

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 VU 567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP Activities), Chelsea Ghant (VP BusOps), Cristina Rodriguez (VP Diversity), and Jaleesa Smiley (VP Academic Affairs).

**Advisor:** Eric Alexander

**Guest/si:** Matt Smith (AS Assessment Coordinator), Sue Guenter-Schlesinger (Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity and Diversity)

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-15-S-3** Approve the SPAC Queer Resource Center Recommendation. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-4** Approval that the AS Board of Directors 2014-2015 conceptually supports the EverFi Haven Sexual Prevention Training for all incoming students to become mandatory. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-5** Approve the Committee Appointments. *Passed*

*Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Waiting to approve the minutes from last quarter until all Board members are present.

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

**A. SPAC Recommendations for Queer Resource Center**

Ghant said there haven't been any changes to these recommendations. There is one fiscal impact requested which is to increase the speaker budget to \$1,300 total. Alcantar Soto asked about the new Large Event Fund policy changes that they have been looking at and whether or not the fiscal impacts with the QRC would be covered by that. Smith asked what changes were being made. Alcantar Soto said they are trying to make the Large Event Loan more accessible because right now there is a minimum of \$5,000 that groups need to request, and it is made for ticket sales to get back some of the money, and a lot of events put on by the ROP offices are non-ticketed. So they are in the process of working on this and if it goes well offices would have access to this, to have bigger events. Smith said none of them drafting the SPAC recommendations were aware of the changes to the Large Event Loan Policy. He thinks it would be hard to pass judgement until it is passed. Ghant said all recommendations that have fiscal impacts would be up to Budget Committee anyways and she would want to go with it as is. Alcantar Soto said she wouldn't be comfortable with taking it out anyways, even if there was a possibility of changing the Fund Policy

because it hasn't been passed yet. Smith said it could be re-evaluated in the future if that policy does get put into place and they feel there is too much overlap.

MOTION ASB-15-S- by Smiley

Approve the SPAC Queer Resource Center Recommendation.

Second: Ghant Vote 4-0-0 Action: Passed

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

### VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\*

#### A. EverFI Sexual Violence Training

Ghant said they saw this last week and Alcantar Soto made a proposal to recommend that the EverFi training stay mandatory for new incoming students. Alcantar Soto said that she made the document simple and wanted to add some context. Basically she outlined the very same reasons that were given to them when they had to take the training earlier. The only distinction she would like to make is that they are only pushing for the EverFi Haven training not the Alcoholedu training right now. They know that it is very in line with what the AS supports which shows through the supporting document she provided the Consent Resolution, which was passed earlier this school year. Ghant asked if the language for the proposed was alright with Guenter-Schlesinger? Guenter-Schlesinger said she wanted to thank the Board for all of their efforts and many of them had piloted those two trainings. Their input really helped make some decisions. It is for students and student input is vital to making these types of decisions. She knows that some of them are really involved in this type of work and some are lobbying on it for the national level, so she applauds their efforts. Secondly she knows how busy the AS Board is and she knows she asked for a timely response but she didn't expect it to happen the next week so she is really thankful for their efforts. She wanted to provide some historical background and context and then she would like to propose a slightly altered motion for the Board if they feel inclined to accept it that would be their decision. It is totally their choice and they have done such a wonderful job for laying everything out. Some of the context is that they are still in some discussions about if they can and should and how they would make the EverFi Sexual Prevention training. She wants to bring everyone up to speed because she thinks that is very important to stay transparent throughout the process. She wants to give a bigger picture of what the administration has been doing since the implementation of that training last quarter. They did have some discussion in the last couple of weeks with some of the colleagues and with people on the president's cabinet with the sexual prevention training. Students called in and said that the training was too long because both of the trainings together is about 2 and a half hours. Some of the upper classmen said that the Alcoholedu training wasn't needed. The discussion is ongoing and there will be plenty of opportunities for students to provide their input. What they are looking for from the AS Board is a general conceptual support for the EverFi Haven Sexual Prevention training to become mandatory. Its just a little different because although they said it is mandatory it is not in policy right now. They are hoping with their recommendation that is tweaked just a little bit, they can take it back to the administration and see what they have to do in order for it to become mandatory. They may have to change their sexual misconduct policy. They will definitely include the student voice in all of those changes. This is in the very early stages of this process. She has some minor changes she would like to propose for the motion and those are that it reads "AS Board of Directors 2014-2015 conceptually supports EverFi Haven Sexual Prevention training for all incoming students to become mandatory" and again she humbly respects if that language doesn't

