

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

Thursday February 5th, 2015 8:30 a.m. VU 462A

**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):** Kendra Thomas (AS Local Liaison)

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-15-W-5** Approve the Legislative Conference Funding Proposal. ***Passed***

**ASB-15-W-6** Approve the add definition for campaign related events be a “gathering of 5 or more constituents with the sole purpose of bolstering or furthering an individuals, initiatives or referendums campaign, candidacy or cause. ***Passed***

**ASB-15-W-7** Approve the AS Alternative Transportation Coordinators salary to stay within the AS policy and be paid at the coordinator level starting in the 2015-2016 year. ***Passed***

**ASB-15-W-8** Approve Committee Appointments. ***Passed***

***Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.***

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Jaleesa would like to move the Election Code Review and Candidate Packet to the first item with guests because they have Mayra Guizar here to talk about the document and she has to leave by 9 a.m.

Alcantar Soto would like to table the Consent Resolution item as the guest is not here to present it.

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

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

**A. AS WWU Local Agenda**

Kohout said the Local Agenda was passed through the Legislative Affairs council last week. Thomas said this document is similar to the AS WWU Legislative Agenda where It isn't completely finished yet and the design and formatting will be done later. There is room for improvement on this document and she is open to all suggestions. The first document is for Student Housing. Now that Bellingham has mandatory Rental Registration rental housing will be shortened. The Aloha Motel is a prime location to add additional student housing. It has not been officially condemned yet but it is in the City's Legal Department going through the process of it. This would be a long term goal to try and get student housing in that location. The mayor voiced her opinion to put housing there which follows the Samish Way redevelopment plan. This document is advocating for more student housing specifically along Samish Way. Alcantar Soto asked why they are proposing it on Samish Way in particular though. Thomas said it must be mixed housing meaning commercial and housing. They are looking into this particular site because the Aloha Motel is being talked about being redeveloped. Alcantar Soto said her concern is the people who reside there now and if there will be resources provided for those

folks because they may not have access to resources. With the Aloha Motel closing and redeveloping that area there will be people relocated and she wants to make sure those folks have resources. Thomas said that there are 253 residents who live on Samish Way. Part of the condemning process is helping to relocate those folks. They will be providing outreach services in the Sehome neighborhood and finding resources for them to find new homes. Alcantar Soto said that she wants to make sure there is an emphasis that they will be looked out for in this process. Thomas said she thinks it already in the plan but she will look out for it. Wolters said she would like to also address what Alcantar Soto was speaking about to make sure these folks are provided support in relocating themselves. She also thinks that the way this proposal is written may want to be worked on because it seems classisi. In her opinion it sounds like it is saying students are better suited there than the folks that are there. She appreciated the proposal but it should be reframed. Thomas said she apologies because she didn't mean it to sound like that. She wasn't saying that students in particular will make it better, the more people living there making it safer. Thomas said in the Legal Information Center (LIC) wants to create ways for dorm residents to be informed, but it will be phase in and eventually be mandatory. Ideas such as a video students have to watch before registration, regularly occurring workshop that students could attend. There are workshops but It's not regularly occurring right now. Possibly a mandatory class for students to attend that community members could attend. Alcantar Soto said she thinks this is a great idea. They could make this another requirement to register but she worries about pushing another requirement on students. They could think about having it offered on different quarters. She also thinks freshman may be a little too early to start doing this class because they won't pay attention. They should look into the possibility of having this for those who opt out of on campus living or a way to exit the dorm living. Thomas said the opt out requirement would be good but most of the time they already sign the leases because they tell the university they aren't living on campus anymore. The University is also hesitant to require additional things. Kohout said the video doesn't have to be more than a couple minutes long and she doesn't think it would be too difficult to get students to watch it. Landlords that are going to take advantage of students and if they can show a couple minute video to help prevent that they should try to. Smiley said right now the university is already looking at the GURs and whether everything is still required. She couldn't picture this requirement being added currently. Wolters said in this it mentions they hope to include an off campus and an on campus education office but realizing space is a huge problem on this campus, did they have a specific place in mind for this on campus location? Thomas said not yet. This is more in hopes of getting one. There campus is a minority in university's not having an off campus housing office. They have a website but no one knows about it. They want to do some outreach and get it onto the universities website. A physical office may not happen but at least a better online website. Kohout said this isn't something that would happen overnight.

