# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 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), and Katie Savinski (VP Student Life) Late: Ethan Glemaker (President), Patrick Stickney (VP Governmental Affairs)

Student Senate Representative: Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

Advisor(s): Jim Schuster, Director of the Viking Union

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

### **MOTIONS**

ASB-13-S-4 Approve the minutes of Thursday, March 7th and April 4th. *Passed* 

ASB-13-S-5 Approve the Disability Outreach Center SPAC Recommendations. *Passed* 

ASB-13-S-6 Approve the Environmental Center SPAC Recommendations. Passed

ASB-13-S-7 Approve the Representation & Engagement Programs SPAC Recommendations. *Passed* 

ASB-13-S-8 Approve the Club Coordinator Job Description striking the sentence "The AS Club Coordinator serves as a member of the AS Activities Council and Chair of the Inter-Club Council." with an additional 30 hours in the summer with the stipulation that availability for 30 summer hours not be inquired after or used as a determining factor for this position during the 2013 hiring process. *Passed* 

ASB-13-S-9 Approve Consent Item A. Passed

Hung Le, AS Vice President for Business & Operations, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-13-S-4 by Savinski

Approve the minutes of Thursday, March 7 and April 4. Second: Celis Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

### II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

# IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\*

A. Sexual Awareness Center SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 1
John von Volkli, AS Assessment Associate Director said that the SAC Speaks and Condom Fashion Show are the only two programs that the SAC puts on alone; other than that they do only co-sponsorships. The recommendation is to increase the number of programs put on by just the SAC. Resident Advisers use a lot of the SAC free sexual health supplies and there is no recognition of the fact that these supplies come from the AS SAC. The office is trying to find ways to work with Residence Life more closely and to advertise so that when students leave campus they still know where to get new supplies. The last recommendation is to reach out to groups that have been under-represented in the programs the office has provided such as Asexual students and more male-identified students. Duot asked if they had thought of passing off some of the duties to the Resident Advisors. Von Volkli said that he would not want to do this because the office doesn't only serve on campus students.

# B. Special Events SPAC Recommendation (10minutes) Le Doc. Von Volkli said since SPAC approved this, demographic information was created for the AS to utilize centrally. Another recommendation recognizes that Special Events is tailored to reach out to more areas within the AS for inter-departmental events and this should be enhanced. Glemaker and Stickney joined the meeting after returning from Olympia, WA. Glemaker would like Von Volkli to talk to the office about the frequent use of "events" in the

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Mission Statement. He thinks it is important to look at the way that the office is described.

### Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

A. Disability Outreach Center SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 3
Le said there were no changes from last week. Schuster said the original intention was that the Business Director's office be upfront because of all of the entities that need to access it. He estimates it would be about \$5-6,000 to make changes to the door. Celis would love to see this change happen. Stickney dittoed. Stickney feels providing this accessibility trumps the Business Office. Schuster said that there have been discussions about finishing the renovations of the fourth and fifth floors; but this will be millions of dollars. Schuster suggested having dialogue about this soon because they may need to issue bonds. Celis thinks that having this as a strategic recommendation will keep it as part of the conversation. Savinski and Duot dittoed.

MOTION ASB-13-S-5 by Celis

Approve the Disability Outreach Center SPAC Recommendations. Second: Savinski Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

B. Environmental Center SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 4 Von Volkli said that everyone needs to start writing office use information down. Stickney dittoed.

MOTION ASB-13-S-6 by Celis

Approve the Environmental Center SPAC Recommendations. Second: Stickney Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

C. Representation & Engagement Programs SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 5 The document was the same as last week.

MOTION ASB-13-S-7 by Celis

Approve the Representation & Engagement Programs SPAC Recommendations.

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

# VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

### VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\*

A. Club Coordinator Job Description (10 minutes) Roberts Doc. 6
Roberts would like to remove "and chair the Inter-Club Council" because the committee doesn't meet anymore. Le would like to remove the entire sentence about serving on committees. Celis dittoed. Serving on Activities Council is currently in two sections of the job description to explain the automatic appointment of an employee to an AS Committee.

MOTION ASB-13-S-8 by Roberts

Approve the Club Coordinator Job Description striking the sentence "The AS Club Coordinator serves as a member of the AS Activities Council and Chair of the Inter-Club Council." with an additional 30 hours in the summer with the stipulation that availability for 30 summer hours not be inquired after or used as a determining factor for this position during the 2013 hiring process.

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

# VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\*

A. AS VP for Diversity Job Description (15 minutes) Roberts Doc.7
Roberts said that this job description has been reworked to try to provide more role clarity.
Savinski was uncertain how she felt about the position being the required Board Member on the Personnel Committee. She doesn't think it is necessary because the committee doesn't plan trainings or anything programmatic. However, she sees how diversity should always be represented. Richards, AS Personnel Director told Le that this position used to be on the Personnel Committee and it was changed to be a Board Member appointed each year. Le

