

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

Friday, March 4, 2011

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Colin Watrin (President), Benjamin Brockman (VP Bus Ops), Ramon Rinonos-Diaz (VP Academics), Alisha Beck (VP Activities), Bemard Ikegwuoha (VP Diversity), Byron Starkey (VP Governmental Affairs) and Jamin Agosti (VP Student Life)

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

AS Student Senate Rep: Lucas Bourne, Student Senate Chair

Guest(s): Kurt Willis (University Residences), Anna Amundson and Alyssa Piraino (Students for Sustainable Water), Josh Freese (Library Maniacs), Matt Moroney (Students for Renewable Energy), Jason Austin (Environmental & Sustainability Programs)

MOTIONS

ASB-II-W-41 Approve AS Board Job Descriptions with changes and option A under reportage with the removal of “and objectively present the facts of the investigation to the Board of Directors” and the addition of “lead an objective investigation.” *Passed*

ASB-II-W-42 Approve Consent Item A. Election Board appointments. *Passed*

Colin Watrin, AS President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- remove Legislative Liaison Report and add in Election Board Nominees, included in the notebook.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Bottled Water Initiative Proposed Language

Agosti

Should the students of Western Washington University recommend to the administration that all retail markets on campus cease the sale of bottled water?

Watrin reminded the Board that their role is not to give opinions. It is simply to approve the language and discuss if the language is misleading or illegal.

Agosti does not see this as illegal or misleading. Watrin and Starkey dittoed. There are questions as to what effect this initiative could have. Majkut clarified that retail establishments include the dining areas, AS Bookstore, VU Info Desk. The vending machines would still be able to stock bottled water because it is a separate contract. Willis doesn't think the language goes against the contract at this point. He is curious why they are leaving the vending machines out, if it is a value judgment. Moroney said that they could recommend removing bottled water on campus. Then if there are contracts, the university would address this.

Ikegwuoha suggested some new wording recommend to the administration that all sale of bottled water on campus be eliminated. Majkut said that illegality includes contracts and policies. Rinonos-Diaz said in terms of a recommendation he is not sure that they need to worry about legal issues because it isn't a demand, only a recommendation. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

B. Library Fee Initiative Proposed Language

Watrin Doc.1

Watrin followed up on this with Wendy Bohlke the Assistant Attorney General at the university. Agosti has concerns about this question being misleading because there are not specific areas the funding will go to, or some way in which students will control that money. Rinonos-Diaz is concerned in terms of legality because it says enhancing existing services and the facilities. He has concerns about whether funding can be spent on capital projects. He

thinks that some of these things are covered by funds outside of the library for example, the journals are funded partially through departments and the Student Technology Fee money replaces laptops. He is uncomfortable with the broad language. Starkey pointed out that it doesn't even say that the funding has to go to the library. It includes and any other services to be enhanced. Josh Freeze said he tried to have it specific towards extra hours, but because the AS Library Maniacs were unsure if budget would improve they didn't feel comfortable locking themselves in. In a survey extra hours was the number one concern, then they wanted better furniture. Watrin said that the impression he is getting is that it would not be approved in its current form and he should work with Rinonos-Diaz on the wording. Majkut work with the Assistant Attorney General to ensure the language's legality. Freeze said spoke with Christopher Cox and he is not sure at this point how this would be implemented within the Library. Ikegwuoha is concerned that it doesn't state how students will give input. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

C. Off Campus Housing Initiative Proposed Language Starkey Doc. 2

Rinonos-Diaz clarified that students are voting on the ballot language. The implementation plan is not connected, but just supplemental information for an example. Moroney would like to have these additional definitions as supplementary to the ballot. Rinonos-Diaz is confused about best available indicator of energy-efficiency; he would like to have this defined in the ballot language instead of in the supplemental materials. Rinonos-Diaz suggests "indicator of total heating and electricity scores or energy efficiency score. Agosti doesn't see this as illegal or misleading. Majkut said the housing posting is not actually controlled by the AS. They will need to look into how to proceed with this. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Board Job Descriptions Agosti Doc. 3

Rinonos-Diaz requested moving Faculty Senate to Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member. Watrin said that there are two options on reportage and this is what they should discuss. Agosti has concerns about policy being included in the job descriptions. He has concerns about it not being fleshed out. Agosti still suggests referring to the Employment Policy. Brockman said that the reportage makes less sense to him now than before, Agosti dittoed. He feels that this is non-pragmatic policy. They are assuming the chair has training on investigations. Last year there was a situation that could have been handled at a lower level than the Western Front. Brockman said that the process in the Employment Policy states that they give feedback, a verbal warning, a written warning, and then a performance contract. There would be four investigations and four Board Meetings before the Board could issue a performance contract. He thinks that is a humiliating process. He thinks that the President and Personnel Director are too busy to lead an investigation. The supervisor model is proven and much faster. Brockman said that a lot of complaints that are issued against Board Members are not worth Board Meeting time and could be handled internally. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that it is inappropriate to bring up previous complaints against Board Members that Brockman was not involved in. Rinonos-Diaz said that when it comes to experimental, time-wasting and lack of training... all of these things were argued against Results Oriented job descriptions which are currently a cluster fuck. Ikegwuoha dittoed. Brockman argued against training anyone in how to implement that. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that the inconsistency in Brockman's practices is a concern to him. Rinonos-Diaz suggests removing "and objectively present the facts to the Board of Directors" because it is a process and should be included in the Employment Policy. He said that this does not mention Board Meetings; solely what is written here is that the President and the Personnel Director look into complaints. Essentially he sees that they are

looking at whether the supervisor is the president or the chairperson of the Board is the investigator. He feels the most comfortable with A. Ikegwuoha and Starkey dittoed. Rinonos-Diaz thinks that they need to do this intentionally and he would like to encourage a stipulation that a process is created and included in the Employment Policy. Ikegwuoha thinks that people have fear of public scrutiny. He has dealt with the Western Front and he knows how abrasive this process can be. This still doesn't take them away from being accountable to the students in a visible process. He thinks that the Board should be able to make a decision together because they can flesh out a part of the conversation that illuminates the process or a part of the discussion that others may not know. Secondly if they have a performance contract it still is present in your file, even if it is not included in the minutes. There is an inherent bias in the current system he thinks option A is the way to go. Watrin asked to add "in conjunction with the AS Board of Director's Accountability Section in the AS Employment Policy." Rinonos-Diaz doesn't like referencing things that haven't been written. Beck thinks that if Board Members are doing your job you shouldn't be worried about public scrutiny. 5 dittos. She would be in favor of A if they create a policy for the investigation. Ikegwuoha doesn't see a problem with keeping in the presentation of the investigation and coming up with a process later. Brockman would like the first sentence removed because he did not like the idea of having 6 supervisors no one seconded this suggestion.

MOTION ASB-11- W-41 by Starkey

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Second: Rinonos-Diaz Vote: 4 - 3 - 0

Action: Passed

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

C. Committee Appointments-Election Code

Timothy Bergen, Jamie Marine, Amara Walsh, Jared McCardle, Jason Styles, Erika Whittaker. Alternates: Dean Williams, Kristin Burkhard, Oak Schuetz

MOTION ASB-11-W-42 by Agosti

Approve Consent Item A. Election Board appointments.

Second: Brockman

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

X. AS FINANCIAL REPORT AND AS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MOTIONS

XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

XII. BOARD REPORTS

Reports were not given due to time constraints of the meeting.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 12:48 P.M.