#### B. AS WWU Environmental Agenda

Kohout said the WWU Environmental Agenda was passed through the Legislative Affairs Council. Dugovich said this is the Environmental Agenda for the Environmental Lobby day that will be happening on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2015. This agenda is advocating for that Senate Bill 5087 Concerning Oil Transportation Safety by passed. They want this bill to pass because it would create easy accessible public information about the oil. It would also require oil companies to pay more to increase oil spill prevention programs. Overall he thinks it is a good cause and trusts those who put this together.

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

## A. Legislative Conference Funding Proposal

Kohout said she change the request not to exceed (NTE) \$900 to give wiggle room for the flights. She spoke to people earlier about the registration and was promised the early registration deal. She would like to include another stipulation that this additional person that they must leave from Sea-Tac airport on march 26<sup>th</sup>. Any other way is really complicated. It's a lot of work to try and reimburse people from other airports. Alcantar Soto asked if it was only for this person and not the other eleven (11) correct. Kohout said yes, only for the additional person. Alexander clarifies that this stipulation is due to the conference being during spring break time. That's why people are flying from other airports. Kohout said it's great if people are leaving from other places and that's alright but just this one person is needed because of the late timing. Ghant asked if this conference funded last year through Operating and Enhancement Fund because that fund can't fund conference more than twice. Kohout said it wasn't funded out of the Operating and Enhancement Fund before.

*MOTIONASB-W-15-5 by Kohout*

Approve the Legislative Conference Funding Proposal

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

## B. Election Code Review and Candidate Packet

Guizar said she made some changes to these documents from the last time they saw this. She added in that it is the full responsibility of the candidate to be in contact with the Election Coordinator. She will be stamping the email or notification saying candidates have 36 hours to respond to her so they will know whether they need to contact her back or not. If they do not contact her back it will result in a file of a grievance. She also found come date changes to 2015 that need to happen on page 8. They also added on page 8 that the deadline was extended to take down materials the next day. Sometimes it can be an emotional time for candidates good and bad and its hard to take everything down right away. They are extending the deadline until Monday at 8am. They also made a small change in the candidate packet stating the secondary point of contact instead of calling it a campaign manager. Dugovich said he wanted to define campaign related event. He suggested it be a gathering of 10 or more individuals with the sole purpose of bolstering or furthering an individuals, initiatives or referendums campaign, candidacy or cause. Kohout said she would like to see it less than ten (10) people. Alcantar Soto said that they require clubs to have at least five (5) people, so they could use that as their number. Kohout asked what if they had a campaign team and they have a drink? Dugovich said that's why that put 10, but the real part of this is that it's for the sole purpose of promoting their campaign. Alcantar Soto said they can add a clause. Thomas suggested using constituents which would eliminate the campaign team problem.

*MOTIONASB-15-W-6 By Dugovich*

Approve the add definition for campaign related events be a "gathering of 5 or more constituents with the sole purpose of bolstering or furthering an individuals, initiatives or referendums campaign, candidacy or cause.

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

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

**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

A. AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator Salary Determination

Dugovich said there are no other changes made to this document.

*Motion ASB-15-W-7 by Alcantar Soto*

Approve the AS Alternative Transportation Coordinators salary to stay within the AS policy and be paid at the coordinator level starting in the 2015-2016 year.

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

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

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

A. AS KUGS job Description

Ghant said there were minor changes to this job description adding in to all KUGS job descriptions that they should be willing to learn or know the Federal Communication Commission’s laws and it will be added under the preferred qualifications.

