

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Student Senate**

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

VU 567

Senators: Christian Correa (Chair) *Present:* Bill Campbell, Sarah Kohout, Joseph Levy, Chris Brown, Neil Christenson, Brian Toews, Amanda Squires, Paige Robins, Matthew Hilliard, *Absent:* Evan Fowler and Marc Oommen

Advisors: Lisa Rosenberg, Assistant Director of Student Activities;
Victor Celis (AS VP for Academic Affairs)

Secretary: Kaylee Galloway

MOTIONS

- SS-12-F-11** Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2012. *Passed*
- SS-12-F-12** Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 20, 2012. *Passed*
- SS-12-F-13** Suspend the bylaws such that the parliamentarian can act as the chair in the event that the chair and vice chair are not available for the meeting on December 4th 2012. *Passed*

The meeting was called to order by Christian Correa, Chair at 6:55 pm

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION SS-12-F-11 by Christenson

Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Second: Campbell Vote: 9-0-0 Action: Passed

MOTION SS-12-F-12 by Christenson

Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

Second: Campbell Vote: 9-0-0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Rules of Order

Christenson said that he condensed Roberts Rules of Order into a four page summary. He eliminated motions that do not get used that often. He drafted it in a more accessible way and said that it can be used as a resource for senators and the chair. He eliminated the motion to table and replaced it with motion to postpone. He said that the motions are similar enough that it can be confusing. Christenson also eliminated a point of inquiry and a privilege to question because the Senate is not that formal enough of a body. He added specifically that the Senate can create subcommittees. He said that his document would supersede Roberts Rules of Order and would serve as the official document the Senate will use. Christenson also wrote a brief guide to Parliamentary Procedure. He said that it is a basic introduction to parliamentary procedure and can be read by new members. He said that the motion to table is in the guide even though it is not in the Rules of Order. Rosenberg said that in all other AS Charge and Charter and official documents, gender neutral language has been used, so she recommended that the document is changed to include gender neutral language. Christenson said that he would make those changes. Campbell said that these documents will be very useful for this senate and in the future. He said that it is good to emphasize the motion to postpone, but that

it is important not to eliminate the motion to table. He also said that if the document is adopted, the preamble should be changed. Campbell also brought up that a rising bullet is illegal in different jurisdictions. He praised Christenson for his hard work and for being an active member. Three people dittoed. Christenson said that he removed the table motion because he was combining motions to condense the document. He said that an alternative is to postpone indefinitely. Christenson said that the motion to table forces the senate to stop considering the motion and to move on to the next agenda item. He said the committee can take from the table, meaning that someone can table the motion if 2/3s agree, but can bring the motion back. Christenson further explained that the motion to postpone means that the item will be put off until another meeting or it can be postponed indefinitely which means that it is never voted on officially and cannot be voted on. He said that it would also follow that another similar motion cannot be reintroduced if the initial motion is tabled indefinitely. Christenson said it essentially silently kills the motion. Levy said that there is no need for tabling if there is postponing. Brown likes the postponing indefinitely. Campbell said that tabling is not 2/3s, it is majority. He said that that motion to table is common and is what people are familiar using. Campbell is fine using the motion to postpone, but does not think that it should be eliminated from the Rules of Order, especially if this document will be used for future senates. Christenson confirmed that a majority vote is required to table a motion. He also recommended, to minimize confusion, that the motion to postpone is kept, but that the ability to take the motion back can be added. Christenson said that he would add a motion to postpone indefinitely and then add in that a motion can be brought back to the table. He said that this language will be easier to understand. Campbell said that the document is amazing, but feels strongly that the motion to table needs to be included. He said it is highly used and would be beneficial. Brown suggested a friendly amendment to change the threshold to majority for postponing motions. Christenson decided that he would edit the document to include the motion to table. Campbell noted that these documents are subject to approval from the board. Christenson said that the motion to table allows for the motion not to be killed and can be brought back in the future. So tabling a motion has a definite date and postpone is to consider the motion at the next meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. BOARD REPORTS/CONCERNS

VIII. SENATOR REPORTS/CONCERNS

A. Bill Campbell

The Election Code Review committee met. The meeting went extremely well. He said that the election code is a document that will be reviewed by the senate and then sent to the board for final approval. He said the election code should be ready for the Senate to review by the end of January. He said the committee has already started revising the code. He said Student Tech Fee Renewal committee will start next week. The subcommittee for senate reform will meet Thursday around 7pm.

B. Joseph Levy

He still has not been to SPAC. He said that LAC just voted in the values for the legislative agenda, which will be brought to the board.

C. Amanda Squires

Met with Cindy Shepard about outreach and effective ways to reach out to students about the senate. Shepard connected Squires with the dean's office at the Woodring College of Education

D. Brian Toews

Has not met with the University Planning Resource committee. For next quarter, he plans to join the tech fee committee.

E. Paige Robins

Nothing to report because the bookstore committee has not met yet. She said she just found out that the meeting time conflicts with the senate meeting.

F. Sarah Kohout

Nothing to report

G. Chris Brown

Nothing to report. Neither of his committees met.

H. Matthew Hilliard

ACC will meet next week. He is also on the Student Tech Fee Renewal committee

I. Neil Christenson

The Senate Outreach Subcommittee met for the first time today just before the senate meeting. He said that their next meeting will be next week before the next senate meeting. The subcommittee also discussed doing outreach events in the Residential Hall. They appointed Levy as the Outreach RHA Liaison. Christenson also talked about the Facebook page. It was recommended that all of the Senators be made admin. He said that senators should be cognizant of what they post because they are posting on behalf of the Senate. He said SPAC is still meeting and that documents are being prepared. LAC finalized the legislative agenda. He also mentioned Viking Lobby Day. He said LAC also approved a funding request for eight dedicated lobby trips after Viking Lobby Day that are focused on each of the items on the legislative agenda such as access and attainment, the environment, diversity, and revenue. There are no dates set yet. Campbell said that workshops will also be held to prepare students.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Toews is working on a logo for the Senate. Squires recommended going through the design department. Lisa recommended having the Publicity Center create the logo and that it is free for the Senate. Correa said that he will not be here next week. He will contact Fowler to see if he can chair the next meeting. Rosenberg confirmed that if the chair and vice chair are not available, then the meeting will have to be adjourned. Christenson recommended that the bylaws be amended to say that if the chair and vice chair are not available for a meeting, then the parliamentarian can chair the meeting. Levy moved to change the bylaws such that the parliamentarian can act as the chair in the event that the chair and vice chair are not available at a meeting. Seconded by Hilliard. The senate was concerned that amending the bylaws would make it permanent and that maybe the bylaws should just be suspended for this next meeting. Levy withdrew his motion. A new motion was made. There will be a meeting next week.

MOTIONSS-12-F-13 by Levy

Suspend the bylaws such that the parliamentarian can act as the chair in the event that the chair and vice chair are not available for the meeting on December 4th 2012.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.