

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Anna Ellermeier (President), Fabiola Arvizu (VP Academics), Mario Orallo-Molinero (VP Activities), Travis Peters (VP Business & Operations), 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(s): Kayla Warr (AS Elections Coordinator), Carly Roberts, Ethan Glemaker, Victor Celis, Patrick Stickney, Katie Savinski, John von Volkli (AS Assessment Office), Derek Loerzel

MOTIONS

- ASB-12-S-24** Approve the minutes of Wednesday, April 11th and April 18th & 20th. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-25** Approve the AS Recycle Center SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 1. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-26** Approve the Veteran's Outreach Center SPAC Recommendations as stated in the new document provided at the meeting. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-27** Approve the AS Productions Films SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 3. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-28** Approve the AS Transportation Advisory Committee Master Plan and priorities as stated in Doc. 4. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-29** AS Board Assistant Restructure and job descriptions as stated in Doc. 6. *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-30** Certify Election Results as stated in Doc. 7 [President - Ethan Glemaker, AS VP for Business and Operations - Hung Le, AS VP for Academic Affairs - Victor Celis, AS VP for Activities - Carly C. Roberts, AS VP for Diversity - John Deng Duot, AS VP for Governmental Affairs - Patrick Stickney, AS VP for Student Life - Katie Savinski. The University Transparency Initiative passed with 79%; Print Quota Initiative passed with 80%; Bottled Water passed with 73%; and the Alternative Transportation Fee passed with 84% of the vote.] *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-31** Approve Consent Item B Student Trustee Recommendations [Sean Eridon, Remy Levin, Joseph Meyer, Kyle Wavra], *Passed*
- ASB-12-S-32** Approve the Gender Neutral Restroom Resolution with stated changes. *Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-12-S-24 by Richards

Approve the minutes of April 11 and April 18 & 20th.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

- A. Recycle Center SPAC Recommendations (15 minutes) Peters Doc.1
Ellermeier asked they had if looked in to the need for fall training. Von Volkli said that for now the RC Education Coordinator will still be attending training; this might change when the other recommendation is completed.

MOTION ASB-12-S-25 by Orallo-Molinaro

Approve the AS Recycle Center SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 1.

Second: Richards

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

B. Veteran's Outreach Center SPAC Recommendations *(15 minutes)* Peters Doc. 2

Von Volkli said that a tweak was made to the mission statement; this was approved by the VOC Coordinator. Change in number four to state "informal and facilitated social support networks." This will not tie them down to a dialogue event. The needs inventory has already occurred this year and the coordinator would like the inventory to be done yearly. He does not feel this will be too strenuous a task. They also changed "female" to "woman-identified."

MOTION ASB-12-S-26 by Arvizu

Approve the Veteran's Outreach Center SPAC Recommendations as stated in the new document provided at the meeting.

Second: Peters

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

C. AS Productions Films SPAC Recommendations *(15 minutes)* Peters Doc. 3

Von Volkli said that the coordinator feels that the mission statement is reflective of current practices and would prefer not to change it from what is proposed in the document. Von Volkli provided the Board with minutes from the SPAC meetings to help them understand why changes were made. Richards asked if they had considered including "film appreciation." Von Volkli said that Craig Gorder and the Films Coordinator was pretty set on the proposed statement. Ellermeier complimented John von Volkli on his exceptional work on the assessment process this year. The reports were clear and thorough.

MOTION ASB-12-S-27 by Maute-Gibson

Approve the AS Productions Films SPAC Recommendations as stated in Doc. 3.

Second: Orallo-Molinaro Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

D. ASTAC Priority Fist and Master Plan *(10 minutes)* Richards Doc. 4

Richards contacted Kelly Tinville about getting on the City Council Agenda. This document will be presented at a future meeting by incoming VP for Student Fife Katie Savinski. Maute-Gibson suggested including the VP for Governmental Affairs and Steve Swan in this presentation. Richards said that Chief Randy Stegmeier is also on board with the plan. The priority list was composed after student input to show the greatest needs in the eyes of the students.

MOTION ASB-12-S-28 by Arvizu

Approve the AS Transportation Advisory Committee Master Plan and priorities as stated in Doc. 4.

Second: Peters

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

F. Board Assistants Restructure *(15 minutes)* Peters Doc. 6

Ellermeier is very happy about this and feels that it was a creative solution to deal with the problem of who could take the Student Senate minutes. She thanked Monger for this proposal. Maute-Gibson suggested it might be beneficial to have a larger calendar at the beginning of the year to help avoid overlapping projects. Monger said that the only budget implication is to the Red Square Information Fair budget which is a self-sustaining budget.