B. AS Vice President for Activities Job Description

Alcantar Soto said these changes are to the VP for activities. One change was to making it a non-voting member in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She asked this group and they felt it was a good decision. She also felt meeting with Steve Card more than once a quarter was needed so she put two times. She already meets with him two times a quarter.

Dugovich wants to table both of these job descriptions until they have the documents provided.

Items A and B were tabled.

C. Committee Appointments

**AS Legislative Affairs Council**

Haley Newhouse            Sociology/Poli. Sci.            Sophomore

**International Studies Curriculum Committee**

Katherine Feltner            Elementary education            Sophomore

**Structure and Programs Advisory Committee**

Hayley Trageser            General Studies            Senior

*MOTIONASB-15-W- By Kohout*

Approve Committee Appointments

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

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

### **President**

Annika Wolters reported that reached out to Ted Pratt and Eileen Coughlin, President Bruce Sheppard for advice on how to tackle the police contacting student's issue she has been working on. She is looking forward to talking to students on how would like it to be done. Upstairs in the Viking Union there is a wishing well and all the funds go to the first ever climate friendly fund. There should be a story in the Western Front on Friday. She would like to invite everyone to encourage others to donate and not just students. The Students for Renewable Energy is still pushing for full divestment.

### **VP for Business and Operations**

Chelsea Ghant reported that went to the University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) meeting yesterday where they went over their SCOT analysis. They talked about the math requirement being a barrier for students and it is on their radar. Josie elision the AS Communication Director is working on rebranding the AS. The AS Job fair is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. In SPAC the Queer Resource Center (QRC) requested a larger speaker budget and a larger space. She has been talking about getting more AS Vehicles into the motor pool. She is going to meet with Greg McBride, Fred Collins, and Eric Alexander to finalize the proposal and bring it to the Board. She will be updating the Vehicle Policy as well.

### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Jaleesa Smiley reported that she went to UPRC and they talked about General University Requirement (GUR)'s structure. They also went over the SCOT analysis and the strategic plan. They talked to the individual colleges and Fairhaven College was talking about the lack of gender neutral bathrooms. Scholarship Committee also met and they are looking into a new logo.

### **VP for Activities**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that Activities Council recognized two new clubs. They are going to be some major changes in the club hub, this weekend they will be doing a massive cleaning of the club closet. She is excited to attend the Elect Her event this weekend. She will be gone next Thursday for a scholarship lunch in Seattle. The Club Showcase starts Monday the February 9<sup>th</sup> till the February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **VP for Diversity**

Cristina Rodriguez reported that Resources and Outreach Programs (ROP) is having the event Babe Fand. Steering Committee hasn't met because there are no requests. Presidents Council met and they collectively talked about what they want to do for the rest of the year. She has been working with the OC and having a hiking excursion with folks from the ESC and creating that dialogue space.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Sarah Kohout reported that Elect Her found out there keynote speaker and it is Senator Pramila Jayapal and they currently have 47 registered. The Fegislative Affairs Council took a couple stances on bills which was good. Washington Student Association (WSA) will be meeting in Olympia coming up as well.

### **VP for Student Life**

Zach Dugovich reported that Green Energy Fee (GEF) on met on Monday. They approved the Electric Bike proposal from the team. Bike fix it station that was approved and they will be installing it next year and one is going to the Wade King Recreation Center. Another application was for LED lights in the PAC and they have put that one on hold because prices have gone up.

### **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Kohout wanted to bring up a conversation she had with Eric Alexander earlier about the Student Senate. Because they haven't had a Student Senate in the past couple years there is a lack of Student Representation on this campus. She wanted to start the thought about getting more representation from students and talk to students about what they want to see. There are a lot of different types of structures they could look into but right now there are no checks and balances. She is questioning whether the model they have right now outdated.

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:54 a.m.*