

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2014

VU567

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

Advisor Is: Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

Guest(s): AS Assessment: Kacy Cunningham; AS Publicity Center: Jeff Bates; AS Representations & Engagement Programs: Sarah Kohout, Patrick Eckroth; Resource & Outreach Programs: Matt Smith, AS Club Activities Office: Giselle Alcántar Soto; Black Student Union: Annika Wolters; Katrina Haffner; Western Front: Brian Traverso

MOTIONS

ASB-14-S-25 Approve the minutes of April 17, 2014. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-26 Approve the AS Review SPAC Recommendations. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-27 Approve AS Outdoor Center Equipment & Bike Shop SPAC Recommendations as amended. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-28 Approve AS Productions Pop Music SPAC Rees. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-29 Move the Vagina Memoirs Grant Increase to immediate action. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-30 Increase the Vagina Memoirs Grant by \$900 from AS Discretionary Reserves [FXXRES]. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-31 Approve Consent Item A- Committee Appointments. *Passed*

ASB-14-S-32 Approve increasing the four AS Board Assistants to the base salary level hourly equivalent pay [currently \$9.65]. *Passed*

Carly Roberts, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-14-S-25 by Galloway

Approve the minutes of April 17, 2014.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- Add Megan Broadie to Consent Items for Green Energy Fee Committee. Move Item C first to accommodate a staff member representing that item. Ellison want to add Student Tech Fee Proposals to Other Business. Tyson add AS Website to Other Business.

Ellison joined the meeting.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

- C. AS Publicity Center SPAC Discussion (15 minutes) Doc. 3 Eckroth
Kacy Cunningham, AS Assessment Coordinator was concerned last week because she didn't feel there was enough discussion about why they were moving this item to next year on the Assessment schedule. She spoke with Board members, members of the committee and Jeff Bates, Publicity Center (PC) Manager. She doesn't think that it would be a good use of time to delay it because there has been a significant amount of work and progress made. She doesn't want to start a culture where items can be pushed back another year if the Board doesn't like the ideas, etc. Cunningham said that the Publicity Center is unique because it works with the AS offices and clubs. Also it went through restructure two years ago and hasn't been enough time to see how this has worked. Bates feels that making big strategic recommendations after only two years is concerning. Cunningham thinks that it could be useful next year to have Bates, a Board member,

a returning AS employee who has worked with the PC, and a returning PC employee at a few meetings to look at how the restructure is working. Her new suggestion is to have the AS Publicity Center move forward either two or three years in the Assessment schedule to give more time with the restructure and to keep it on a different schedule than the AS Review assessment. Cunningham will be reformatting the PC report. Many people on the committee preferred this format. Bates concern is that he hasn't heard any feedback from the Board that this was an insufficient report and felt blindsided. He feels that it took a significant amount of time to do this. The time that they take on this impacts how well they can provide their service to the AS. They have currently done 276 design projects. They are up about 40 designs already this year. Bates said that it does not excuse any errors, but his impression is that they are running pretty smoothly with an incredible sense of satisfaction. Bates would like to use the Assessment process to see how the AS distributes events throughout the year. He feels that there are three times the events during spring quarter than in fall or winter. This effects reservations, event services and the PC in particular. Roberts said that in general feedback is provided during the Board meetings on SPAC reports. She wanted there to be a thorough documentation of why they are not accepting these recommendations and that is why they are bringing it back up for discussion at this meeting. Roberts feels that not many people were consulted on this SPAC Report. The recommendation of combining the PC with the Communications Office (CO) was not something that she heard about before receiving the report and she provided oversight for the CO most of this year. She feels that if a recommendation involves more than the office being assessed it should be thoroughly vetted by everyone involved. It was Roberts' understanding that student staff were not greatly involved in assembling this report. With a service office, assessment should also include the direct customers such as the Club Activities Office or AS Productions. Roberts doesn't feel comfortable passing recommendations that were not vetted through each office involved and didn't involve significant student employee contributions. Roberts said that every other report is in a set format and this is only one page, which is significantly shorter. #3 Cunningham said there were a lot of conversations with Bates, Rosenberg, and Eckroth about the CO. These are strategic recommendations they felt would be beneficial. Cunningham said that recommendations are made by the offices and they are changed as the committee sees fit. She said that this proposal was seen at several committee meetings. Recommendation #4 is from the committee. Cunningham did have the concern that all of the other offices she worked primarily with a student, but in this office she worked primarily with Bates. Bates said that the wording in the recommendation regarding the CO, it does say "consider" making the change. Bates discussed the recommendation with Mason Tuvera, AS Communications Director and they have specific disagreements about this, but he wanted to put this out there for the Board to consider and assess. He feels this is a big strategic decisions that requires space changes, etc. Roberts said that the purpose of the SPAC Recommendations is to make action on these items in the future. The Board is concerned because the office needs to be able to take action on these recommendations. Roberts doesn't feel that the student employees can take action on some of these recommendations because these are not things that they have the authority to complete. Cunningham said that they just wanted to look into this as an option. Bates said that if it isn't actionable then it can be stricken it from the report. Cunningham is concerned about this because this is how she conducted the Assessment process this year and she feels responsible for them having to go through this another year. Guizar thanked Cunningham for her work this year. It has been a difficult year communication-wise and it is not her fault. She thinks that they do not need to start from scratch and they can easily reformat. Guizar said that the CO and the PC need to have more conversations before this is passed. She thinks that they could finish some of these conversations before the end of the year. She knows that they only have so much time, but she doesn't feel they should have to start over again next year. Burke thinks that #2 Club training can be added to OrgSync. #3 Burke understood that the CP was pulled away from the PC. Bates said that the PR position was pulled out of the PC and the CO was created separately of this. #4 Bates said that they should have regular meetings with the CO, they have started doing this and the communications are already

