

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

VU 567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Ethan Glemaker (President), Victor Celis (VP Academics), Carly C Roberts (VP Activities), Hung Le (VP Bus Ops), Deng de Duot (VP Diversity), Patrick Stickney (VP Governmental Affairs) and Katie Savinski (VP Student Life)

**Student Senate Representative:** Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

**Advisor(s):** Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

**Guest(s):** Ben Crowther, John von Volkli (AS Assessment), Graham Marmion (AS Elections), Danny Canham (AS Women's Center), Bill Campbell (Student Senate), Students for Sustainable Water: Carolyn Bowie, Sara Purington

## MOTIONS

- ASB-12-F-39** Approve the minutes of Wednesday, November 7, 2012. *Passed*
- ASB-12-F-40** Approve the 2013-2014 Programming Procedural Standards. *Passed*
- ASB-12-F-41** Approve the Election Board CC and amend the quorum section to reinstate "Each party with a grievance is allowed to disqualify one member from serving on the hearing panel, the chair cannot be disqualified" striking "at random for a hearing" and change the membership to "7 students at-large", and the quorum section to state "8 students at large." *Passed*
- ASB-12-F-42** Approve the Elections Appeals CC. *Passed*
- ASB-12-F-43** Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

**Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.**

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION ASB-12-F-39 by Celis*

Approve the minutes of November 7, 2012.

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

## II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

## IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Program Saturation

Celis thought the document looked really good. There was applause when this item passed.

*MOTION ASB-12-F-40 by Celis*

Approve the 2013-2014 Programming Procedural Standards.

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

## V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Women's Center Targeted Programs

Celis pointed out that the Vagina Memoirs Open Casting call is currently going on and he wanted to note that the Board would be approving something that will have already happened. Stickney felt that this program is part of the foundation of the Women's Center and there is an expectation that it will repeat from year to year. Stickney feels going through this approval process every year is unnecessary and maybe there should be a resolution from the Board rather than having them come back year after year. Stickney feels that the Women's Center acted well. Duot thought that this came at the right time, that it has had a history of success

and the Board needs to acknowledge their hard work. Celis clarified that he was not expressing dissent but just noting that the process was being circumvented in a way. Roberts agrees with Stickney and Duot, but agrees with Celis that there is a process in place and it was right of him to bring it up. She feels steps should be taken in the future to modify the process if it is not working well. Celis dittoed. Glemaker wondered since the Board passed the position of a Vagina Memoir's director if it was implicitly implied that the event would happen every year. Majkut noted that there was a change in the event this year to be trans inclusive, so the event is not the same from year to year and therefore should be reviewed to ensure the event is still serving students, especially since it is an event that is restrictive to certain students. Roberts noted that there is a different coordinator so there should be some consistency in the program. She feels it is important that this go through an approval process every year in order for the Board to show their support. Glemaker suggested to the Women's Center that in the future this be brought to the Board with ample time to go through the process.

