicitly. He also asked since it was their intent to get an ordinance should they add that stipulation to the resolution. Brown stated that he has had many issues before and is bothered that rental companies are allowed to abuse their power. Brown said that there needed to be legislation to prevent these problems. Brown sees the current situation as dangerous in the long term for a student's quality of life, and that is why he believed this to be a student issue.

MOTION S-12-S-13 by Celis

Amend the amendment

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

MOTION S-12-S-14 by Glemaker

Approval of first proposed amendment

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

MOTION S-12-S-15 by Glemaker

Approval of second proposed amendment

Second: McCardle Vote: 8- 1 - 0 Action: **Passed**

McCardle called to question with a vote of 9-0-0.

V. Action Items

VI. Discussion Items

A. Issue of the Quarter

Celis thought it should be a requirement for senators to attend the Student Technology Fee forum since student senate was putting it on. McCardle brought up that they would be tabling on Vendor's Row, Tuesday from 10-3pm. He also said that there were two large classes on Tuesday that he wanted senators to give announcements in about the Student Technology Fee Forum. He said one was at 10 am and the other was at noon. Kendall volunteered for the noon class and Vainikka volunteered for the 10 am class on Tuesday.

VII. Board Reports/Concerns

Fabiola reported that she wanted to do a presentation on the forum; getting started on training the new board members. She reported that the board heard two resolutions that last week including the unionizing and opposing unionization. They will be looking at the budget in the coming weeks.

VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns

Celis reported that Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) passed the academic grievance appeal procedures.

McCardle reported that LAC went over WSA budget

Savage reported dining committee had discussed the unionization resolution but remained very neutral. He also reported that there was a new machine going into the Viking Commons soon.

Fowler reported that Green Energy Fee Committee will be going through green energy fee proposals at their next meeting.

IV. Other Business:

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:01 P.M.