getting better, there are just some systems they need to get into place to ensure that information goes back and forth. Burke thinks that they could push this back two years which would give time to deal with the changes that happened in the restructure. Burke wondered if they could approve some of the recommendations and continue through the process. Roberts questioned how effective this will be. Roberts has worked in the AS for four years and there are some yearly struggles with the PC and programming offices. They have such high turnover that often people are focused on finishing up this time of year instead of fixing systematic issues. She said that spikes in programming happen every year and that is the nature of the fact that employees really start to know their job about half way through winter quarter and plan most of their largest events for spring. She feels that two years is enough time to have an idea of how things are going. They could approve an alternative SPAC timeline to start in fall quarter with this information to help the committee understand the process better and review the trends that Bates is talking about. Roberts said that having a professional staff person in that office gives them an advantage in terms of starting out at a similar place next year. Roberts thinks the AS and PC will be better off if they do this sooner rather than later. Eckroth agrees with Roberts, he would like to see more to address the accountability issues with the PC. Issues have resulted in things like the ESP creating an intern to create advertising for smaller events. Ellison thinks that if they are going to pass this, they should do this all at once and they should do it this year. Even if they don't pass them, they can start to work on these issues. Ellison thinks that a lot of these items involve bigger discussions, such as the increase in programming during the spring.

Roberts summarized conversation:

- a. Why is the PC report and recommendations not sufficient enough to be passed this year?
There were concerns about the recommendations being thorough, consultation with other offices and students involved, and the process.
- b. What can make this sufficient and thorough enough?
Addressing in a more comprehensive way some of the systemic and recurring issues such as spring spikes and the upward trend in requests.
- c. What steps should be taken next year so the PC competes a thorough assessment, and then an implementation of recommendations?
Begin doing points #1, #2 and #4 during the summer and fall. Roberts feels that the PC SPAC process should be on a smaller scale during fall quarter.

Burke thinks it is an accurate representation, but she has concerns about adding an additional thing to the Assessment Coordinator position. Eckroth said that in general he doesn't see a lot happening in the fall for this position. Cunningham said that in the fall it is a lot of training the offices to go through the process. She is concerned about what this process will look like. She thinks it is more realistic is to do this portion before the end of the year. She feels that the employees at the end of the year have a lot of knowledge and could provide input. She feels that what they are asking for is more tactical and this is a strategic plan. Roberts doesn't think that this is the best format to figure out how to move forward. Cunningham, Burke, Bates and Roberts will get together and figure out how to move forward. The Board said that the current motion to have the Assessment occur still stands however, if in their conversations they decide to bring this back, this may change. Eckroth wanted Bates to know that part of the reason they moved it was to alleviate some of the time burden of having the AS Review and the PC reviewed in the same year.