#### B. Hospitality Policy - Water Bottle Free

Le wrote this for Management Council (MC) with Nina Olivier and Lisa Rosenberg. The document was amended in MC to allow AS directors to make exceptions for the policy. Le said MC voted unanimously in support of this document. Bowie thanked the Board for their support and for working so hard on this initiative. She felt that the wording made it sound more like a recommendation rather than a requirement and that there was too much wiggle room. Bower recommended changing the first sentence, deleting "where possible and reasonable" because it leaves room for it being a recommendation. In the last sentence she would change "practicality" to "necessity." In the second sentence she would recommend including "a best faith effort" in order to make the document continually relevant. Glemaker dittoed. Duot really liked the document and appreciated the effort Bowie and Purington had put into this. Duot felt it was important to use certain wording. Stickney agreed with removing some of the lax wording because it was covered by the addition of "best faith effort". Stickney wondered what situations would require a one-use water bottle. Le said it is unsafe to have open containers around sound equipment, and some performers will ask. Stickney liked the change to "necessity" from "practicality". Roberts dittoed. Celis agreed with the suggested changes but wondered if the wording "pertinent" was limiting to some offices when it should be applied to the entire AS. Celis felt that the wording could be changed to say "AS Staff" to include the entire organization. Celis wanted to explicitly include who had the authority to make exceptions in order to provide clarity as to who could make the exception. Roberts agreed with the wording changes, but wondered if "best faith effort" may give people the idea that they can provide hydration stations which end up having more waste and create more restrictions and requirements. Stickney wanted to know who would have the authority to make the exception if there were a group of directors involved. Roberts felt that it was important to keep the language to "pertinent AS Directors and staff" in order to keep clarity on who had the ability to make exceptions. Stickney thinks there needs to be clearer language on who the exception would be made by. Majkut thought the language meant the professional staff would be the people to make that decision about exceptions and he felt that it should be made clearer who is meant by "staff." Majkut did not like the use of "safety" or "practicality." Majkut thought that the AS should track the use of bottled water so it can be seen why the AS is using bottled water. Savinski dittoed The proposed changes have not been seen by Management Council. Duot feels that a lot of things need to be discussed in this document and he did not feel comfortable passing this document because there was too much that needed to be changed. Celis thought the second to last sentence should be changed to show that this is an organization wide effort to limit one time water bottle use. Savinski agreed with Celis and felt that it is the responsibility of everyone in the AS to uphold this, but it is up to the directors to decide when exceptions should be made. Savinski also welcomed people to come and talk to

her about this because she helped spearhead this item. She feels that there needs to be more work on the wording before it can be voted on because there needs to be a sincere understanding of what this policy change really means.

#### C. Name & Gender Marker Resolution

Celis said that this document was passed last week at Student Senate, and he sent out the minutes to the AS Board so they could get some context. Crowther is part of an unofficial work group that is working on making the university more accessible to students who identify as trans. The group asked that Crowther get formal support from students. Crowther explained that the current policy of the university for students to get their legal name changed includes presenting a court document that involves a \$100+ fee and an appearance in front of a judge. The “preferred name” field exists already but there is no way for students to change it. This would not affect how students get their legal records. Instead, this would affect what name is on their student ID and what name is given to professors on class rosters. Te asked if there is any defense against people frivolously changing their name. Crowther said that there is no way to eliminate douchebaggery but that it should not prevent the AS from passing this resolution. Stickney said that he sees no problems with this resolution, and that any policy has the potential for abuse but the registrar has enough power to prevent frivolous name changes. Duot dittoed. Glemaker spoke with a student who identifies as trans and the registrar’s office who are both very in support of this resolution and potential change. The university administration is very committed to this change and will go forward with this change no matter if there is a formal resolution. Glemaker felt that a letter would be a better way to get their opinion out to the administration. Crowther would like to see both a letter and resolution because it would be a powerful statement. Duot, Celis, and Stickney dittoed. Glemaker said that if a letter was sent out it could be written by Celis as he brought this to the Board. Stickney said that a resolution is just a statement of what the student body believes in. He also felt that a final draft of the letter did not need to be approved by the Board. Celis dittoed. Duot is in favor of writing a letter, but the Board is also here to represent students and a resolution is the way to show that support. Duot would support any letter that Crowther would write. Roberts said that the letter should come back to a Board meeting because if the Board is sending a letter on behalf of the students then students should have access to what is written in the letter. She felt that if the resolution is passed then it is fine to send a letter of support, but not one in place of the resolution that is not viewed by students. Glemaker said this will come back to the next AS Board meeting as an action item, and there will be a letter drafted as well.

#### D. Gender Neutral Restrooms

Te said that this document passed unanimously in Management Council. Crowther explained this is a part of the larger campaign to make the campus more friendly and accessible. There was a resolution from the Board last year to provide more gender neutral restrooms. This year there will be 14 more gender neutral restrooms added on campus. However, none of the spaces often used by the AS are eligible for gender neutral restrooms. This document would change programming standards to require programmers to make a best faith effort to provide gender neutral restrooms at events where there are 150+ expected attendees. This would be implemented through Event Services. The ES form for events expecting 150+ attendees would state that gender neutral restrooms are required. Event Services would take care of the necessary signage. Crowther said there is an asterisk after “trans” to show that it was a more inclusive term. Crowther said that there is a proposed amendment that would require employees who are traveling to conferences on behalf of the AS to inquire with the event coordinator if gender neutral bathrooms will be provided. Stickney felt that language should be included that make accommodations for gender neutral restrooms while traveling. Crowther explained that since the MPR is the location most used by AS programs and there are no

