

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, January 20, 2012

VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Anna Ellermeier (President), Fabiola Arvizu (VP Academics), Mario Orallo-Molinario (VP Activities), Travis Peters (VP Bus Ops), Deng Duot (VP Diversity), Iris Maute-Gibson (VP Governmental Affairs) and Sara Richards (VP Student Life)

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

Student Senate Representative: Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair

Guest(s): Ethan Glemaker (Student Senator)

MOTIONS

ASB-12-W-03 Approve the minutes of December 6, 2011. *Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- December 6, 2011

MOTION ASB-12-W-3 by Duot

Approve the minutes of December 6, 2011.

Second: Maute-Gibson Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Minority Employment Task Force CC *(15 minutes)* Duot Doc. 1

Duot said this committee hopes to create a more diverse applicant pool during AS Hiring.

Maute-Gibson asked about the committee and whether it is supposed to be a short term committee to address a specific need. Duot said that there is a Minority Employment Council at the university level and this is why the title is different. He feels that this is an issue that will always be there. He is still working on a better title for the committee. Arvizu suggests making the Personnel Director mandatory because they will help clarify policy. Maute-Gibson would like the more specific or measurable outcomes, and feels if this is addressing an issue then it should be stated. Arvizu dittoed. Ellermeier said that the charge seems to address hiring and later it says that they will let the Personnel Director know about diversity issues. Arvizu understands that the goal is broad, but feels that there need to be more specific goals and tasks. Majkut said that it seems like Duot is talking about the whole employment experience for underrepresented groups. He feels that Duot should expand this past hiring, he will be glad to help Duot work on some language. Majkut said that he is not sure that there is enough information about the hiring process and who has applied to work in the AS to be able to identify issues. He feels it should be kept broad. Peters said a great question to ask is, what would your job look like for you to not have to come into work today? In other words, what would the AS look like to make it a place where this committee would not be necessary?

Maute-Gibson would like a more specific way of how the outcomes are monitored and a timeline. Orallo-Molinario feels that this is almost a sub-committee of the Personnel Committee (PC). He understands that they are trying to ensure that underrepresented students have a good experience working in the AS. He wondered why this is separate from the PC. Duot would like

it to be separate, but realizes that they will be working together. He feels that hiring a student from the Ethnic Student Center to work in the Womens Center, for example, creates collaboration. Duot said that it is important to hire people based on their experience. Peters would like the charge to speak to collaboration with the Personnel Committee instead of just with the director.

- B. Diversity in the AS (15minutes) Duot Doc.2
 Duot said that a diversity goal should not be a number of students, but should be a goal always worked on. He hopes to create a campus-wide university that celebrates diversity as a strength. He feels that it is important to have a goal associated with diversity especially because there is a position on the Board to work in this area. Ellermeier said that it sounds now like Duot is asking the Board to adopt this as their goal. Maute-Gibson asked if they should perhaps write this up as a resolution and offered to help write it. Arvizu asked if it should just be added to the Strategic Plan or the Employment Policy. Ellermeier thinks that Duot should work on a final format for the document and present that to the Board. Maute-Gibson feels that if they are going to change the strategic plan then they need to include a lot more people in the conversation before they would pass it. Arvizu wondered if this could go to Management Council for discussion.
- C. New Equipment for ESC (15 minutes) Duot Doc. 3
 Duot said that this is from the ESC TAP report that was passed by the Board last year, as well as the VU Tech Committee. The request is for an amount not to exceed \$6,200 for a LCD TV and four computers. The space is being used for meetings and they need this technology. Orallo-Molinaro thinks that the computers are great because they are used a lot, but he wondered why they need the new large TV. Richards dittoed. Ellermeier said that Greg McBride recommended a TV as a better way to mediate the room because the projector would not work as well due to all of the ambient light in that room. Arvizu has full confidence in the people who have reviewed this; she feels that it is good for educational purposes. The ESC is also just a safe place for people to hang out. Maute-Gibson feels that their hands are bound by what was passed last year in the TAP process. She would like to see minutes from the relevant meetings. She thinks it would be great to have a legacy document about the TAP process to say what the need was, how it was met. She thinks that it would be good to have one TV that could be used by all offices. Ellermeier would like to know why there is a discrepancy between three and four computers. Duot will research this. Orallo-Molinaro feels that there will be many people who want to use the TV and wonders if this traffic will be welcome in the ESC. Duot thinks that the ESC staff can make decisions about how that space is used. Majkut said that the space is dedicated to the ESC, but other events happening might bring more people into this space. He doesn't think that they should allow the public can reserve because that takes away from the purpose of the area and they do not want to overuse the space. Arvizu said she sees it like the Underground Coffee House where groups have to contact AS Productions first since it is their dedicated space. Maute-Gibson requested Arvizu bring some information about how the university decides to purchase new equipment.

