

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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

Student Senate Representative: Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

Advisor (si): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

Guest(s): John von Volkli, AS Assessment Associate Director

MOTIONS

ASB-13-S-10 Approve the minutes of Thursday, March 14th and Wednesday, April 10th. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-11 Approve the Sexual Awareness Center SPAC Recommendation. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-12 Approve the Special Events SPAC Recommendation. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-13 Approve the Student Senate Reform Job Description with the removal of "by the Student Senate" from the forum section and adding a final sub-bullet under the first position responsibility "presenting comprehensive options for future steps of the Student Senate to the AS Board of Directors by mid-winter quarter". *Passed*

ASB-13-S-14 Approve Consent Item B. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-15 Table the VP for Diversity job description until the next Board meeting. *Passed*

Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board thanked Monger for her hard work on the lengthy minutes. She appreciated it.

MOTION ASB-13-S-10 by Stickney

Approve the minutes of Thursday, March 14th and Wednesday, April 10th.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

- A. Alternative Transportation Fee Increase *(15 minutes)* Savinski Doc. 1
Savinski said the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee is requesting an increase of the fee to the maximum amount allowed by the student vote: 5% (which is \$1.25 or less depending on credit load). In an effort to keep costs down the fee increase was not requested as part of last year's renewal, but it is necessary now to help build up the reserves (currently at only \$2,000) for eventual replacement of the shuttles. This is the first increase to the fee since the fees creation in 2007 because they have been frugal with their student dollars. The proposed fee increase of 5% is for this year only and any future increases would come to the Board again. Stickney said he is always hesitant to raise fees, but this is the best option. Also even with the increase to the fee, they are spending more than they get in fees. Stickney said that many different options for the increase were looked over and this was the best scenario. Even with increasing the fee, there is still more being spent than is being taken in by the fee. This increase will allow for there to be more money held in the operating reserve to assist the program in the future. Glemaker said that the Late Night Shuttle Contract will be renegotiated next year and he wonders if they build in a possible increase in this area. Savinski said a \$5,000 increase has been built in. Majkut clarified that if there was a significant increase in expenses then the Board could bring the fee back to the students for a new vote. They are currently looking at cut-a-ways (or smaller vehicles) to be used during the week that will save on gas money and still

serve students. Savinski is proud that student ridership has continued to increase since the creation of this fee. Glemaker feels that this is different than increasing tuition because it is not externally imposed and is also for specific services that the students need. Celis feels that this is the best way for students to directly determine how funds are spent on things that are important to them.

Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

- A. Sexual Awareness Center SPAC Recommendation *(10 minutes)* Le Doc. 2
Le said that nothing in this document has changed.

MOTION ASB-13-S-11 by Stickney

Approve the Sexual Awareness Center SPAC Recommendation.

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

- A. Special Events SPAC Recommendation *(10 minutes)* Le Doc. 2

Le said that the Mission Statement has been changed to cut down on the repetitiveness of the word "events." Glemaker thinks that the SPAC process is a great time to review the Mission Statement. He just noticed that "events" was in there a lot, but that was not his primary concern. Von Volkli said that they do review the Mission Statements, but AS Productions had already reviewed and made their statements more concise. Glemaker had a concern about the word production, but Roberts felt that it was accurate and the name of the overall department.

MOTION ASB-13-S-12 By Celis

Approve the Special Events SPAC Recommendation.

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

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

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

- A. Senate Reform Job Description *(10 minutes)* Le Doc.5

Le said this was reviewed by the Personnel Committee and approved. Celis thinks they should remove "by the Student Senate" from the bullet point about forums. Roberts wondered if the fourth bullet point was relevant because she feels that every student is affected by the topic. Stickney feels that there might be other areas on campus that could be involved so they should leave this. Celis doesn't see anything in the description that instructs the position what to do after they come up with a plan. He proposes adding "Create a proposal for the next steps for the Student Senate to be proposed to the AS Board of Directors by the end of position term." Celis feels this leaves it open but also makes it clear that a plan must be completed. Stickney dittoed. Majkut said that they might present options instead of one plan and it also needs to come to the Board by the 7th week of the quarter to follow Board timelines and have time for questions. Glemaker would like this to be a three quarter position to handle a referendum during Elections if that is necessary. Roberts doesn't feel that there is enough work to warrant having this position three quarters. Savinski and Stickney dittoed. Glemaker feels that it would be a very positive thing to have this person intern the new chair. Roberts said they don't know the outcome of the project and therefore doesn't think that they can determine an appropriate number of work hours required for spring. Savinski said that the REP Associate Director will be working closely with this position and there will be a legacy document to help with training and internship. Savinski thinks this could come back to the Board spring quarter if necessary. Celis doesn't think that they should plan on funding being available. Also the REP Associate Director would be doing two internships in the spring. Stickney thinks that this could go many different ways and these questions should go before the Board next year as needed. Glemaker said that it is possible that a student wouldn't be available for spring quarter, if not notified ahead of this requirement. Stickney feels that this proposal needs to be finished by winter quarter and this position may not be the best person to train a chair because they were not