**On June 10, 2014 the following information was provided in Public Comment:

In regards to the discussions about the Publicity Center Assessment on the May 8, 2014 AS Board Meeting, Mason Luvera, wanted to speak about the proposal involving moving AS Communications Office (CO) down into the Publicity Center (PC). He doesn't remember having conversations with the PC about this. Luvera feels very strongly about this office existing as a separate entity because the CO is a strategic office and the PC is a service oriented office. The CO have been hindered as an office because there are so many different ideas of what the CO should be doing. The Branding Guide is a great example of what they

can accomplish strategically. The PC is also chronically overloaded as an office, they don't want CO to fall through the cracks because there isn't capacity to handle this. He wanted to make sure that the Board knows the CO is against this move. The CO has worked hard with the Board and administrators to create a strong sense of brand. Roberts asked what his recommendations are moving forward. Tuvera said that the relationship with the PC is tumultuous because the PC and CO have had issues with communications. Tuvera said that the office's biggest goal moving forward is to flesh out the roles of the two different offices. There is some overlap in what they do, and they need to continue to work together on their branding. But they think that the PC should take back things that they feel strongly about, such as the calendar. The CO also wants to make sure that they have strong support from the Board that they are the strategic advisor and a resource. Tuvera thinks that moving forward it would be good for the next Board to look at what each office provides to the organization, what their real purpose is, and establishing firm guidelines to make sure that this happens in the best way possible. Ellison clarified that they didn't pass the PC document. The purpose of this was to have these objections recorded. Majkut thinks that Tuvera accurately depicted what some of the issues that the CO has dealt with. The CO shouldn't really be doing tasks, they are strategic and working with managers, etc. Sometimes it is easy to take on a task when asked, but it takes away from the need of the strategic work. Majkut just had a conversation with Jamie Hoover, advisor about where they are going in the future. Tuvera said that the office has changed with each personality that has been in this position. But they need to have a consistent message. They are hoping that this conversation can be had and that the CO place within the organization can be solidified.

- D. AS Review SPAC Recommendations *(15 minutes)* Doc. 4 Eckroth
 Cunningham said that #2 removed some of the details of what the incentives would be to allow for more flexibility. The PR Crisis Response team was removed because a new policy is being developed by Roberts and Eckroth. #4 She changed the wording to assessing the structure with the AS Personnel Office. She took out the line about salary. Roberts thanked them for making the changes. She feels that it is actionable for future years. 5 dittoed.

MOTION ASB-14-S-26 by Ellison

Approve the AS Review SPAC Recommendations.

Second: Tyson Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: 7-0-0

- A. AS Outdoor Center Equipment & Bike Shop SPAC Rees *(15 minutes)* Doc. 1 Eckroth
 Cunningham added into #1 working with the Finance Office and réévaluation of credit/debit as an option for payment. Majkut was the main person raising concerns about the student ID card, but it may be easier than he originally thought. He thinks there are still issues with charging to it. He thinks removing the comments on it would be good. The Board decided to remove "It is suggested that if student ID card transactions can be avoided, they should."

MOTION ASB-14-S-27 By Guizar

Approve AS Outdoor Center Equipment & Bike Shop SPAC Recommendations as amended.

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

- B. AS Productions Pop Music SPAC Rees *(15 minutes)* Doc. 2 Eckroth
 Cunningham said that # 1 was revised, originally it was written before the Music Industry Conference happened. They added in feedback from the event. There were over 100 attendees and it was well attended. Cunningham spoke with Rosenberg and it became apparent that the reason that ticket sales can't be offered discounted through the box office is that ticket sales are run by a third party and this would require providing a third party student information. Rosenberg felt that it would take a lot more than Pop Music asking for this to change the third

party site it would be a Board level project. Cunningham removed this recommendation. Burke has concerns with #1 because they have not received a budget request for this area. Burke is also very concerned about the subsidy rate for this conference because it is a high per student rate. While she is sure that each student had a wonderful learning experience at the conference she is unsure about the cost. Roberts hears Burke's concerns and when they pass the budget there is no funding for this conference then it would make # 1 irrelevant. The Board applauded Cunningham for her work on the SPAC process as this was the last report required from her office.