MOTION ASB-12-S-29 by Orallo-Molinaro

AS Board Assistant Restructure and job descriptions as stated in Doc. 6.

Second: Richards 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. AS Elections Certification (5 minutes) Ellermeier Doc.7

Ellermeier thanked Kayla Warr for her work on elections. Ellermeier appreciates the work she did stepping in half way through the Elections process. They were very pleased with student voter turnout.

MOTION ASB-12-S-30 by Maute-Gibson

Certify Election Results as stated in Doc. 7 [President - Ethan Glemaker, AS VP for Business and Operations - Hung Le, AS VP for Academic Affairs - Victor Celis, AS VP for Activities - Carly C. Roberts, AS VP for Diversity - John Deng Duot, AS VP for Governmental Affairs - Patrick Stickney, AS VP for Student Life - Katie Savinski. The University Transparency Initiative passed with 79%; Print Quota Initiative passed with 80%; Bottled Water passed with 73%; and the Alternative Transportation Fee passed with 84% of the vote.]

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

B. Student Trustee Recommendations

Ellermeier reported that there was a successful meeting of the AS Student Trustee Selection Committee. They have recommended four students to forward on to the Governor for the final selection. They had a very strong pool of applicants.

MOTION ASB-12-S-31 by Arvizu

Approve Consent Item B Student Trustee Recommendations [Sean Eridon, Remy Levin, Joseph Meyer, KyleWavra],

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

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

Kendall Bull reported that May 17th the issue of the quarter public forum will be on the Student Technology Fee which will be up for a vote next spring. There is an Aramark Unionization resolution to be voted on tomorrow.

XI. BOARD REPORTS**VP for Academic Affairs**

Fabiola Arvizu reported that the Board Members should review the Senate documents that will be heard this week and next week because they take a lot of research and knowledge. She would like people to have more time with the documents than just the one meeting at the Board level.

VP for Activities

Mario Orallo-Molinario reported that next Tuesday is AS Club Kick-Back which is a reflection time of how the year went. The Career Center will be there to help people articulate the skills they have gained over their four years in college on a resume to help them succeed in the workforce. There will be food and Mallard's at the event and is the first time they are doing this. They have toned down Project Leadership to focus on the club system and their education over the academic year. He said thank you for the Marketing Plan meeting and asked Board members to please send notes.

VP for Business & Operations

Travis Peters reported that the AS Budget is taking longer to go through justifications. The plan is to try to have it here the week of the May 14th, giving it three weeks at the Board level. At which point changes would not only be made by the Board but offices will also be providing feedback.

VP for Diversity

Deng Duot reported that next week he will be meeting with the friends of Timothy Crossan. If any other Board members would like to be there as well, please let him know. He said his goal is to make sure that students know the Board is there for them and to encourage them.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Friday the Washington Student Association President and Outreach staff will be on campus all day. They will be looking at the WSA budget and Tegislative Action Fund. They will talk about Western's commitment to the WSA and how the WSA Budget should reflect the needs of Western. She encouraged anyone interested in being a part of that conversation to let her know and she will set up meeting times.

VP for Student Life

Sara Richards reported that 10 proposals had been submitted for the Green Energy Fee. She added that they are not increasing the fee and the ATF budget is secure. She stated that on May 12th the Residence Hall Association is putting on Fife Size Games including Hungry Hungry Hippos, Twister, and other board games on the Comm Fawn.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

