

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2013

VU567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* 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) *Absent:* Ethan Glemaker (President)

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

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

**Guest(s):** Grant Marmion (AS Elections),

## MOTIONS

ASB-13-W-12 Approve the minutes of January 24, 2013. *Passed*

ASB-13-W-13 Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

**Hung Le, AS Vice President for Business & Operations, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION ASB-13-W-12 by Celis*

Approve the minutes of January 24, 2013.

Second: Stickney                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 0    Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA-** Le was going to add Budget Committee Appointments, but Duot felt that they should follow the normal procedure and bring them next week.

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

## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. AS Election Code

(20 minutes)

Celis Doc. 1

Changes that are underlined were made by the AS Election Code Review Committee and the highlighted grey areas were changed by the Senate at the meeting Tuesday. Grant Marmion said that the banner size states 4x10, but the university doesn't have that capability. The capacity they can make is 3x8 feet. Roberts thinks that butcher paper is 4 feet wide and it might be inconvenient for candidates to cut the paper. Duot dittoed. Celis said that he will discuss with Marmion, Rosenberg and the Publicity Center. Celis said that there are a few changes that he would like made before next week. Page 2 section 1.B.2. will be reworded to make it clear that candidates must use the official petition form. The next changes would be to include deadlines for the Initiatives and Referenda language submission to the Board. This will help make the process clear and transparent. Items would have to be turned in on March 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for review at the last two scheduled meetings of the Board for the quarter. This will allow for petition pickup before the filing period ends. Celis said that a lot of changes proposed by the committee and Senate were out of concerns from last year. Polling stations were added in again. Celis feels that it is their responsibility to provide access to Elections. Savinski dittoed. Stickney found section 3.9.C.1 about the privacy of voters confusing. Celis said that it was possible to hit the back button on the internet and view someone's vote. Marmion left the provision in there for the legality of this because people could press charges after the appeals panel review. Celis confirmed that Referenda questions must be in the form of a yes or no. Duot asked if they would be hiring people to staff the voting booths. Marmion has been working on recruiting and hopes to staff both Red Square and South Campus. Duot asked if they could create a job description for this so that people can add it to their resumes. Celis said that they would need to look at all of the committee members if they were to do this, because they are also volunteers who could benefit from job descriptions. He doesn't feel this is

necessary and they can still write it in a list of volunteer positions on their resume. Stickney had concerns about Section 1.I.D.3 because he feels it is loose enough that someone could claim attendance at an athletic event. Marmion said that they are trying to make it a little more lenient, but it is still at his discretion as Elections Coordinator. Schuster suggests modifying to be “participants” in events, as a member of a team. Roberts said that they include Departmental Related Activities Committee because it covers plays, dance recitals, Model UN, Forensics debates, etc. Celis will look at this and try to come up with better language. Bill Campbell has concerns about events only being excused if set prior to the Election Code. He thinks that there could be commitments made in early March before Election Packets are available that should still be excused. Stickney thinks that this should be limited because these jobs are important and time consuming. Marmion thinks changing the language to “prior commitment” from “date was set prior to” allows for commitments that might not have a date set yet, this provides lenience without opening it up for last minute plans. Stickney thinks that it says that their commitment is more important than going through the process to serve the student body. Celis dittoed. Campbell thinks that the people running for the Board should be keeping their commitments. He feels that there is room for interpretation of the Election Coordinator. Duot said that they need to consider circumstances including students who serve in the military for example. Celis has taken notes and will come up with some alternative language and asked people to speak to him and Marmion throughout the week. Roberts page 5 4.a.2 she has a concern about how strong the language is where it says “instruct” the Board. She feels that this is a strong statement, and she doesn’t feel that it is appropriate to have initiatives be strictly binding. This is because more information can come to light after the fact and the Board has more context that could play into the final product based on the recommendation of the student body. Stickney an Duot dittoed.

**Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

**YI. PERSONNEL ITEMS** *(subject to immediate action)*

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

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

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

A. Committee Appointments

Academic Coordinating Commission

Nicholas Doherty	Economics and Political	Science	Junior (DRAC, Judicial appeals)
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Activities Council

Lindsay Warr	Undisclosed	Freshman
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Excellence in Teaching Award Committee

Morgan Heetbrink	Theatre Arts	Senior (Activities)
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*MOTIONASB-13-W-13 by Stickney*

Approve Consent Item A.

Second: Savinski                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

**X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that they moved a lot of discussion items from last week to next week's meeting. They did solidify a date for the Student Senate forum about the Student Tech Fee on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. in VU 552.

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

Victor Celis reported that Academic Coordinating Curriculum has been looking at all of the curriculum. The Student Tech Fee committee has been reviewing project proposals, they are looking for feedback on proposals which can be reviewed on the website. He has been meeting with Deans of colleges and the Students for Sustainable Water; they are seeing a lot of support from for starting to go water bottle free.

**VP for Activities**

Carly C Roberts reported that Activities Council having an exceptional year in that there are more requests for club travel (\$10,000) than for grants, loans and underwrites (\$30,000 for clubs to use for materials, events, etc.). They are thinking of moving some funding from the budgets to utilize the funding the most efficiently. She will bring this to the Board if needed. They have funded a lot of really great conference travel for academic and other travel. Roberts said they approved funding for the Walk of Hope which will be after the Board meeting next week; she will be spending her birthday there. Elect-Her outreach is happening. It was a very powerful event for her and she encourages people to attend. Roberts thanked the Board members who attended the Leadership work session. They are hoping to make a clear and efficient presentation so that different groups can benefit from this information.

**VP for Business & Operations**

Hung Le reported that Facilities & Services will be voting on space projects. Management Council will have Budget Authority training, the Board will have a special work session. Personnel Committee is looking at several job descriptions related to program saturation.

**VP for Diversity**

Deng de Duot reported that he met with the Underrepresented Student Employment Council about recruiting during the AS hiring period. He is working with Teach for America to connect them with students. He is working with Panelo on the ESC Public Relations job description to make it a four quarter position. He is working with the Women's Center about the job description for the Vagina Memoirs position which was a pilot year. The Black Student Union dinner is Saturday.

**VP for Governmental Affairs**

Patrick Stickney reported that yesterday was the Day of Action- Don't Dodge The Topic. Student wrote their debt amount on dodge balls and then played dodge ball. 106 students also made 168 calls to Sen. Tom and Gov. Inslee to encourage them to support new revenue. Western by far made the most calls in the state. Presidents Day is next lobby day and there is room for more students. He will be sending out information about the proposed changes to the Legislative Action Fee. Stickney will be going to City Council to testify about Rental Safety. Kudos to Crowther who helped introduce the Washington State DREAM Act into the legislature, Stickney is really proud of him. He will be looking at revamping the REP with Le. The Federal Agenda will be coming to the Board next week, hopefully voting on the 21<sup>st</sup> because the administration needs it shortly after that.

**VP for Student Life**

Katie Savinski reported that the Director of University Residences hiring committee forwarded their recommendations to Dr. Coughlin. The Green Energy Fee small project press release will be going out soon. They will be looking at funding for the four projects approved in concept last spring.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:38 P.M.**