MOTION ASB-14-S-28 by Ellison

Approve AS Productions Pop Music SPAC Rees.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Vagina Memoirs Grant Increase Board Proposal *(15 minutes)* Doc. 5 Guizar

Guizar said that last year's Board recommended that to accommodate increased demand there would be an additional night in the PAC Concert Hall, however the funding for this was not considered. Matt Smith, Resource & Outreach Programs Director said that in reviewing survey results they found that 90% of the people who attend are students and they felt the best way to serve them is to increase the capacity. Last year many students were turned away each night, including Smith. This is why they added a second night in the Concert hall which seats 650 instead of 400 in the VU MPR. The budget that was requested originally didn't include an increase of funding for this facility cost. They are about \$182 short of what they are typically spending because they are in the PAC a few times. This year they were able to receive this funding from Management Council but it would be appropriate to obtain this funding from the original grant for the remaining years. The passing of the new Salary Determination Policy increased the cost of the salary for the position. Unless the grant is increased, it will not allow for the increase in salary that all other salary employees are receiving. He feels that this is important because the increase is meant to affect everyone and should include this position. Tisa Rosenberg, Assistant Director of Student Activities requested increasing about \$70 in case minimum wage increases next year. Ellison said that this is the highest attended event for the entire ROP. Smith said that the Drag Show competes as a single night performance, but not series. Ellison said that this was the first event that she recognized as an AS event. It is how she got introduced to the AS and how she got involved, she feels that it is important to keep events that draw people into the AS and help connect them with resources. Also she believes that the pay issue is an equity issue and is important. Guizar said that this is not something that could have been predicted at the time of the original grant allocation. Smith said that they could go back to the three nights in the MPR and one in the PAC, but he doesn't feel that this addresses the capacity issue. Galloway clarified that this was solely funded by a grant from the Discretionary Reserves and not from operational. This would be pulling funding from the original source. They would need to double the stated request in order to complete the funding needed for the rest of the grant. Roberts said they can move this to an action item tonight if people want to, since this is just a clerical update to a previous decision it would be appropriate to do it in one meeting.

MOTION ASB-14-S-29 by Guizar

Move the Vagina Memoirs Grant Increase to immediate action.

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

MOTION ASB-14-S-30 by Ellison

Increase the Vagina Memoirs Grant by \$900 from AS Discretionary Reserves [FXXRES],

Second: Galloway Vote: 7 - 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. Committee Appointments

AS Alternative Transportation Fee Committee

Megan Broadie

Ecology

Sophomore

MOTION ASB-14-S-31 by Galloway

Approve Consent Item A- Committee Appointments.

Second: Ellison

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

B. AS Board Assistant Pay

(5 minutes)

Doc. 6 Burke

Burke said that this was passed by AS Personnel Committee. She said that the current pay rate for the assistants in their hourly pay has created proportional differences based on responsibilities due to the wage freeze. There was a motion to increase their pay to \$9.65, which is the base rate for a salary position because Board assistants are equivalent work to the Assistant Coordinator positions. Galloway said that Assistants are vital positions to the organizations. She would like to take this opportunity to give humungous kudos to the amazing assistants this year. Majkut has concerns about this because he doesn't see a detailed enough rationale behind paying the assistants at a higher rate than their current level. He is not commenting at all about the quality of their work or what they do. Cindy Monger, AS Board Program Assistant and supervisor to the Assistants explained that when the assistants were moved from salaried positions to hourly, there were not great changes in their position responsibilities. At that time the assistants were making \$0.50 above minimum wage but this was still within the range for a level 2 position. It was decided that due to the confidential nature of working in the Board Office and the types of information that they work with in committees and on projects, this was an appropriate pay level. At that time the positions actually had less in their job descriptions and were working at 10 hours per week. They still provide project support for the AS Board, but those projects are assigned by Monger instead of the Board directly. Majkut thinks that the confidential nature does seem like a reasonable rationale for putting this at a higher rate. He is no longer concerned. Roberts gave an example of assigning the task of administering the sustainable office coordinating to an Assistant as well as help with response to the riot. These types of response projects are hard to reflect in the job descriptions because they change from year to year. Monger said that the expectations of assistants that work in the office that runs the organization are higher than other offices in the AS. Burke said that Assistant Coordinator positions have similar responsibilities.

MOTION ASB-14-S-32 by Galloway

Approve increasing the four AS Board Assistants to the base salary level hourly equivalent pay [currently \$9.65].

