

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Student Senate Meeting
Thursday, May 24th, 2012 VU 567**

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

Advisor: Lisa Rosenberg

Secretary: Marissa Jaksich

ASVP for Academic Affairs: Fabiola Arvizu (*absent*)

Guest(s): *Students:* Bill Campbell, Katie Barnard

Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm

- S-12-S-16** Approval of the minutes of Thursday, May 10th, 2012. *Passed*
S-12-S-17 Move Information Item A to an Action Item. *Passed*
S-12-S-18 Move to change that the senate name should be evaluated to encourage the next year's board to take that under their discretion. *Passed*
S-12-S-19 Move to pass recommendations to the 2012-2013 Board of Directors and 2012-2013 Student Senate Chair and to include this in the Senate Chair's legacy document. *Passed*

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION S-12-S-16 by Vainikka

Approval of the minutes of Thursday, May 10th, 2012

Second: Glemaker Vote: 6- 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

II. Revisions to the Agenda

There was a lot of discussion about why this needed to be voted on. Brown felt that we should approve the recommendations to make sure that it gets to the new AS Board of Directors over the summer, and can continue on in next year's senate. Glemaker thinks it should just be given to the senate chair for next year. Celis feels the motion would serve as an encouragement by the senators to move this forward.

MOTION S-12-S-17 by Celis

Move Information Item A to an Action Item A

Second: Brown Vote: 6- 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

V. Action Items

A. Student Senate Reform White Paper

Doc. 1

Celis introduced this document as looking at recommendations and ideas for the Student Senate that they developed at a board session. There was a lot of discussion about whether the document should be amended and if it even needed to be passed.

Glemaker established that these bullets listed on the document are suggestions and not mandates and thinks each bullet should be left at the discretion of next year's Student Senate. He thinks adding or altering anything would be misrepresenting what was discussed. Brown still wants to make a motion to at least remove some bullets he found to be repetitive or would weaken the senate. He also thinks the title senate conveys and official body and should be kept. Barnard thought having a more descriptive name of what senate actually does would be better like Board of Advisors. Campbell said that he would like to see senate maintained as a student senate but make it more representative body. Glemaker reiterated that these are just suggestions, and that they are not voting on the recommendations but merely approving these as suggestions to pass on to the following year's senate. Celis made a motion to change that the senate name should be evaluated to encourage the next year's board to take that under their discretion. Glemaker reiterated that he is very uncomfortable changing anything without members who had these. Brown things it is completely legitimate to make minor changes.

MOTION S-12-S-18 by Celis

Move to change that the senate name should be evaluated to encourage the next year's board to take that under their discretion

Second: Brown Vote: 4- 1 - 1 Action: **Passed**

MOTION S-12-S-19 by Celis

Move to pass recommendations to the 2012-2013 Board of Directors and 2012-2013 Student Senate Chair and to include this in the Senate Chair's legacy document

Second: Glemaker Vote: 6- 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

VI. Discussion Items

A. Issue of the Quarter

Chair said that the weather was nice, so the forum did not get the attendance it wanted, but otherwise he thought there was good dialogue and it paved the way for future discussions. Celis agreed that there was really good conversation and was very proud of the few senators who made it. Vainikka remarked that she would have gone, but could not find any information on the location of the event. Glemaker felt that he learned a lot from the forum and thought it was very educational.

B. Dead Week Dinner

Chair mentioned that there would be an end of the year senate dinner the following week and opened up discussion on where senators wanted to go. Glemaker suggested Pepper Sisters Southwestern style and raved about their sopaipillas and honey butter or he also mentioned The Table, an Italian restaurant. Celis suggested Supon's Thai Kitchen. Voting commenced and resulted in 5 for Pepper Sisters, 2 for The Table, and 0 for Supon's. So it was decided that we would have a senate dinner next Thursday, 5pm at Pepper Sisters.

VII. Board Reports/Concerns

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Celis reported that the board voted down the rental licensing agreement resolution but that Anna and Iris will be sending a letter to all parties involved like the Bellingham City Council and the Mayor encouraging reform.

Glemaker reported that AS Facilities and Services Council decided to table the issue for getting a new vehicle for the Associated Students until the summer.

Espinoza reported that ESC President's Council is doing officer trainings with the new officers.

IV. Other Business:

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:15 P.M.