

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Carly Roberts (President), Josie Ellison (VP Academics), Jarred Tyson (VP Activities), Mayra Guizar (VP Diversity), Kaylee Galloway (VP Governmental Affairs) and Robby Eckroth (VP Student Life)

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

Guest(s): Kasey Koenig (AS Club Activities), Clinton Kvistad-Renaissance (Queer Resource Center), Matt Smith (Resource and Outreach Programs), Derick Reinhardt (Queer Resource Center), Caitlyn Jackson (Western Front), Patrick Eckroth (Representation and Engagement Programs)

MOTIONS

ASB-14-W-14 Approve the minutes of January 17, 2014. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-15 Approve the Queer Experience as a targeted program. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-16 Approve Queer Music Night as a targeted program. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-17 Grant the AS Activities Council the amount of \$4,000 from AS Discretionary Reserves to Club Conference (FXXCLC). *Passed*

ASB-14-W-18 Approve the Rental Safety Resolution as amended, this would replace the 2010 resolution. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-19 Endorse HB 1011 - Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility and resident tuition. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-20 Endorse HB 1267 - Extending the time period for voter registration. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-21 Endorse HB 1279 - Allowing motor voter preregistration for sixteen and seventeen year olds. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-22 Support HB 1278 - Concerning prepaid postage for ballot envelopes. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-23 Endorses HB 2400 - Concerning mentoring and service learning opportunities in education with the stipulation that the administration also supports the bill. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-24 Information track HB 2429 - Creating the Washington advance higher education loan program. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-25 Endorse HB 2537 - Concerning tenant screening. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-26 Endorse HB 2587 - Creating a tuition and fees exemption for children and surviving spouses of certain highway workers. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-27 Information Track HB 2697 - Concerning a weighted grade point average for purposes of the standardized high school transcript. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-28 Endorse HB 2726 - Expanding higher education opportunities for certain resident students and military families. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-29 Endorse SB 5026 - Creating a peer mentoring program to encourage elementary school students to attend college. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-30 Endorse SB 5027 - Requiring repaid postage for primary and general election ballots. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-31 Endorse SB 5028 - Changing state need grant eligibility provisions. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-32 Information Track SB 5173 - Excusing work and school absences for a reason of faith or conscience. *Passed*

ASB-14-W-33 Information Track SB 5955 - Establishing the Washington publicly owned trust in order to create a financing infrastructure to implement Initiative Measure No. 502 that complies with the United States attorney general's guidance letter of August 29, 2013, thereby providing resources for public infrastructure and other public purposes. *Passed*

Carly Roberts, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*MOTION ASB-14-W-14 by Galloway*

Approve the minutes of January 17, 2014

Second: Eckroth

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**III. PUBLIC FORUM** (*comments from students and the community*)**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*****V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*****A. Queer Experience***(15 minutes)*

Doc. 1 Guizar

Clinton Kvistad-Renaissance gave a quick overview of Doc. 1. Carly Roberts wanted to give KUDOS (5 dittos) for putting the Queer Experience together. Roberts informed the attendees that targeted programs have been approved frequently this year and that they need to be aware of the policy and making sure that everyone is safe from legal woes. As policy on targeted events was written with events such as Elect-Her in mind. The requirement is to ensure that the office offers a wide array of services to a wide array of western students. She believes the Queer Resource Center (QRC) and the Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP) does offer a wide array of programs for a diversity of student needs. If the Board authorizes this target event, they are just short of not allowing someone to participate. If someone decides that they will audition anyway, the Queer Resource Center must allow them to. Kevin Majkut stated that the goal of targeted programming can be interpreted in two ways. One, to exclude others from participating. Or two, to completing the goals of the program. Based on the documents provided Majkut assumes they are shooting for the latter.

MOTION ASB-14-W-15 by Galloway

Approve the Queer Experience as a targeted program.

Second: Guizar

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

B. Queer Music Night*(15 minutes)*

Doc. 2 Guizar

Clinton Kvistad-Renaissance clarified that the guide states that the performances should not isolate or hurt anyone in the audience. He stated that if any of the submitted content crosses the line he will have a conversation with that individual. Josie Ellison stated that she feels Kvistad-Renaissance did a good job of using inclusive language. Roberts stated that she has been Impressed by the thoroughness of Kvistad-Renaissance's documents. 3 dittos.

MOTION ASB-14-W-16 by Eckroth

Approve Queer Music Night as a targeted program.

Second: Ellison

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

C. AS Activities Council Travel Funding*(15 minutes)*

Doc. 3 Tyson

Kasey Koenig presented an Excel spreadsheet showing the finances of the various clubs. She stated that there has been a significant increase in club travel this year. There is currently \$258.00 left in the budget for the rest of the year with many clubs left planning to travel. Clubs who have already traveled this year will not be allowed to travel again this year. Koenig wanted to note that the Student Marketing Association is planning on sending 25 students to a conference, a big request. Majkut asked to review the AS Reserve Policy concerning the Rainy Day Policy it requires two positive votes from the Board and is usually used for more catastrophic events.