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would like Underrepresented Student Employment Council moved under the chair section. Glemaker thinks that having the diversity voice represented is important and in line with the position responsibilities. Glemaker felt that human resources would usually have an equal opportunity representative at committee meetings and this would be the AS equivalent of that. Stickney referenced the Viking Lobby Day bullet and thinks that there should maybe be a subbullet point to say that there should be extra diversity efforts, because it doesn't necessarily need to be during Viking Lobby Day. He thinks that having it on a different day might be a benefit to Western in terms of having more presence in Olympia. Duot dittoed. Duot would like to add working with the Center for International Studies and Center for Law, Diversity and Justice (CLDJ). Roberts was unsure about adding the CLDJ office because there are many academic programs that could be included as well. 5 dittoes. Celis said that the Center for International Studies is really amping up and should be included. Glemaker said that there is a new sub-office and there will be a partnership between the AS. University Residences and Enrollment. There is a proposal for three years of support through the AS that has been given to the Budget Committee. Savinski said that University Residences in their search for a new director also focused on this area. Glemaker said that the CLDJ is a programming office that offers programs versus the LDJ major, he thinks that it should still be included so that there is an AS stamp on the events. Roberts feels that a lot has been added to this job description and is concerned about adding two more responsibilities. She thinks there is a difference between involvement in events and being a liaison to the office. Savinski dittoed. Glemaker said there is a relationship with CLDJ and ROP offices and this position provides oversight for those offices. Celis is uncomfortable with the first bullet point under position responsibilities because there is only one bullet point in that area. He feels that this should be included somewhere else or this section should be expanded. Savinski dittoed. Glemaker feels that this is now in the about the position section. Le doesn't feel that there is any direction in how to accomplish this goal and he feels there should be more bullet points. Roberts suggested striking the first bullet and moving the subpoint under the second bullet point (in Doc. 7). Incorporate the word "equality" into the third bullet point (in Doc. 7).

# IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

# A. Committee Appointments

AS Election Board

Apama Kumar Experimental Psychology Grad Blake Bishop MBA Grad

AS Facilities & Services Council

Danny Edgel Politics/Philosophy/Economics Freshman

Parking Appeals Board

Danny Edgel Politics/Philosophy/Economics Freshman

Recruitment. Admissions and Support Committee

Apama Kumar Experimental Psychology Grad

Student Academic Grievance Board

Danny Edgel Politics/Philosophy/Economics Freshman

MOTIONASB-13-S-9 by Savinski

Approve Consent Item A.

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

# X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

# XI. BOARD REPORTS

# **President**

Ethan Glemaker reported that he and Roberts time has been mostly consumed responding to the events surrounding the Tribal Disco. The Alumni Board Meeting is next weekend and the Board of Trustees meeting starts tomorrow afternoon. He was excited the Representatives in Western's district were able to meet with he and Stickney during their visit to Olympia today.

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# VP for Academic Affairs

Victor Celis reported that University Planning and Resource Council is reviewing budgets including the legislature and governor. He will be working with Stickney more closely on this to make sure his voting is in line with the AS stances. Part of the proposed House budget was to have Western allocate 5.9 million to Computer Science and Engineering. This would lead to a lot of rebasing in the university. Student Senate passed polling questions last night. Senate is also working on a legacy document. The Student Technology Fee Increase was presented at Faculty Senate and there was a concern from a small amount about moving funding from inventive ideas to infrastructure. Celis said that they are funding what students requested. While the projects and proposals do great things, they benefit a smaller amount of students than these far reaching projects. The proposal fund still exists, it just has less funding.

### **VP for Activities**

Carly C Roberts said regarding the "disco" that was formally the "Tribal Disco" people are being asked to refer people to the Communications Office press release. The Calling All Clubs Town Hall Meeting went well and they got some good feedback that will help improve services to clubs. The Communications Committee met today for the first time and they will be creating a branding guide for the AS. This will be good for the organization and help to accomplish some of the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

# **VP for Business & Operations**

Hung Fe reported that he hoped that everyone is enjoying their hiring committees. The Student Senate Reform position will be seen at Personnel soon. Druksel Doiji had to resign his position and will be missed, but the work that he did will help streamline the budget process this year. He will be bringing the restructure of the Reserves, to help free up some funds for the grant process, to the Board soon. He will be serving on a Divestment Initiative committee.

### **VP for Diversity**

Deng de Duot thanked those who were able to attend the dialogue in the ESC about the disco. The African Caribbean Cultural Club dinner was approved for funding from Steering and he is very proud of this event. The Queer People of Color Club will be attending a conference at Oregon State. The Minority Employment Council will be having a potluck this Saturday. FGBTQ Safe Zone clinics are happening and he encourages people to attend the trainings. The Fatino Student Union dinner is this weekend and he encouraged people to attend.

# **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Patrick Stickney reported that the College Promise Fobby Day went well and they were able to have good conversations with legislators. Glemaker, Stickney and Evan Fowler were able to be there for the release of the House budget. Somehow, after the Governor's budget to the House budget, the tuition increase for Western went from 3% to 5%. They will be discussing this and fighting against it. There are some benefits such as it allocated funding if the DREAM Act passes, but Carver Gym is not included in the budget for this biennium. There was a postcard dropped off at Governor Inslee's office signed by students at the Rally asking the Governor to support higher education. Next week is College Civics week. There is a Political Trivia night on Monday and Thursday there is a panel on the conflict in Syria. Western Votes will also be having a day of action about the Student Foan Fairness Act.

# **VP for Student Life**

Katie Savinski reported that the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee discussed the proposed increase. They are looking at either a 5% (\$1.25) increase or a flat \$1 increase. Regan Clover is planning a Green Energy Fee celebration to congratulate participants and showcase the projects from this year at the end of May. Tomorrow is the University Catering Open House and she encouraged others to attend.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS-The next meeting is Thursday at 6 pm in VU 567.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:37 P.M.