Second: Guizar

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

X. BOARD REPORTS**President**

Carly Roberts reported that she has been sitting on the search committee for the Assistant Dean of Student Engagement and Viking Union Facilities. They are planning to have candidates on campus around May 23rd and the Board will be invited and should encourage other students to take advantage of opportunities to meet candidates. They are hoping to hire by mid to the end of June. There are plans in place to support the organization during the time before the new

Assistant Dean starts. She is excited to be participating in this and feels they have good candidates. Things are kicking into high gear for Divestment, students have continued their letter writing campaign. Roberts spoke with Stephanie Bowers, VP for University Advancements and will be presenting at the next meeting. They will be presented on May 16th, as a part of this they will run through the presentation so that students can know what will be said and offer a time for comments. AS Scholarships are due next week, Roberts said that she has not been able to put time in for the scholarships because she has been out sick. She wants to delegate her responsibilities to another AS employee. Tyson will work with Nina Olivier with taking over the Teadership Scholarship selection. Roberts said that when a conflict of interest situation comes up to address it right away and be transparent. Josie Ellison will take over selection for the Campus Activities Scholarships with Graham Marmion. Back 2 Bellingham is coming up next weekend. It is really important for Board members to participate in because it is a great opportunity to network with alumni. There have been requests for Board members to be in attendance for specific alumni association events. End of the Year Banquet nominations are due tomorrow.

VP for Academic Affairs

Josie Ellison reported that Western has a new Academic Honest Policy. Western's Day on General Education and Ellison are working together to put on an event next Thursday for students to provide feedback throughout their general university requirements experience. Ellison said that she will sent out an email to share the event. She feels that this can benefit a lot of Western students. University Planning Resources Council this week discussed the operational budget for the 2014-2015 school year. It includes a proposed 3% increase in tuition for non-resident undergraduates and graduate students. She is working with Carly to make sure they provide student feedback about the issue. The increase will provide funding on a couple of big projects that will be coming to the university next year such as support for student services which will increase access to academic advising, access to the counseling center and a lot of student services on campus. Part of the way the school is trying to find the increase access is through tuition increase. They are looking for this through tuition increases for out of state student. This is an issue because they are increasing services for all students. They cannot increase resident undergrad. FS enrollment trends, questions, admissions, there is a lot information that will be good for Board Member to know. Academic Coordinating Commission will be discussing issues with the test to waive English 101 and how to make this more accessible. Currently the only way to waive it is to have an AP test or take attest that is \$500. They might try to make the test \$25 and then possibly paying for credits if they pass the test. Ellison said that the Inclusivity Resolution was received seriously about real issues that students face discrimination. For the most part they did not think that course evaluations were the best way to handle this. This will involve working with her successor to ensure that there is consistent pressure on the university to find ways to address this. Ellison will personally work towards this next year as a student at-large.

VP for Activities

Jarred Tyson reported that ASP is showing a film directed by Wes Anderson on May 15th in Fraser 4 at 7pm. ASP Special Events hosted Viking-Con which was very successful for being in its second year of existence. They sold around 250+ tickets which is about 100 more tickets than they sold last year. The Club Hub hosted Club Kick-off and had the same number of attendees as they did last year. Club Kick-off is an event that the Club Hub puts on to serve incoming new leaders for the next school year as well as helping current leaders transition to post college experiences. The AS Activities Council is down to their last \$358 and expecting at least three clubs requesting well over \$358. However, AS AC has been following the trends from previous years and interesting enough, AC has seen more allocations this year but have

been funding in smaller amounts. Tyson said that there was a \$1,000 increase in how much AC allocated. On Monday AC also recognized a new club. DRAC wanted to increase the amount they were getting from the SMA fee committee by \$15. Tyson said that Recreational Advisory Committee met today and discussed several policies around Ree Center reservation and facility use fees for AS clubs. Tyson said that the Ree Center believes in an open ree. Tyson believes in optimization of space to best serve the people paying the fees. This is an ongoing discussion. Tyson hopes to see a decrease in the amount that students have to pay for reservations. The RAC also discussed the budget. He said that the students will be seeing a \$4 increase in Ree Center fees per quarter. For other business, Tyson would like to talk about his project regarding AS calendar, Orgsync and MyWestem.