MOTION ASB-14-W-17 by Galloway

Grant the AS Activities Council the amount of \$4,000 from AS Discretionary Reserves to Club

Conference (FXXCLC).

Second: Ellison

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

D. Rental Safety Resolution

(20 minutes)

Doc. 4 Galloway

Kaylee Galloway would like the Board to recognize the brevity of her document. She stated that the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) have made their corrections to the document.

Roberts commented on the language of the document noting that she believes an apartment can be a home and suggested a change to “rent housing.” She stated that the fifth whereas down could flow better. Change to “Whereas, health and safety laws are only effective if enforced, and the complaint based system is inadequately enforced and places an undue burden on tenants to take action in order to live in safe housing; and,”. Roberts would like to know what technically is reasonable for the Board to say in regard to the second to last be it resolved. She suggests changing it to “Be it also resolved, the students of Western Washington University request that the City of Bellingham implement a landlord registration process to monitor who is renting and enforce rental inspections for code violators in order to increase landlord accountability; and,” Roberts feels that this document will be directed towards City Council and should be a request. Eckroth ditto. Eckroth stated that an organization should be asking, rather than telling, a city about an action. Roberts stated that changing the phrasing could make it more conversational. Guizar would like to arrange the signatures in a pyramid formation to show who worked more on the document. Roberts stated that the importance is formatting to ensure it fits all on one page. Ellison agrees that space may be limited however if there is space she agrees Galloway and Eckroth should receive more recognition for their work. Majkut questioned whether the document will replace the 2010 document. Roberts answered yes, it will replace the 2010 resolution.

MOTION ASB-14-W-18 by Guizar

Approve the Rental Safety Resolution as amended, this would replace the 2010 resolution.

Second: Ellison

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Bill Stances

(30 minutes)

Doc. 5 Galloway

Galloway stated that Patrick Eckroth is currently the Representation and Engagement Programs (REP) intern and he has been working hard on these stances. Galloway added that all bill stances were endorsed by Legislative Affairs Council (LAC). There is a stipulation on HB 2400 that LAC will only endorse it if the administration also endorses it, because it placed an added responsibility on the administration. Huge Kudos to Patrick Eckroth for helping draft the issue stance protocol and bill tracking process as well as for preparing all of the bill summaries cited above.

HB 1011 - Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility and resident tuition. Tyson stated that he knows a lot of veterans who would be pleased with this bill and proposes the board supports it. R. Eckroth dittos.

MOTION ASB-14-W-19 by Tyson

Endorse HB 1011 - Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility and resident tuition.

Second: Ellison

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

HB 1267 - Extending the time period for voter registration. Galloway stated that LAC gave authority to supporting anything that was in the WSA state-wide agenda. P. Eckroth stated that this bill is helpful for

those who are on the move or who don't turn 18 until a certain point. The students of Western would benefit.

MOTION ASB-14-W-20 by Ellison

Endorse HB 1267 - Extending the time period for voter registration.

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

HB 1279 - Allowing motor voter preregistration for sixteen and seventeen year olds. Roberts would like to know how it would benefit the students of Western. Galloway stated that it is useful for the youth vote at-large, and is not limited to the students of western. The bill is in senate committee right now. R. Eckroth asked why there is opposition. Galloway stated that there is a worry that it would increase administrative tasks. P. Eckroth stated that there is worry that people would be put on the actual voter registration list by mistake. Roberts says that every endorsement the Board makes will need to be connected to Western students. She added that she is in support of endorsing because it will aid in the mission of universities to engage their students in civic activity.

MOTION ASB-14-W-21 by Galloway

Endorse HB 1279 - Allowing motor voter preregistration for sixteen and seventeen year olds.

Second: R. Eckroth Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

HB 1278 - Concerning prepaid postage for ballot envelopes. Galloway stated that this bill would reduce barriers to voting and would increase accessibility to students in need of stamps.

MOTION ASB-14-W-22 by R. Eckroth

Support HB 1278 - Concerning prepaid postage for ballot envelopes.

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

HB 2400 - Concerning mentoring and service learning opportunities in education. Ellison stated that she would not like to support a bill that has implications on the administration without their support for it as well. Roberts believes that because it has reached the stage of a bill the administration must know at this point. She added that she believes it is a good thing for Western.

MOTION ASB-14-W-23 by Ellison

Endorses HB 2400 - Concerning mentoring and service learning opportunities in education with the stipulation that the administration also supports the bill.