additional restrooms available in the facility so restrooms on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the VU would be used as gender neutral designated. These restrooms would be designated as gender neutral because there is concern that at large events the use of the restrooms in the MPR as gender neutral restrooms might not be a safe space. There was also discussion about using the green room single stall restroom as the gender neutral restroom. Roberts wanted to make sure that any data on resolutions be cited so the document could face scrutiny. Crowther explained that this came as a resolution rather than an amendment to the program standards because he felt that the document needed to have the reasoning in support of the change. Crowther also felt uncomfortable bringing edits on the Program Standards to the Board, which was a document approved by a council Crowther was not a part of. Te and Duot dittoed. Celis is in favor of more edited program standards. Celis asked how this would relate to clubs. Te said that the program standards do not pertain to the clubs. Celis felt this applied to clubs or offices that are using AS funds. Majkut feels this document clearly covers offices, but that it would require different language for clubs. Roberts felt that how ESC clubs are covered is an issue that has come up repeatedly and should be addressed at some other point. Roberts sees that this could be implemented with clubs when they have to fill out the form for events which would cover reservations for academic spaces as well as events spaces. Roberts believes that this should go through Activities Council if any change is going to be made for clubs. Crowther said the language specifically states that this would only apply to AS programming offices in order to avoid the debate about how this applies to clubs. Stickney thinks this resolution should be passed, but the discussion should continue about how this applies to clubs, Celis and Duot dittoed. Glemaker charged Roberts with looking into the club program standards to see how this could be brought to Activities Council. Duot said that this would be easier to understand if it was a part of the Program Standards. Crowther explained that 150+ is when events services has to be used so they would work with the office to provide the gender neutral restrooms, rather than making it something the office has to take care of. Duot believes that this should apply to clubs because any group or person that falls under the AS purview should abide by the AS standards. Roberts thinks that since the VU is the home of the AS that anyone who wants to use the space will have to provide gender neutral restrooms. Glemaker said that this document clearly laid out the sentiment of why these changes were needed so Crowther should bring forward the edited standards to the next AS Board meeting.

#### E. Elect-Her Gender-Targeted Program

Roberts feels that it is very important to support efforts to encourage women to run for elected office. Stickney believes that it is not necessary to bring proposals that support gender-targeted programs forward every year. Duot dittoed. Stickney feels that there could be a problem in the future of there being an all-male board that decides to stop this program and he feels there should be a resolution to support programs such as this for the long term. Le thought this document was awesome. Le also wondered if passing a resolution in support of this would cause it to be a required event which is not something the Board should be encouraging. Glemaker felt that gender-targeted events should also include students who identify as trans. Roberts said that this particular event is put together based on data about women so it would be unfair to say that this event is targeted at students who identify as trans when there would be little content related to them. Roberts said that these approval processes are necessary because it shows support. Glemaker dittoed. Stickney said that the template for this event is provided by American Association of University Women and he wondered if the AS could work with them to include trans students. Stickney felt that the approval process is “no until we say yes” to gender targeted programs, but he feels there should be an overarching “yes”. Stickney hopes that Boards in the future will express their support every year, but this would mean it would take more effort for a future AS Board to say no. Stickney feels there are certain things the student body expects from the AS and this is one of them. Glemaker questioned if there is policy that says the board has to approve gender-targeted programs. Celis dittoed. Majkut said

that the purpose of approving gender targeted programs is to ensure that they are still relevant to the student body. It is a process that keeps the Board paying attention to the needs of specific groups on campus all the time. It also prevents unnecessary restrictive events from happening. Roberts said that last year's attendance was lower than 2 years ago. They are expecting more this year. Roberts said that this is an empowering event for women that extends beyond their college experience and opens the door for possibilities in the future. Stickney dittoed and smiled encouragingly.