E. Gender Inclusive Restroom Resolution

(15 minutes) Duot Doc. 5

This item was moved to later in the meeting so that Ben Crowther could attend. Crowther said that based on the feedback he received they included some information from the campus climate survey, AS Strategic Plan and some other statistics from the Queer Resource Center informal pole. He added a "be it resolved" about "encouraging an amendment to the campus standards." This is the university building code, it encourages them to include gender neutral restrooms, what this will look like is open. They are hoping to make this more permanent so that it will stay in the mind of the university even after the current students advocating for it have graduated. Ellermeier asked if "sexual orientation based discrimination" happened at Western and if not, she feels this should be specified. Richards feels many of them are general. She thinks that people should ask themselves if this happens at Western. Arvizu agrees with Ellermeier because it sounds like there are specific reports, she feels if this were the case the university would be focusing on it. She suggests "trans students can experience...". She thinks that because they don't know if it is happening at Western. Maute-Gibson thinks that whereas clauses should be concrete truths that can be backed up, because it makes the "be it resolved" statements more impactful. Ellermeier asked to take out "would" in the last whereas statement because "gender neutral restrooms promote diversity" is a stronger statement and there are a few restrooms on campus. The Board and Crowther agreed. Ellermeier thinks that the first be it resolved should be broken into two: supporting expansion and inclusion in campus standards. They need to start expanding now and they also need to put it in the campus standards, she doesn't want to make them dependent on each other. The board approved of these two amendments. The 50 percent statistics are from a study in San Francisco. Maute-Gibson said often the resources are provided separately from the actual resolution. Maute-Gibson made an amendment to add another be it resolved statement. She thinks they should look at values of the AS and how they relate to travel and the values they encourage "be it further resolved that the AS encourages all higher education institutions hosting WWU AS employees for official business provide at least one gender neutral restroom per facility utilized". Duot seconded. Arvizu doesn't feel comfortable with this because she doesn't know how much influence the

AS has on services that other schools can provide. She is concerned that people will think that they can be accommodated on official AS travel, but this may not be possible. Maute-Gibson clarified that it says encourage. She feels a lot of institutions have requirements for their students to travel. The United States Student Association doesn't allow any institution to host an event unless they provide at least one gender neutral facility. Restrooms can be temporarily converted. Crowther thinks that this is putting "our money where our mouth is" approach. He thinks that if they are spending AS money they should provide safety and comfort. It is not even a requirement, but an encouragement that could start dialogue with campuses people who are traveling. Duot feels that it is important to recommend this. Richards wonders how this message would even be communicated to other institutions. Maute-Gibson thinks that whoever is planning the trip would need to call the school. Glemaker thinks that it is important. Ellermeier doesn't feel strongly about this but she doesn't see how it will be effective. She understands saying that this is a practice we value at our university and we would like to see it across the university. She thinks that perhaps they can send the resolution and a letter. She thinks that it is unrealistic to expect people going to an event to ask for this especially if they won't even use the restroom. Crowther challenges that if someone is not going to use the restroom at a conference then they shouldn't ask for it. He thinks that just because someone doesn't need it doesn't mean that there isn't a student at that university who needs it. Maute-Gibson disagrees that we can't posit our values on students who are trying to attend a conference. Duot said that they are doing this at Western because they need to promote diversity and inclusion at Western. Arvizu said that if it is for AS Employees then she thinks this should be an AS Standards instead of in this resolution. She thinks this resolution is more about getting the restrooms on campus. Peters wondered how this would have impacted programming; do facilities the AS currently use have this accommodation? Pratt thinks that it is important not to impose values on other people. This is the third year tackling this issue at Western. One of the issues during Student Senate is that campuses are struggling with locking someone out or locking a predator in. Not every campus might be able to resolve this right away. Western itself is currently wrestling with this. Crowther said that it uses the wording encourage. He sees this as a proper vehicle to inform the travel policy. Arvizu thinks that changing the travel standards would legitimize it. If this resolution is for campus then it should be focused that way. Arvizu thinks that if they are proposing it to university administrators they want to have things that the university has some power to change. They have no power to do anything about this new "be it resolved". Richards does reiterate it is as simple as putting up a new sign to reassign the restroom, she would want like it to just say students. Richards is still struggling with the idea of how to notify people. She feels that people in the AS are lucky to have the education about why this is important, not everyone will understand it. Arvizu doesn't think that gender neutral bathrooms are not a value, they are a requirement. She is looking at this in a bureaucratic sense and thinks it doesn't fit in this resolution. Maute-Gibson thinks this is a good step to change the program standards but it is complicated. Glemaker thinks that encouraging is a good step and opens dialogue. He also thinks that this makes a statement that they are allies to all students. Western withdrew invitation to attend a conference because of a school's anti-same sex marriage stance. Ellermeier agrees with Arvizu that this should be present on every campus, but she doesn't think that the amendment, as it stands, is an effective way to do this. Amendment failed 2-5-0. Maute-Gibson thinks that this is a fantastic resolution. She thinks that it aligns with the values of the AS and thinks that the fact that the task force fell apart, she feels that the board stance is an important statement.

MOTION ASB-12-S-33 by Orallo-Molinaro

Approve the Gender Neutral Restroom Resolution with stated changes.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:32 P.M.