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

HB 2429 - Creating the Washington advance higher education loan program. Roberts is concerned that the bill is targeted towards Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) majors. She is also concerned how it will impact students when paying loans both from the state and federal governments. Guizar said she felt it is a little limiting to focus on just on STEM. Ellison ditto. Eckroth is concerned that it would continue to focus on STEM majors. Ellison and Guizar ditto. Tyson stated that he felt that even if it is focused on STEM majors, there is a need for more STEM majors to compete in the global market. Ellison stated that she is in favor of the bill because it provides more affordable higher education, even though there is a specification of STEM majors. Galloway stated it is providing additional access to higher education. Ellison and Tyson ditto. Galloway stated that STEM is a hot topic in the state legislature and that the bill is potentially strengthened by having STEM in it. Ellison and Tyson ditto. Roberts stated that any money toward higher education is good but she questions how it will impact grant money. 4 ditto. Guizar questions where the money will come from and if it would take away funds from other areas. Roberts ditto. Galloway says that it is a short-term solution which means the question is whether to hold out for a long term solution or get money quick and in the present. Ellison ditto. Eckroth stated that the Board should be pushing to lower the cost of higher education, rather than increasing the amount of loans available. Roberts summarized that the Board would rather the money go directly to the institution for the purpose of lowering the cost. Roberts added that they would like to provide Matthew Bobbink with a letter which states the reasoning for their position. He could then relay this information to the sponsors of this bill. Galloway stated she would hope for it to be

an informational tracking bill so that they may discuss their concerns. Roberts likes the idea of having a unified statement coming out of this meeting about their approval of providing more accessible aid to students but that they would prefer the cost of education be lowered rather than adding additional aid. Guizar dittos. Galloway doesn't think this will be the only bill the Board will dissent on and would like to keep the dialogue open and send their thoughts on the bills to Bobbink rather than creating a letter for each individual issue they disagree on.

MOTIONASB-14-W-24 by Ellison

Information track HB 2429 - Creating the Washington advance higher education loan program.

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

The AS Board took a break at 7:05pm and reconvened at 7:13 pm.

HB 2537 - Concerning tenant screening. P. Eckroth stated that this would reduce certain spending for Western students searching for housing. Roberts asked if these reports are easy to fake. P. Eckroth stated that it would be possible to fake it but there are ways to check it. Roberts stated that she thinks application fees are ridiculous. 4 dittos. Tyson stated finding that information would be useful practice for students. Ellison stated that having it as an option is important. Roberts asked how endorsing this will fit with existing rental advocacy efforts. She doesn't want to endorse something that might strategically hurt the AS Board in the future. R. Eckroth stated that he doesn't feel the Board should be playing politics. Ellison believes that there is a good argument for supporting this bill.

MOTIONASB-14-W-25 by Ellison

Endorse HB 2537 - Concerning tenant screening.

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

HB 2587 - Creating a tuition and fees exemption for children and surviving spouses of certain highway workers. Roberts stated that this expands accessibility to students. (4 dittos)

MOTIONASB-14-W-26 by Galloway

Endorse HB 2587 - Creating a tuition and fees exemption for children and surviving spouses of certain highway workers.

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

HB 2697 - Concerning a weighted grade point average for purposes of the standardized high school transcript. Galloway would like to know if it includes running start because they are college classes. Galloway stated that her transcript from high school included her running start grades. Roberts stated that her experience was different. P. Eckroth stated that there were separate GPAs for running start and high school in his experience. He believes there should be consistency across the state. Galloway would prefer to information track this because she has lots of questions remaining because she feels it should include running start classes. R. Eckroth dittos. Roberts agrees on the idea to info track.

MOTIONASB-14-W-27 by Galloway

Information Track HB 2697 - Concerning a weighted grade point average for purposes of the standardized high school transcript.

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

HB 2726 - Expanding higher education opportunities for certain resident students and military families. Roberts would like to know what the term resident students includes. P. Eckroth states that he is unsure. Roberts states that this will expand accessibility to higher education.

MOTIONASB-14-W-28 by R. Eckroth

Endorse HB 2726 - Expanding higher education opportunities for certain resident students and military families.

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

SB 5026 - Creating a peer mentoring program to encourage elementary school students to attend college. Tyson asked if the proposed timeframe is realistic. Kudos to Cindy Shepard for expanding this process and a shout out to Shar Sarte Prince!

MOTIONASB-14-W-29 by Guizar

Endorse SB 5026 - Creating a peer mentoring program to encourage elementary school students to attend college.

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

SB5027 - Requiring repaid postage for primary and general election ballots.

MOTIONASB-14-W-30 by Galloway

Endorse SB 5027 - Requiring repaid postage for primary and general election ballots.

Second: R. Eckroth Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

SB 5028 - Changing state need grant eligibility provisions. Galloway would like more specificity in the bill.