work for them. Ghant asked how they all feel about that language. Alcantar Soto said she likes it, they still support it, but it is more specific to what is needed from them. Rodriguez said it still encompasses transfer students and freshman. She likes it.

*MOTION: ASB-15-S- by Alcantar Soto*

Approval that the AS Board of Directors 2014-2015 conceptually supports the EverFi Haven Sexual Prevention Training for all incoming students to become mandatory.

Second: Ghant Vote 4-0-0 Action: Passed

**VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

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

A. Committee Appointments

Student Academic Grievance Board

Ben Társon Political Science Junior

Election Board

Ben Larson Political Science Junior

Recruitment, Admissions, and Support Committee

Sierra Flanagan American Cultural Studies Sophomore

Academic Technology Committee

Alexander Parra Computer Science Freshman

*MOTION ASB-15-W- by Alcantar Soto*

Approve the Committee Appointments

Second: Ghant Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

**AS VP for Business and Operations**

Chelsea Ghant reported that she was at the S & A fee committee. They talked about the idea of having a student chair and it hasn't been done in over 17 years. She brought up the idea about the vice chair in case a student chair isn't feasible because students have busy schedules. Budgets are needed on Monday and the AS is still working on their budget which is looking at about \$92,000 which includes all the salary raises and the decision packet requests. They are trying to come up with creative ways to come up with funds for those. The AS Personnel Office is also

busy because AS Hiring has started. In Management council they reviewed the Supplemental Fund because there was some language that was added a couple years ago because of an incident she doesn't know about and they are trying to update that policy to where they are now because they have a supplement fund budget and they didn't have that previously.

#### **AS VP for Academic Affairs**

Jaleesa Smiley reported that she hasn't been able to attend ACC and CUE this quarter because they overlap with her class schedule. She is working with the AS Committee Coordinator to try and find students at large to sit on those committees because they are at very critical stages right now. The student tech fee has started up and they have been reviewing the proposals and later on in the month they will be getting feedback from everyone.

#### **AS VP for Activities**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that she was at the Ree Center Advisory Committee and the new Director of Campus Recreation was announced and it will be the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation. They didn't recognize any new clubs at Activities Council. The April calendar went out on time and they are already starting the May calendar. A lot of committees are moving forward with their budgets including DRAC (Department Related Activities Committee). RCAC showed their budget as well and there is no increase in the student fee. They will have a hearing for students to attend which is going to be on May 13<sup>th</sup>. In Activities Council they implemented a new policy that was brought forward last year called the full circle effect. This new policy is for clubs that are going out and being funded to go do all of these things, and after they are done, they have to write a report with pictures and it will be on Orgsync to show students where their money is going and what it is funding. The new taskforce was opened up yesterday and she is hoping that she can bring applications to review next week because she is trying to move it as quickly as possible.

#### **AS VP for Diversity**

Cristina Rodriguez reported that the Ethnic Student Center is planning Event Culture Shock Event and they are looking at how to do the programming. They have had a lot of discussion about the student needs of the Student Ethnic Center in Presidents Council. What is going to happen is they are going to meet alternating weeks which they already do, but on the week that they usually don't meet they will get together and have a continued conversation in an open space. In the closed space they will talk about what they will be talking about in the open space. The open events will be held in a space that is accessible like Miller Hall or Academic West.

### **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:26p.m.*