

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**Student Senate**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2013** **VU 567**

**Senators:** Christian Correa (Chair) *Present:* Sarah Kohout, Joseph Levy, Neil Christenson, Matthew Hilliard, and Glen Tokola. *Absent:* Bill Campbell, Marc Oommen, Evan Fowler, and Andrew Entrikin  
**Advisors:** Lisa Rosenberg, Assistant Director of Student Activities;  
Victor Celis (AS VP for Academic Affairs)  
**Secretary:** Kaylee Galloway

**MOTIONS**

- S-13-S- 01** Approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 5, 2013. *Passed*  
**S-13-S- 02** Approve document 2 as polling questions with the amendment to delete question #12. *Passed*  
**S-13-S- 03** Congratulate Aysha Kloub on the Carl H. Simpson Bridge Award. *Passed*

*The meeting was called to order by Christian Correa, Chair at 6:10 pm*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION S-13-S-01 by Christenson*  
Approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 5, 2013.  
Second: Levy                      Vote: 5-0-0                      Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. PUBLIC FORUM**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Polling Questions**

Christenson passed around a revised version of the polling questions. He said that before break, the Senate went over the polling questions and recommended revisions, which he made in the new document. He said that he added questions 12-15. He said question #12 is about Senate reform and 13-15 are about the Tval. Kohout said that question #12 is a big complex issue that requires explaining. She said that it would be difficult to explain to people and that people might not know what it is about. Christenson said that he had concerns about #12 as he was adding it. Celis said it is important to figure out what the Senate is looking for in each of these questions and what knowledge they are hoping to get out of the survey. Christenson said that question #5 was added to establish effective ways students are learning about the board. He said that question #12 aims to see if students support the reform and if next year's Board should have Senate reform as a higher priority. Levy said he is concerned about students not knowing enough about the Student Senate. He wondered why and how student input would be helpful. Christenson said that it could be distinguished if students were aware and that it would show in the results. Levy noted that the Board is elected by the students. Christenson acknowledged that only a fraction of students vote. He said that the survey is a great tool to understand where students stand. Levy expressed concern about the sample size and wondered what methods could be used to get enough students to take the survey. Christenson said that the Outreach Subcommittee will be brainstorming how to publicize the survey to get a large

sample size. Kohout wanted to amend the document to get rid of question #12. Christenson said that he would accept Kohout's amendment as friendly. Correa said that this will be a survey monkey. Celis said that any information acquired will be beneficial.

*MOTION S-13-S-02*

*by Christenson*

Approve document 2 as polling questions with the amendment to delete question #12.

Second: Levy

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Civic Engagement Week Activity**

Correa said the REP office is in charge of Civics Engagement Week. He hoped that the Student Senate would support the political trivia night. He said that it will be Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Underground Coffeeshouse. He said that it is a \$1 buy in. Celis wondered if it would be Student Senate cosponsored. Correa said that it is more of a REP event and that he hoped the senators would participate and show presence. Christenson suggested having a Senate team.

## **VII. SENATOR REPORTS/CONCERNS**

### **A. Joseph Levy**

Nothing to report.

### **B. Sarah Kohout**

Nothing to report.

### **C. Neil Christenson**

LAC and SPAC haven't met. He said Tval (teacher evaluation) is going to happen at some point so the committee is looking for ways to incorporate it. He said that there is an assumption that students would be capable of completing the evaluation in class. He said the issue is the internet and that it might be an issue when everyone logs in to complete the evaluation. He said that it would be a huge expenditure to upgrade the wireless campus-wide. He said it could be around \$4 million. He said that the committee has not yet drafted their official recommendation because of the technical reasons. He said the committee also needs to know if students can take the evaluation in class. Celis said there is faculty concern and that this is the first step in a long process. Hilliard said that he is concerned about assuming that everyone has the technology to complete the evaluation. Christenson said that it seems most students are capable. He said the committee is hoping for a 2014 pilot, but that the timeline is very approximate. He said wireless is already being updated in classrooms and that it would take about a year to get all of the wireless access points in to handle the Tval at full capacity, which is information coming from ATUS. Celis is worried about the cost landing on the students. Christenson said the wireless would be for academic classrooms. Hilliard expressed concern about being able to link the evaluations back to the students. He said he values that the evaluations are anonymous. Christenson said that the only way to trace it back was if someone was watching as everyone submitted and matched their ISPs to the evaluation. Christenson also announced that the Outreach Subcommittee will be meeting Fridays at noon.

### **D. Glen Tokola**

Said he has joined two committees: Judicial Appeals Board and Carl H. Simpson Bridging Award. He said the award was given to a student, Aysha Kloub, for co-organizing the Tangled Webs event, facilitating the Vagina Memiors, and educating students on the DREAM Act. He said that the Judicial Appeals Board has not met yet. He said that he attended the Club Town Hall meeting put on by the Club Hub and Carly Roberts, the VP for Activities. He said there were several clubs attending. He said that clubs need more access to publicity and to help meet deadlines. He said there was some deliberation on finding ways to solve the issues.

**E. Matthew Hilliard**

He said that ACC is beginning to discuss curricular policies and GURs. He said more info will come and he will be looking for input. He said that it would aim to get faculty intentions. Correa noted that documents are due Friday at 11am. Christenson said he would have a resolution next meeting.

**VIII. BOARD REPORT/CONCERNS**

Celis reported that elections filing ended. He said STF referendum was passed and will be on the ballot. He said the board will be looking at SPAC reports. He said they review three and two more next meeting. He said the University Planning Resource Committee is looking at budget requests and any additions or changes to the budget. He said the Committee on Undergraduate Education is looking at GURs and re-evaluating them and their values. He said that it would be a very long process. He said the faculty is focusing on academic integrity and fostering community.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Election Code**

Correa noted the election code: "AS offices, officially recognized AS programs, and AS councils and committees (standing or adhoc) may not endorse candidates or measures, and may not organize events, spend money, or use any AS resources for or on behalf of a candidate or measure. The logos of AS offices, officially recognized AS programs, and AS councils and committees (standing or ad-hoc) may not be used on any campaign materials." He wanted to clarify the expectations. He said that personal campaigns need to remain separate from committees. He said campaigning in general should not be brought to the Senate. Celis offered to answer questions. Tokola said to talk to Graham Marmion, the Election Coordinator, about questions.

**B. Other**

Christenson moved to congratulate Aysha Kloub on the Carl H Simpson Bridge Award. Seconded by Tokola. Passed 5-0-0. Correa requested that the Senators take a look at issues that the Student Senate should work on and bring to discuss for Issue of the Quarter. Christenson said that ideas could be brought to Outreach to discuss. Correa said that he will be putting Issue of the Quarter as a discussion item for next meeting. He said majority will win for topic chosen. Rosenberg said that AS hiring will close on Thursday and encouraged people to apply if they wanted a job. She said that they are online and some hourly positions will open later. Tokola wondered about the senate reform person and if the job description was posted. Rosenberg said it is two weeks out from being finalized.

*The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*