VP for Bus Ops

Morgan Burke reported that the Business Office is working on the budget committee. Currently, they have to cut \$15,000 and \$30,000. Based on this year's budgetary constraints the budgets are looking more realistic and reasonable. The Communications Office are still working on their branding guide for the next year's employees. Their media campaign is going strong. The advertising campaign on campus will be starting in the next couple of weeks. The Personnel Office is involved in search committees and will be coming to a close. They have had a lot of positions reopen several times. The Personnel Office is also working on an employee handbook. The Bookstore Advisory is working on a proposal for a bookstore renovation to create a more inviting atmosphere. Burke also added that the Bookstore Advisory is talking about adding water refilling stations. Facilities and Services Council has three proposals this year from advisors. The Finance Office will be becoming more accessible. The Facilities and Services Council approved a fee increase for the CVC. Management Council did not have a meeting this week but will be looking at the targeted, non-targeted programs and program standards. Business Committee looked over the budgets and made some cuts. Roberts said when they are talking about budget cuts, every year people submit their budgets and make requests. She said that there is no offices that are being cut from the Associated Students. It is a part of the budgeting process. Burke said that there are 92 operational budgets and each budget authority is supposed to submit each proposal that will go through a budget committee to reassess the proposals. Burke and Roberts have created new templates for Services and Activities to make sure students are well informed and are going through a concise process. They will be looking at the templates on Friday and will be making decisions on the Services and Activities Fee in the next couple of weeks. The Challenge Course Policy is still undergoing edits and will be coming to board shortly. Burke is still reviewing scholarships. The Student Trustee Selection Committee have reviewed some of the applications. Shout out to Teena Thach from the ESC for making the 'Happy' video to represent the students of Western.

VP for Diversity

Mayra Guizar reported that culture shock is an amazing incredible event. This year was packed in comparison. ACC will be having their dinner this weekend. The queer experience is this weekend and Josie will be in it. Ellison said amazing people are part of the cast. She will be giving out diversity achievement award will be coming soon. They will be working on this soon. There will be resources in every restroom on campus to offer resources. They will hopefully be in by fall quarter. Guizar said that the advisory group on Title IX have been receiving a lot of attention on the federal level. There will be updates to the updates. Kevin suggested gathering students together for an advisory committee. The ROP Offices and the ESC students will be the liaisons. Guizar went the WSA and was a voting member.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Kaylee Galloway reported that tire blew kudos to Matthew Bobbink who changed the tire that blew. Passed legislative agenda for 14-15 year into priorities and ancillary items. Galloway new

and dedicated revenue and voter access, college affordability were put on priorities. WSA is a non-profit nonpartisan collaboration coalition for colleges in the area. The organization does both lobbying and organizing which oversee student lobbyists and legislative liaisons over the course of the legislative session. Oversee and assist in the campaign efforts throughout legislative session on campus through the campus chapter which includes Western Votes. The elections of new exec board. Kudos to WSA President Carly Roberts, VP finance Morgan Burke, VP communications Tily Jaquith. WSA decided to withdraw the Student Association Membership of the United States Student Association. A lot of the other campuses did not have a lot of wiggle room in that decision. Galloway will be bringing a resolution to have direct membership in the USSA for Western. There was a great conversation with CP Coughlin. Julieann will be making her final visit on 12 and 13. Tac talking about USSA and TAF. The referenda was successful 75% meeting with the student business office to discuss new ways to handle this as soon as it gets Board of Trustees approval. Western Votes is having a general assembly to elect new officers. On Wednesday May 14, 1:30-2:30 pm in VU 565 there will be the 'Ask a Congressman' event. The event will be hosting Representative Rick Társon of the second congressional district. There will be an opportunity for students to ask any questions.

