

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

Wednesday October 1 st, 2014

5:30pm VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Annika Wolters (President), Jaleesa Smiley (VP Academics), Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP Activities), Chelsea Ghant (VP BusOps), Cristina Rodriguez (VP Diversity), Sarah Kohout (VP Governmental Affairs), and Zach Dugovich (VP Student Life)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement/ Director of Viking Union Facilities)

Guest(s): Myra Guizar (AS Elections Coordinator), Monica Griffin (Western Front reporter)

MOTIONS

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 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. Rules of Operations (10 Minutes) Doc. 1 Wolters

Wolters said the Rules of Operations are to be annually renewed and may be amended by the Board of Directors. There were a couple grammatical issues and most importantly she is still seeing the terms “he/she” being used and that it is not inclusive language and they are trying to be as inclusive as possible so she changed it to “there”. She really wanted to get the opinion of the Board of Directors about “his/hers” in the by-law because the by-laws can’t be changed by the Board of Directors but could go under vote for the entire Associated Students to change. She wanted to see if they should be updated in the Spring. Kohout said she thinks this could come through as the referendum. She thinks there a couple of students who could step forth to take charge of this but even if there weren’t she thinks that the student body as a whole would read on the election “do you want to make the AS by-laws as inclusive as possible” they would vote for it. Alcantar Soto said she agrees with Kohout. They had spoke previously about this issue at the retreat and if the opportunity does come up to bring it to the students they should all try and do so. Wolters said there are more changes to the by-laws that need to be made other than the inclusive language and we will see more in the future about that and they will be seeing the rules of Operations document again in the future.

- B. US SA Membership Contract (15 Minutes) Doc. 2 Kohout

Kohout said last year the Board passed a resolution that the AS would pay \$6000 for membership which is about 40 cents per student annually but it was never made official with the United States Students Association (USSA). And this contract would be to make it official. Myra Guizar who sits on the Board of Directors with USSA, Kohout and Wolters talked to other staff members within USSA about price last week. The usual cost for direct membership is 50 cents per student but because the Legislative Action Fund (LAF) which was put into place last year is still not as secure they thought about doing it as a slowly increased rate per student going from 40 cents, 45 cents then finally 50 cents. They want to be as transparent as possible with the Board about what they are taking to USSA. We've never gotten anything in writing for membership from USSA. Alcantar Soto said right now the LAF fee is unstable? Kohout said it's not unstable it's just unpredictable because it is in its first year and so they don't get to the end of the year and realize the budget it off. She wants to be aware and contentious of this. Ghant said how much is in that budget as it stands? Kohout said right now \$44,850 income. There is about \$7,000 in reserve. That fund is supposed to have 5% of reserves. This proposal is not official yet because it hasn't been approved by Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) which is will be an Info item at the meeting tomorrow Thursday October 2nd. Last year it was budgeted \$6,000 in the LAC because the Board passed the resolution saying that price. If we were to need to pay to 50 cents per students they would have to take it out of the USSA expenses would limit the amount we could do with other things like when they come in May. We would have less money to actually use for USSA. Alexander said whenever anyone is entering into contract with any outside organization there is a process that a few people including himself and Ted have to approve. He wants to make sure it goes through our contract folks. Guizar said she will be presenting this language, if there is any questions or changes they can go to her or Kohout. Most campuses they are all paying at 50 cents. She isn't really sure if they were to present the fact that its Westerns first year that LACF is seeing this money and that folks need membership right now, and they are currently striving to get more groups part of USSA. She doesn't think this is something that the folks on the Board of USSA would have a problem with especially because It will be an incremental increase to 50 cents but she doesn't want to speak for them but she hopes they will be understanding to this. Alcantar Soto said if the regular amount is 50 cents per students why do a draft for 40 cents? Kohout said the draft was made originally at 40 cents because of the conversations they had between Kaylee Galloway the 2013-2014 VP for Governmental Affairs at Western and Maxwell Love who was the Vice President of USSA at the time in 2013-2014 and now he is the current president in 2014-2015 and they came up with \$6000 but it was never official. The resolution had LACF not been passed through the board or the board of trustee and at the time they didn't know if it was even feasible to become members and \$6000 at the time was more appealing. Looking back through the LAC minutes and even the AS Board of Directors had some opposition to the cost that USSA would have so Love decided to give Western the price of 40 cents. Guizar said when she was at the retreat two weeks ago and all of the campuses members were given there invoices and talked about how much campuses owed depending on the number of students on campus. The staff at USSA didn't know the previous conversation with Love and the Galloway and when she got her invoice she got worried and however Love was there and he remembered the conversation he had previously about the cost said they can talk about it more and now it's to try and get it in writing. Kohout said this is taking it through the Board office gives it legitimacy. The reason she is passing it through the Board of Directors instead of the LAC is because It's a lot to throw at people in LAC who will be meeting this Thursday because a lot of members don't know about USSA. Ghant said so this would be \$6,000 out of the \$49,000 a year, how does this go along with the rest of the budget. Kohout said WS A membership dues is also part of the non-discretionary so those are just paid out of it. A lot of travel for WS A comes out of the legislative affairs budget FXXLAF. There is also an extra tab for other expenses when we host a meeting the food will come out of this, if we wanted to go to WS A Lobby Day. The non-discretionary membership dues come out of and it gets approved by the LAC. The difference is Western use to be members through WSA and now Western is direct members to USSA. This means there is more staff members here, trainings, get the officers come to campus, they get to work with their legislative directors, and also they get discounts to different events. Ghant asked this