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

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Kendal Bull Student Senate Chair reported that the last meeting was canceled due to the weather. They did have a meeting about possible Senate Restructure on Friday and he thanked people for participating. They will be looking at the Transportation Master Plan next week. They will be tabling for advocacy soon, will have an issue of the quarter soon, and an event to go along with this. They are thinking of having a political themed trivia night. He was able to attend Western Lobby Day, and thought it was a really great experience.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President

Anna Ellermeier reported that she had a wonderful time at Lobby Day. She is attending a Washington Student Association meeting to vote on their stance on specific bills. The WTA negotiations are ongoing, and Alternative Transportation is creating ballot language. After attending the Senate Restructure meeting she feels that to help them become more impactful the Board needs to take leadership on this to look at what the next steps will be.

VP for Academic Affairs

Fabiola Arvizu reported that the Senate Reform meeting was good. She hopes to have a work session on this soon including senators, so that their opinions are represented. She has been working full force with the tech fee and is finding it overwhelming because there is a lot of funding requests. She has been reviewing proposals and feels that this year's committee is great and they are really excited to be involved. Many meetings were cancelled due to snow.

VP for Activities

Mario Orallo-Molinaro reported that Activities Council happened via Org Sync this week and it was epic. They were able to complete their agenda. Walk of Life is next week and he encourages everyone to come on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. He thinks that this isn't a cultural issue, or gender issue, it is a human mind issue. There are so many students that do not feel supported and feel unwanted. He hopes to show that the AS and the university care even if they don't know the effected students personally. They are hoping that this will be yearly event. There will be testimonials, Prevention & Wellness and Counseling Center will be present. He feels that it is rare for Board Members to coordinate events and hopes that all will be able to attend.

VP for Business & Operations

Travis Peters reported that he found Lobby Day very challenging. He learned a lot and it was very eye opening. He is glad he went. Tactical Assessment Program recommendations are being formatted and created. He offered to meet with the Board members if they have questions about the process. Peters will be bringing questions from Budget Committee for a Board discussion about priorities during this year's budget process. This will help guide the committee.

VP for Diversity

Deng Duot reported worked with some of the ESC Committee members on the DREAM Act.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Elect Her is February 4th, everyone is invited to attend. She will be sending an email and esign link. She will send out information for WS A. Legislative Affairs Council will be prioritizing bills that have to do with higher education. She will email the draft minutes from that meeting to the Board. She will also forward Joe Meyer's legislative updates. Western Votes will be participating in the statewide day of action on Jan 26th. They will be letter writing and phone calling legislatures as well as recording video testimony. There will also be competitions. Lobby day 2012 was a success. She thanked Ellermeier, Richards, Peters and Duot for attending. The 56 participants made a big splash at their 86 meetings and there was good feedback from all. She has had a surge of students interested in legislative issues since Lobby Day. She has made a card thanked bus driver for his leadership during the snow delay.

VP for Student Life

Sara Richards reported that Lobby Day was fun. She has been working on the Green Energy Fee with Kathryn Freeman about the new process and funding.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Monger thanked everyone for their support and understanding during her illness. She especially thanks the assistants who went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that lobby day was a success and that the office ran smoothly. There were many dittoes.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:03 P.M.