MOTIONASB-14-W-31 by Ellison

Endorse SB 5028 - Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.

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

SB 5173 - Excusing work and school absences for a reason of faith or conscience. Ellison questions if 2 days are enough to cover all the faith-based reasons a student may need to miss school. Roberts is curious about why it excludes employees of school districts.

MOTIONASB-14-W-32 by Ellison

Information Track SB 5173 - Excusing work and school absences for a reason of faith or conscience.

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

SB 5955 - Establishing the Washington publicly owned trust in order to create a financing infrastructure to implement Initiative Measure No. 502 that complies with the United States attorney general's guidance letter of August 29, 2013, thereby providing resources for public infrastructure and other public purposes. Roberts stated that many public institutions are fighting for the revenue from marijuana sales. Ellison stated that sponsoring this would possibly lead to a more favorable approach to higher education. Galloway believes this is step one in a multi-step process to utilizing the revenue from marijuana for higher education. Roberts thinks that this is too far removed. 4 dittos. She would like to ensure it is tied to higher education.

MOTIONASB-14-W-33 by Guizar

Information Track SB 5955 - Establishing the Washington publicly owned trust in order to create a financing infrastructure to implement Initiative Measure No. 502 that complies with the United States attorney general's guidance letter of August 29, 2013, thereby providing resources for public infrastructure and other public purposes.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

President

Carly Roberts reported that she now has a twitter account. (@ASWWUPresident) She had a talk time with President Bruce Shepard in which Shepard became her first follower. Roberts is trying to learn the ways of twitter. They had a good conversation about Title 9. President Obama signed a task force to address sexual health on college campuses. Based on what she's read Western is ahead of the curve. Roberts encourages the Board to read up on Title 9 because

it is quite a fierce debate and Roberts believes that it should be both celebrated and critically examined in order to determine the next step. Roberts had a meeting with Paul Locke and the Viking Village (W) head moderator. W has been an ongoing conversation because if it crashes it isn't going back up because there's no one to fix it. It is plausible that it will be transferring to the Western Washington University Facebook group. There is a community of students that exists surrounding W. Roberts has met with Nidia Hernandez about the Assistant and Associate Director positions which don't fit well in the salary schedule. Personnel Committee will be doing an audit of all the director and assistant/associate director positions to ensure everyone is getting paid according to their work level.

VP for Academic Affairs

Josie Ellison reported that Kudos to Ruta Nanivadekar because the micro aggression training this past weekend was awesome. Also, Laura Langley did an amazing job as a presenter. The first view of abstracts for the Student Tech Lee happened this week. There are many small projects this year. It will be interesting to see what is pushed on to the next level. Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) had a discussion about the English 101 waiver process. There is an option to test out of English 101, which is an argument many faculty members are making. It is equitable for WWU to not have SAT and ACT. The test costs \$515 which is not something all students can pay. When this topic gets to the Faculty Senate the arguments are already known for and against it. ACC will look to see how the costs will be lowered.

VP for Activities

Jarred Tyson reported that ASP Special Events will be having a laser tag competition on the 9th. KVIK is starting their first episode of the 4 season of their sci-fi series. The AS Club Showcase will be in Red Square. Next week they will be in South Campus. The Athletic Director search committee will be conducting interviews soon. Activities Council brought in a new club. They have depleted their travel funds but as of today they have \$4,000 for the funds. 3 dittos. The Facilities and Services Committee (FS) will be convening tomorrow. He encourages requests from offices for facilities needs as there is \$25,000 available. Conversations about the OrgSync presentations will begin tomorrow. Message Tyson with any questions.

VP for Diversity

Mayra Guizar reported that the Black Student Union (BSU) dinner is this Saturday. The Environmental Center approached Guizar about the Diversity Initiative Fund which currently has \$300 available. The remaining will go to the Women of Color Empowerment Dinner. President's Task Force for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity had a retreat on Monday. Personnel Committee is looking at updated job descriptions.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Kaylee Galloway reported that Julian B. Hard, Organizing Director of the Washington Student Association visited on the 3rd and 4th of February. LAC had a meeting on Monday. They passed funding to send Matthew Bobbink, AS Legislative Liaison, to Washington DC. They also had a robust conversation with regards to funding the Washington Student Association Lobby Day and have agreed to fund approximately 70-80% of its cost. Western Votes is planning for their general assembly which will take place on February 10th. They will be taking stances on some of the Federal legislative proposals that are being drafted. They are also preparing for their Teach-in on student debt and the student rally on March 4th. Tuesday she attended a Higher Education Access Forum, it was more focused on community and technical college. Financial aid information was the most applicable to Western and there was a great presentation on accessibility resources.

VP for Student Life

Robby Eckroth reported that the elimination of the sale of bottled water will be going into effect April 1st. 5 dittos.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:06p.m.