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

### **VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

#### A. Election Board CC

Le changed the membership to 7 students at large, and changed the quorum to 5 members, 4 members at-large to be selected at random and the chair. He also took out the exclusion of a freshman because it created more problems. Marmion supported the change to seven students. Duot thinks the person who has a grievance brought against them should have the ability to request that someone be excluded from the process because it is unfair to ask friends to judge each other. Stickney and Roberts dittoed. Glemaker said offering the option to eliminate a member makes the person with the grievance brought against them more comfortable. Duot, Stickney, Roberts, and Savinski dittoed. Stickney feels that elections are already tense and the people who sit on the Elections Board are more connected to the AS and to the candidates. He feels this is a necessary way to keep integrity in check. Le feels that Stickney's argument means there is an inherent bias on the Elections Board. Roberts referenced the court system and that jury members are allowed to be excluded due to bias to show that this is a necessary part of elections, and thinks that this amendment is important because as a party with a grievance you are entitled to a certain amount of agency. Duot said that elections are not easy and the AS Board has a responsibility to ensure that students experience it in a positive way. Marmion discouraged the amendment to make it 8 people because it is already hard to get people to join the committee. Roberts supported raising the number and recognizes the difficulty of getting people to join committees but feels that this is an important step to make committees stronger and better. Glemaker said the Election Board can operate as long as there is quorum.

#### *MOTION ASB-12-F-41 by Stickney*

Approve the Election Board CC and amend the quorum section to reinstate "Each party with a grievance is allowed to disqualify one member from serving on the hearing panel, the chair cannot be disqualified" striking "at random for a hearing" and change the membership to "7 students at large", and the quorum section to state "8 students at large."

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

#### B. Election Appeals Panel CC

Le said this group has never officially met to hear a disqualification appeal.

#### *MOTION ASB-12-F-42 by Celis*

Approve the Elections Appeals CC

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

### **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

#### A. AS State Legislative Agenda

Stickney formatted the document based on the Legislative Agenda from last year, including the value based section. When Viking Lobby Day happens they will not be talking about the values-based agenda because legislators are not likely to read a giant information packet. In order to address these items there are approved lobby trips that will allow students to take an

AS vehicle to go to a legislative session to lobby at specific sessions that are relevant to students. Current items on the agenda are financial aid, including aid for students who are undocumented, revenue, access and attainment. The LAC felt that in order to increase funding for higher education there needs to be funding for all students. This would include funding for child care, better assistance for students who are veterans, and increasing enrollment at Western. The values-based document includes the service and activities fee control, opposition to Cherry Point coal train, banning single use bottled water, and support for faculty. Glemaker asked for clarification on “employer-match.” Stickney explained that the institution gives a certain amount of money for work-study and employers who want to hire work-study students have to match the same amount. In the past the state has required that employers pay more which makes it challenging for businesses in the community to hire work-study students. Stickney explained a section under the “diversity” section of the values-based agenda is there to ensure that shared governance continues to happen between students and the university.

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

### A. Committee Appointments

#### AS Student Senate

Ryan Thomas	Behavioral Neuroscience	Freshman (RHA rep)
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#### AS Election Board

Kyle Jennings	History	Junior
Ryan Thomas	Behavioral Neuroscience	Freshman (RHA rep)

#### Student Academic Grievance Council

Evan Kim	Undisclosed	Freshman
Kyle Jennings	History	Junior
James Morcom	Undisclosed	Freshman

#### Student Technology Renewal Committee

Matthew Hilliard	Political Science and Chinese	Soph. (Senate, ACC)
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#### Teacher Curricula & Certification Council

Angela Lepien	Elementary Education	Junior
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\* *Jordan Radke is no longer on Teacher Curricula & Certification Council*

*MOTION ASB-12-F-43 by Roberts*

Approve Consent Item A.

Second: Savinski

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

## X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Celis reports that the AS Student Senate has passed their first resolution, for Name and Gender Markers, and has been operating smoothly.