would be implemented next year or this year. Kohout said it would be implemented this year because WSA's membership ended today actually and they sent out an invoice notice and now Western has 60 days to figure out what they want to do.

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

A. Committee Appointments

Structure and Program Advisory Committee

Mirabelle Blech	Communication	Senior
Elsbeth McGlocklin	Bus/Admin	Senior

University Judicial Appeals Board

Katrina Haffner	Anthropology and Theatre	Senior
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Legislative Action Committee

Elizabeth Pebley	Political Science	Senior
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Student Academic Grievance Board

Katrina Haffner	Anthropology and Theatre	Senior
Erin Foster	Political Science/History	Senior

Transportation Advisory Committee

Neal		
Dickinson	Journalism	Sophomore

Facilities and Services Council

Camilla Paine	Environmental Science	Senior
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Academic Honesty Board

Erin Foster	Political Science/History	Senior
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Green Energy Fee

Neal		
Dickinson	Journalism	Sophomore

Election Board

Elizabeth Pebley	Political Science	Senior
Edward Cuevas	Marketing	Junior
Erin Foster	Political Science/History	Senior

Counseling, Health and Wellness Services Committee

Carly		
Glaze	Psychology	Sophomore

Activities Council

Mason Thaut	Ancient History w/ Archives Cert.	Grad
Katrina Haffner	Anthropology and Theatre	Senior

Edward
Cuevas

Marketing

Junior

Wolters is adopting a Consent Agenda. Hearing no objections, these people are appointed.

X. BOARD REPORTS

President

Annika Wolters reported that shout of to Griffin Crisp the Committee Coordinator is doing an amazing job, encouraging students to apply for these committees, him and Patrick Eckroth the Representation and Engagement Programs (REP) Director are doing great drafting charge and charters for new committees. Such as the Student Title Nine (9) Taskforce to consult with the University's Student Title Nine (9) Taskforce. She would like to see students and members of the Universities come together on this because currently no students are on that committee to meet on their own terms and to hold the university accountable. This will help the student involvement and she has heard from two (2) students who want to participate in this committee. Alcantar Soto gave a great speak at the Harrington field opening.

VP for Business and Operations

Chelsea Ghant reported that she met with Lisa Rosenberg they had a great talk time. Management council will be biweekly and will be Tuesdays from 4-5pm. She needs a couple more representatives for facilities and services. She has three talk times with the offices she oversees. Matt Smith the Assessment Coordinator, Lisa Rosenberg the Assistant Director of Student Activities, Sabrina Romano the AS Board Program Assistant and herself met and talked about getting a folder together in the Q drive for the Structure and Programs Advisory Committee (SPAC) for previous and future recommendations. Smith was having trouble finding documents that only Romano has access to and getting the missing documents found so the offices can look back on the previous recommendations.

VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley has nothing to report.

VP for Activities

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that she emailed Steve Brummel who advises the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to reach out to and see what the students' needs are. She decided to just push for the calendar and it will be sent to print soon and delivered to the residence halls. The club hub is having there club kickoff event tomorrow. AS Productions is having an event tonight with the club To Write Love on Her Arms.

VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodriguez reported that right now Disabilities and Donuts and ESC Kick Off is going on currently. All the ESC clubs are having their first meetings of the year this week. MECHA and Black Student Union (BSU) had their BBQ.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that the REP has the unofficial count of 2,346 voters registered but they are a little bit behind their goal. She suggest people going to professors and try and talk to their classes to see if they can help get people registered. Western Votes have started meeting. Myra Guizar was interviewed by the Wall Street Journal as part of USSA and talked about Higher One. She is having a meeting with Perry Eskridge the Governmental Relations Directors for the Realtors for Whatcom County talking to him about renter safety. Crisp has been doing an awesome job as committee coordinator. Upcoming events; there will be the Rock the Vote event.

VP for Student Life

Zach Dugovich has nothing to report.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Kohout said the Election Code Review Committee needs a board member on it. As all of them have gone through the election process they thought it would be a good time to appoint a board member to work with Guizar. Kohout asked if this should this be something to be done now or is it something to think about this a little bit before making a decision. Smiley said when do they meet? Kohout said they would probably meet in December and January. Smiley is interested in being on this committee. Wolters said they will take a week to think about it and make the final decision next week.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:07p.m.