VP for Student Life

Robby Eckroth reported that on Monday the Alternative Transportation Fee met with Greg Nickleson with the Whatcom Transportation Authority to talk about the 80X and to propose rates for the regional pass which will include access to all Skagit County, access to Mount Vemon to Bellingham and vice versa and access to Everett to Bellingham. There were multiple students that gave initial feedback complaining that it has impacted their ability to attend Western Washington University. Eckroth said that he asked for testimonies from 80X riders and sent an email out to the entire school. He said that he received great feedback and was able to go the WCA meeting this morning. Students came to the public forum meeting and was very receptive. Western Washington University will have a year to work with WCA to come up with a compromise rather than putting on a fee directly to students without warning. This will be an ongoing issue and Eckroth will communicate with next year's Vice President for Student Life about this issue. Roberts asked to explain why this is a concern and how this would be a breach in the current contract with WTA. Eckroth said that currently the Alternative Transportation Fee contract with WTA states that it includes the 80X county connector which goes to Mount Vemon. If they decide to make that district pass and no longer allow students to use their Western pass then that will be a direct breach in contract. Eckroth said that he made it clear that it was a concern to us and that we want to keep the contract upheld until the next Alternative Transportation Fee goes up for renewal in 2017. Roberts asked how it will hurt students to not have access to the 80X. Eckroth said that is a critical accessibility issue for Western students. Not all students have the ability to afford a car or other means of transportation so it is very critical that the route is available for them.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Kevin Majkut said that the Board needs to be careful with trying to make too many commitments at the end of the year especially with three to four hour board meetings. He encourages making good decisions during dead and finals week.
- B. Tyson and Casey Hayden have been working with the people in the VU tech area. Tyson state that student involvement benefits the college experience. He wanted to revamp the AS website and calendar. All of the information on Orgsync is fed off to the AS calendar. The calendar is organized into meetings and events and will connect more students to Orgsync. The website will offer consistent activities and resources for students. The current website is not that accessible. Tyson hopes to have the website connected to MyWestern in the future.

The AS Board will like to see the website on MyWestem. Tyson said that the website will be going through a process that makes sure the website is available to students with disabilities.

- C. Student Tech Fee: Josie said that the Student Tech Fee (STF) has started a pre proposal outline this year. Earlier this year they sent back a couple of the pre proposals. They have received final proposals and wanted student feedback. The long pull enhancements will provide ATUS services with new lens and cameras. ATUS has received a high demand in technologies from the students. The proposal is about a quarter of the budget for the year, but will impact a lot of students.

IPads of enhanced interactive learning is another proposal. It will be for the design department to request 40 IPads with retina displays. The proposal was an all or nothing proposal. The design department wanted either all 40 IPads or nothing at all. The proposal will effect a small population of students on campus. As of now the STF is not leaning towards funding this proposal. Ellison said that sometimes STF proposals effect only a small amount of people because they are requesting for new technology that they were not able to use before. Even though the IPads will be used by a small amount of people, the IPads will offer similar software that they have been using with the Mac computers. The IPads in the library are not always available for check out.

The next proposal is the real time rescue respond to animals. The item was proposed by Roger Anderson. The Fox Box can measure energy used in animals while doing different activities. The students actively using the technology will be upper level students and is completely new technology. The technology can be used in the classroom and will be used in labs for Biology 206. 490 students a year will take Biology 206. The new technology will encourage students to study in the biology field. The technology is less expensive than the IPads. This is the third time that the proposal has been presented to the STF. Roberts said that the little technology can set the university apart from different campuses. Typically the STF funding goes to the College of Science and Technology.

The next proposal is for the high definition microscopes and projection. The proposal will be renovating two different classrooms in the Biology building. The renovation will provide different technology resources necessary for biology classes. When the STF renovates classrooms there is a rotational update schedule of classrooms. The two classrooms are at least five years outdated. The technology that will be put in the classrooms are not just updates but new technology.

Another proposal is for new cameras for Communications 101 classrooms. The proposal is only about \$9,000 which is the least expensive out of all the proposals and will benefit a lot of students because a lot of students take Comm 101. The cameras will record students speaking and will make it easier for students and IAs involved. Enhancing technology in the learning commons is another proposal. The proposal will fund more charging stations in the learning commons. The library is proposing two microform scanners. Adding more scanners and moving from physical to digital copies, the library will have more space for more resources. The amount of time that the staff will save with the additional scanners can be used for helping students. The ATUS is asking for technology specifically for Woodring use but it will be accessible for all students. Woodring students will be able to check out the technology more than a week in advanced. Woodrings students need recorded video of themselves teaching for classes. The amount of cameras that are in ATUS is not enough for the amount of Woodring students. This proposal will allow Woodring students first access to ATUS cameras so they can pass their students certification. Ellison said that STF is learning towards funding four of the proposals and partially funding the other two.

The proposals that STF are not leaning towards funding are the IPads for the design department and are partially funding the ATUS cameras for Woodring and the charging stations. That leaves the STF with \$152,000 of the \$200,000 budget specifically for the proposals.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:42p.m.