## XI. BOARD REPORTS

### President

Ethan Glemaker reported that he will be interviewed on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> for next month's edition of the *Campaign Insider*, the Western Foundation's monthly publication that keeps donors and supporters updated on the progress of the *Western Stands for Washington Campaign*. Additionally, he and Deng de Duot will be attending the first meeting of the President's Diversity Task Force on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and he and Katie Savinski will be continuing the conversation on Friday with the Men's Resiliency Network. Glemaker and Hung Fe signed the \$10,000 check from the Not-For-Profit account to be sent to the Tim Crossan Fund per the AS Board vote at the most recent AS Not-For-Profit meeting. Glemaker has also been attending meetings with university administration regarding the Carver Gym Renovation sequencing and how that will affect spaces on campus. The conversation is going well and campus should expect changes in the coming year in terms of the academic programs

and in terms of sharing spaces on campus to accommodate the displaced office tenants and classroom spaces. The Cold Beverage Contract Committee will be seeing two proposals this week: a proposal for a lecture and seminar by South Asian scholar Nile Green, and a proposal to bring the Ted Talks program to campus permanently by obtaining a license.

Programmatically, the fall Migrant Youth Teadership Conference: The Power de Nuestra Voz (MYLC) is Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until 2pm and if anyone is willing to volunteer even just a portion of their time, please email [Jazz.Espiritu@wwu.edu](mailto:Jazz.Espiritu@wwu.edu) at or find the event on Facebook. Fall into Dance is also this weekend beginning Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please buy tickets to support the dance department.

### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Victor Celis reported that he met with staff from the Fellowship Office to advise on how to best reach out to students in various academic departments to advertise the many fellowships and scholarships that are provided for students nearing graduation. Celis also reported that the Academic Coordinating Commission and the Committee on Undergraduate Education have been seeing the proposed curriculum from the new RN to BSN program this last week, and the committees will continue to see the curriculum in future meetings. The committees are looking at how to ensure the curriculum proposed for the self-sustaining program will fit within the mission of Western as a Liberal Arts Institution. Additionally, Celis reported that the Faculty Senate is setting up a group of faculty, staff, students, and administrators to look at fostering a culture of integrity at Western. This advisory group was created out of talks surrounding academic honesty.

### **VP for Activities**

Carly C Roberts reported that she is wrapping up planning for AS Club Exchange, which will be this Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> and the date selected for Elect Her, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **VP for Business & Operations**

Hung Fe reported that he has just been managing his meetings as always (FSC, MC, Board Documents). In addition Fe is in the process of planning the budget process with the AS Business Committee. Fe is also very excited to lobby for the AS in the S&A Fee committee.

### **VP for Diversity**

Deng de Duot had nothing to report.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Patrick Stickney reported that he has been working with Western Votes and FAC to prepare for legislative session, including funding proposals for dedicated lobby trips on our legislative items. Additionally, Western Votes will be holding educational workshops during legislative session to create a consensus on campus and foster collective action when it is necessitated. The organizing director for the Washington Student Association, will be here on Friday to train people for the AS Winter training and talk about voter institutionalization (creating consistent access to register people to vote on campus).

On the 14th Stickney attended the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, where they changed the focus from a mini-planning commission to a committee which dialogues more on neighborhood issues.

On November 19th, Stickney traveled to the Washington Student Association meeting with Ethan, Carly, and five other students, to the Fall General Assembly. Stickney worked with the Graduate and Professional Student Senator on a variety of proposals, and all proposals they submitted were passed, including a proposal backed solely by Western, which was providing financial aid for students who are undocumented. Jered McCardle, our Representation and Engagement Programs Associate Director, was elected as VP of Federal Affairs for WSA.

Stickney presented on providing financial aid to undocumented students to MEChA and they have agreed to assume ownership of that campaign. Stickney will coordinate with them to ensure we don't duplicate efforts and our work on other legislative issues can be supplemented.

Stickney has been working with Duot and the ESC in organizing a students of color dinner for the Sunday night before Viking Lobby Day.

**VP for Student Life**

Katie Savinski reported that the Green Energy Fee conceptual project, Western SOLutions, was presented to the Recreation Center Advisory Committee. The team's idea to install solar thermals on the roof of the Recreation Center to heat the pool was well taken by the committee. She will continue to participate in the conversation on Men's Resiliency on Friday along with Glemaker. Savinski said she hopes to have a timeline on the further direction of the Water Bottle Initiative by the end of finals week.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:10 P.M.**