

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

Wednesday October 8th, 2014, 5:30pm VU567

**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)

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

**Guests:** Monica Griffin (Western Front)

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-14-F-7** Approve the minutes of minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, and October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. ***Passed***

**ASB-14-F-8** Approve the USSA Membership Proposal. ***Passed***

**ASB-14-F-9** Approve the Student Trustee Selection Charge and Charter. ***Passed***

**ASB-14-F-10** Approve the Structure and Programs Advisory Committee Charge and Charter. ***Passed***

**ASB-14-F-11** Approve the Committee Appointments. ***Passed***

***Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.***

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alcantar Soto moves to approve September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, and October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014's minutes.

*MOTION ASB-14-F-7 by Alcantar Soto*

Approve the minutes of minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, and October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

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

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

A. United States Student Assoc. Membership Contract                      (*10 Minutes*) Doc. 1 Kohout

Kohout said there has been no changes other than taking the contract signature out of it because once the USSA Board of Directors approves or denies this document then they can worry about signatures and going through Westerns contract process. She has reached out to USSA staff to see if they have any comments and she hasn't heard any so she is assuming it was okay. Myra Guizar who sits on the USSA Board of Directors will be bringing it to the next meeting and Kohout will meet up with her afterwards to see how it went.

Wolters asked to point out where the signatures were removed. Kohout said on the back of document one. She doesn't want everyone to sign it and then it not get approved by USSA Board of Directors. Alexander said the word contract creates a problem. Maybe it could say "proposal"? Kohout said yes it is more of a proposal more than a contract until it becomes more official. Ghant said where it says in the 5th paragraph down "membership dues was \$6,000 based upon membership dues priced in A resolution. Ghant asked if A Resolution meant something. Kohout said yes it is the document attached. Ghant asked if is there a way they could put it in parenthesis so they know it's a guiding document? Kohout said yes she agrees.

Kohout moves to pass the AS WWU and the USSA Membership Price Contract with the amendment of changing the word "contract" to "proposal" and to add quotations to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph down around "A" "Association"

*MOTION: ASB-14-F-8 By Kohout*

Approves the United States Student Association Membership Proposal

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter (5 Minutes) Doc.2 Wolters

Wolters said there are no changes from previously stated.

Wolters moves to approve Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter

*MOTION: ASB-14-F-9 By Wolters*

Approve the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter

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

C. SPAC Charge and Charter (5 Minutes) Doc. 3 Ghant

Ghant said there were changes made from last time and that is the official title was stated as the "AS Assessment Associate Director" and that was changed in the 2013-2014 academic year to "AS Assessment Coordinator". The coordinators email will reflect that change as well. Under membership where it said Assistant Dean of Student Engagement/ Director of the Viking Union Facilities and they will be adding "or designee". She thinks this is a good change because the Assistant Dean of Student Engagement / Director of the Viking Union Facilities serves on many committees and they will be able to decide who is a good fit for this committee. She also changed the date to October 2014.

*MOTION: ASB-M-F-10 By Ghant*

Ghant Moves to pass the SPAC Charge and Charter with the stated changes.

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

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

A. Facilities and Services Charge and Charter (5 Minutes) Doc. 4 Ghant

Ghant said the changes were the date which is October 2014. She said they changed the advisor to Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities and adding the word "Percent".

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

## A. Committee Appointments

*MOTION: ASB-14-F-11 By Kohout*

Approval of the Committee Appointments

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

**X. BOARD REPORTS****President**

Annika Wolters reported that Rodriguez and her had a productive meeting with people from the Equal Opportunities Office about drafting a charge and charter for a Student Title Nine (9) Taskforce and they now have a clear idea on what kind of influence they can have and they are really looking for students to hold the University accountable to the Title Nine (9) standards which is positive. They will be seeing a new committee soon and they already have students who are interested in serving on that committee. She has been meeting with Students for Renewable Energy and Dugovich has been involved in that as well. They are looking to continue pressure the Foundation to consider their impact on the climate and setting up this climate friendly fund as soon as possible. There are concerns with giving up their power if they change what they are asking but in her opinion they aren't giving up anything by simply asking the Foundation to do what they said they would be which is simply create a climate friendly fund. She is looking to heal and strengthen the relationship between the Foundation and the students one being the Etiquette lunch tomorrow between the AS Board of Directors and some of the Foundation Members. They should get to know the Foundation and ask lots of questions. She is looking to get students from the -Students for Renewable Energy (SRE) club to come to the campaign launch party as our guests. In the past we are asked Foundation members to SRE. If they can't being the Foundation to SRE they should bring SRE to the Foundation. She encourages all of them if they haven't decided who they are bringing as there plus one they could consider bringing SRE members as long as they are respectful and courteous.