Senate Chair. Savinski dittoed. Savinski doesn't think they should allocate time and funding for a position they don't know will be necessary. Change all bullets to have "ing" endings.

MOTION ASB-13-S-13 by Celis

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Second: Stickney Vote: 5 - 1 - 0 Action: Passed

B. Committee Appointments	(10minutes)	Le Doc. 5
<u>AS Election Board</u>		
Laura Taylor Anthropology, focus in Archaeology		Grad
<u>Legislative Affairs Council</u>		
Tully Smith East Asian Studies & Chinese		Junior
<u>Student Academic Grievance Board</u>		
Laura Taylor Anthropology, focus in Archaeology		Grad

MOTION ASB-13-S-14 by Stickney

Approve Consent Item B.

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS VP for Diversity Job Description (15 minutes) Roberts Doc. 4

Roberts feels that it is very unfortunate that the current VP for Diversity is unable to be here. Roberts said that she did not get any feedback on this document over the week. She hopes to have any important conversations about this over the next week.

MOTION ASB-13-S-15 by Roberts

Table the VP for Diversity job description until the next Board meeting.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that there will not be a meeting the next two weeks due to the Vice President and President Debates, which Senators are encouraged to attend. They are currently looking at Rental Safety as the Issue of the Quarter. Stickney feels the issue of rental safety has gone before multiple WWU bodies over the past few years. Stickney feels that the Student Senate can help gather information about students' experiences with off-campus living, and then take some action such as a petition.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President

Ethan Glemaker reported that met with the President's Task force subcommittee about strategic direction for diversity for the university. Starting tonight there will be immigration reform themed events for three weeks cosponsored by AS Club Student Coalition for Immigration Rights. Next Thursday is an event about Racial Profiling in Whatcom County.

VP for Academic Affairs

Victor Celis reported that he has been focused on University Planning and Resource Committee defending students as the committee reviews budgets. There have been four priorities put forward with the number one priority being compensation for faculty. Most of the funding for this is coming from rebased dollars within the university, state funds (which look unlikely), and tuition increases.

VP for Activities

Carly C Roberts reported that the Communications Committee met this week to work on the branding guide for the AS. This will complement the AS program saturation work done this year and will help with accessibility and outreach efforts. Two new clubs were formed this week, two Grad Student Clubs which are research based: one is for Huxley students and one is more generic and focuses on grad students who do any type of research. It is exciting to connect Graduate Students with undergraduate students about research.

VP for Business & Operations

Hung Te reported that Services & Activities will be presenting budgets. Te is working with the Budget Committee on the AS Budget. Hiring Committee interview selections are due soon. Chris Miller is coming to Management Council to talk about software upgrades. Personnel Committee is looking at adding a professionalism section to the Employee Handbook.

VP for Diversity

Deng de Duot was not present.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Patrick Stickney reported that the State Senate tried to do a 9th order maneuver about the DREAM Act but they were short by one vote. The State Senate was also hoping to amend a higher education bill to include the DREAM Act, but all higher education bills were pulled from the floor of the senate. There was a Day of Action yesterday about the Student Loan Fairness Act which would forgive up to \$45,000 of student loan debt. Students made about 126 calls to local legislators in support of this. Rep. Rick Larsen will be talking about issues regarding affordability on campus April 29th from 11-11:45 a.m.. The next Rental Safety meeting is April 22nd.

VP for Student Life

Katie Savinski reported that she has been working with her hiring committee. She and Glemaker sat down with Students for Sustainable Water to address the final plans for spring quarter to leave the Water Bottle Act for their successors.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:00 P.M.