**VP for Business and Operations**

Chelsea Ghant reported that the first Management Council meeting on Tuesday happened was awesome. Alcantar Soto presented the activities calendar and there was a lot of good feedback. Then they had Ian Fisk come in and talk about the Outdoor Center programs policies and procedures and assessing whether Management Council was the right avenue to review the changes. He will be bringing a proposal to a couple committees to see what fits best. She is excited for the etiquette lunch tomorrow. She has a meeting with Greg McBride the Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities to talk about Facilities and Services Committee. She is thinking it will be biweekly and alternate with Management Council. She met with the AS Business Director to talk about Budget Committee which will meet mid fall. They will have Budget training so they are fully trained by the spring. The Communications office did an Info Fair debrief and it went well. They wanted to stress that Publicity Center request to submit your request on time because some of the swag was arriving day of. There will be a mid-winter branding guide update happening. Kudos to Alcantar Soto for the photo booth idea because it has reached 2,000 views in one week. There is a hired student clubs support specialist. The mid quarter staff mixer will be November 7<sup>th</sup> will be 4-7pm which will be mandatory. There are seven (7) openings for students to access the ESC conference. The Business Committee today, Eric was there, there was a lot of knowledge and information disperse between then. They will be reviewing the AS Hospitality policy because the University Policy has changed and we have

received the most recent updates today and they will compare the AS policy and the WWU policy and see where they can make some effective changes.

### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Jaleesa Smiley reported that Western Study for General Education will have their final meeting on Friday to go over their final report on the desirability and feasibility for the General University Requirement (GUR) Reform. She has a feeling they are not leaning towards desirability, but there is definitely support for changing the structure of the GUR. She met with Molly Ware and Trula Nichols to meet about the Inclusivity Resolution Josie Ellison the 2013-2014 Vice President for Academic Affairs. It was in the Faculty Senate agenda this year which was a step up from last year because they shut it down last year. They had a pretty decent conversation about inclusivity. And she found that there are definitely the admin and faculty who are new to the concept to inclusivity at all. This will be an uphill battle but it's definitely making it to the Faculty Senate. She was asked to revamp the Inclusivity Resolution to include faculty matters and student matters to include faculty data and students data.

### **VP for Activities**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that she reached out to Steve Brummel the Associated Director of Facilities and Operations in the athletic department so she can reach out to the student athletes. She will be joining them next Monday in their Student Athlete Advisory Committee so she can actually talk to student athletes. They all received the activities calendar and it should have already arrived to the students living in the dorms. She was able to get a really good amount of feedback from Management Council and she is already getting on top of answering those questions that came up in the meeting. She had the first Activities Councils meeting, they got to give money to clubs and recognize some new clubs so that was fun. She is moving forward to find different ways to reach out to students such as Bullseyes emails instead of paper. There are now two sports specialists in the Clubhub now so the Club Coordinator is doing okay now. The mixer came about with Holly Diaz and Krista Wagner two Residence Hall Association (RHA) members and Joanne Demark Feadership Development Specialist on campus and they wanted to figure out ways to create stronger relationships between entities among campus. They will have a key note speaker to Joe Garcia former Director of the Karen Moore Institute for Feadership. Afterwards there will be some activities where people get to talk to different people from the residence halls, athletics, ree center and the AS. There will be food at the end as well. They went to a meeting on Tuesday in Fairhaven College Auditorium. There is a class that is coming together to have these conversations to figure out what to do next with the Michael Brown killing. They asked them to be there both within their roles as students and as their roles as Vice Presidents. In our roles as VPs she proposes they help to write a resolution so the AS can take a stance on the matter

### **VP for Diversity**

Cristina Rodriguez reported that she met with Allison Moore the Sexual Awareness Center Coordinator and they are trying to finish up their consent resolution but they want to meet with the Equal Opportunity Office and Consultation and Sexual Assault Services and Prevention and Wellness Services before she finalizes that. The Ethnic Student Center (ESC) had their first Steering Committee. She presented on pronouns and inclusive language, so all those steering members can go back to their own respective clubs and spread that information. Presidents Council meets on Monday and she will be doing the presentation there as well. Presidents Council will also be talking about approving the Hmong Student Association as a new ESC recognized club. It's already an AS club but they want it to be an ESC recognized club.

Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP) is a lot of hiring that is going to be starting next week. Samantha Goldblatt the ROP Director. They are going to be figuring out a concise way to train them all in one day. There are going to be some proposals that are going to be coming in next week that those targeted events that those offices in the ROP put on such as the womens center will be having Take Back the Night as well as Vagina memoirs and the Veterans Outreach Center will come as well with an event idea about veterans going camping together. Nick Courtney a masters in teaching student from Woodring. He is organizing a teach in with Woodring and he got her involved and they will get new input on how to keep the conversation going about diversity like it was last year but keep it going throughout the whole year and make it a campus culture about that.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Sarah Kohout reported that Monday was the last day to update voter registration. Tentatively they have got 2,700 people to vote but it will change within the next couple weeks when they get the update from the Washington Bus. She invited everyone on Facebook to October 27<sup>th</sup> where there will be a rental safety hearing then. Members of the community can voice their voices about their opinion on the matter. They really need students to share their stories. It's going to be good, if anyone wants to share their story or being involved email [as.local.liason@wwu.edu](mailto:as.local.liason@wwu.edu). Tegislative Affairs Council had a meeting this past Thursday and it went well. She met with Sadie Normoyle the Environmental and Sustainable Programs Director and talked about Environmental Tobby Day.

### **VP for Student Life**

Zach Dugovich reported that the late night shuttle's extension will take place at the beginning of winter quarter. He will be submitting a letter of approval to the Board of Directors stating what is going on with the late night shuttle and they will see that next week. We will be having a public forum for people to voice their concerns or comments on the extension November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in VU552. He met with Dining Services last week and that going well and they added two new Jumba Juices at Miller Market and Amtzen Hall (AH). Farrah Palma Greene will be putting on an event called "real men do cry" in AH 100 on November 9<sup>th</sup> and free for everyone

## **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Kohout said she wanted to talk about the Gala in Seattle because she got permission to get excused from the training for it and she doesn't know if anyone else from the Board is going to it and she doesn't want to miss the Board's mixer either but she also feels that it's only going to be Foundation members at the Gala in Seattle and she wants a student presence there. Alcantar Soto said she was struggling with that as well. Her take is they are having two Galas one in Seattle and one in Bellingham. She feels like it's okay to do one and not the other. She doesn't think Kohout should be worried about missing the mixer if the Seattle Gala is something Kohout thinks they should have representation down there. Kohout said she thinks it will be a different group of people down in Seattle and it will increase their networking opportunities. Alcantar Soto said the mixer is to make those connections stronger and to bring in other students who don't usually have that opportunity to do so. So looking at it in that sense it's a little more okay for the Board members not to be there because they already get

that opportunity to get those connections.

Wolters said she has other business as well. Rodriguez and her got a call from Terry Bomemann and Marie Marchand from city council today. They asked if the AS Board would be interested in planning the Martin Luther King (MTK) day celebration for the city of Bellingham. Kohout said MTK is on the same day as Viking Toby day. Wolters said her first question is what has been done before and they have never asked the Board to participate before. But because WWU being such big part of Bellingham they should have input in what their community does. And she would like to open it up to see what others think about this opportunity. The type of help they are looking for are speakers for the event and Master of Ceremonies (MC). Smiley said they would like the board to assist them finding speakers, what are they looking for specifically from the Board? Wolters said yes to keep our ears and eyes open to identify potential influential speakers MC's to introduce the speakers and speakers of a different sense such as spoken poetry. Ghant asked why they haven't requested it from previous boards and asked why their Board? Wolters said she can't say for sure but she has a good idea. Kohout said because it is the same day as Viking Toby day, she won't be able to help in any capacity. Ghant asked what's the frame work is going to be and what is the vision? Wolters said typically it's been an hour long ceremony with the Kulshan Choir singing. Alcantar Soto before they says yes or no she would like to get those questions answered, and to what capacity and why them and why not before. Smiley and to what extent is their involvement. Alcantar Soto said because if it is an every week commitment they are too busy to do that. Ghant said will they be standing in front with the choir? Alexander said he won't make any assumptions about where peoples motivations are coming from but they have to remember as one of the major players in the community is Western Washington University (WWU) at WWU a major play is the AS. Maybe the question should be who else at Western could be included in that and could it be more of a community of Western students and not just the Board. Wolters said the questions she has is to what capacity do they need the Boards involvement. Why the current AS Board? To what extent would the AS Boards involvement be? And who else at WWU could be involved. Smiley asked who asked Wolters to participate. Wolters said she would like to give a little context about how the city council knew her. Two years ago she was in a reporting class and they went to city council meetings and she heard someone stand up and propose they have a MTK street in Bellingham. A week after that in a public comment section she voiced her own opinion about how that Martin Luther King streets had no place in Bellingham. If we were to take advantage of educating their community they will be original in doing so. She knows they remember her and now they are asking for her and their input. Smiley said her main concern is as their AS Board of Directors have five (5) women of color and risk being tokenized in this MTK ceremony for Bellingham which is not okay in any capacity which is why she said she is not interested. But given that they did ask for their input they could take this as an opportunity to reframe MTK day and maybe put in their own suggestions.

***The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:22p.m.***