

Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday,

May 27th, 2015

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guests: Trisha Patterson (Students for Sustainable Water), Emma Palumbo (incoming board member), Jill MacIntyre Witt (Students for Renewable Energy advisor), Kate Galumbos (The Western Front), Katie Rieki (The Western Front), Patrick Eckroth (incoming board member), Emily Blessington (SRE), Gene Myers (faculty on behalf of SRE), Cassidy Eklof (SSW), Leah Olver (SSW), Elle McKitrick (SRE), Galen Herz (SRE), Zach Dove (incoming board member), Samantha Goldblatt (Resource Outreach Programs), Osman Olivera (AS Business Office), Peg Godwin (AS Bookstore).

MOTIONS

ASB-15-S-30 Approve the Fossil Fuels Divestment Resolution.

ASB-15-S-31 Approve to table the AS Motorpool Policy until next week.

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dugovich requested to move the Bottled Water Fee Commitment Policy to Information Item A.

Ghant requested to remove AS Supplemental Funding until next week, as well as Branding Guide. She also asked to add the AS Bookstore Request to Other Business.

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

Jill MacIntyre Witt introduces Gene Myers as an alumnus and faculty at Western who would like to speak about divestment. Gene Meyers said that students play an incredibly important role in the direction of the institution and the larger issues that aren't apparent. On the divestment issues students feel rather appalled that my generation has been a letdown. He also feel like it's a moment in history, they have roughly 40 years to get to zero emissions. They all have a little bit of a play. When they come to Western they come here for the brightest future. Yet the institution wants to continue to fuel the fossil fuel industry. Sometimes there is that feeling that there's nothing really they can do about it, which is not true at all. He fully supports the 300 plus colleagues. They are going to meet in Old Main tomorrow and have a sit in. He is happy to answer any questions they have for him. Witt said she wants to invite students in front of Old Main at 2:30pm. They are delivering the 300 plus signatures on divestment to President Bruce Shepard. Witt said should the Board pass this they would like the Board to deliver the resolution at the same time.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests***A. Fossil Fuels Divestment Resolution****Doc. 1 Wolters (15 min.)**

Wolters thanked Students for Renewable Energy (SRE) for delivering the resolution in a timely manner.

Galen Herz said that this is the most updated divestment fuel resolution, with the board recommendations. This is for their role in blocking legislation to continuing to search for fossil fuels reserves in places like the Arctic. There's so many reasons they're all listed in the resolution. Wolters asked for any additions, and opens it up for questions. Kohout asked what is HSBC? Herz answered it's a large European Bank. Wolters said she does see a footnote and looking at that [link](#) might give us insight. Any other insight?

MOTION: ASB-15-S-30 by Dugovich

Approve the Fossil Fuels Divestment Resolution.

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

Wolters welcomed everyone to join the rest of the meeting. Thank you for your hard work and persistence. Witt asked if they could include the document in the press release. Wolters answered yes.

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*****A. AS Motorpool Policy**

Ghant said they talked to Greg McBride, it's a responsibility contract. If they're not going to use their reservation, they're basically taking an opportunity away from another group, and that's a sixty dollar fine. Other than that there are no additional changes. All the highlighted is from the old policy. She knows there was a problem with having links in policy, because she knows links can change. She thinks these links will stay permanent for a while. The Outdoor Center (OC) are not a part of this Motorpool Policy. Kohout asked is there anything in the policy about not having someone reserve it. Is there anything from preventing people from reserving vehicles every weekend? Ghant said she doesn't see anything to that extent. Wolters said she thinks if it says something about how they are only able to reserve a quarter a time. Kohout said she thinks it should be its own bullet point. Ghant said She'll have Cindy make that edit. Can they still pass it with that amendment? Wolters said she believe so as long as someone writes it down. Any other questions? She will say she is strongly against the idea of charging our students to cancel a reservations. Kohout said she is thinking about a Washington Student Association (WSA) meeting if everyone was sick. She would still keep the reservation. She would want to lie about it, but she wouldn't want a fine. Ghant said it says cancelling within 24hrs she think it gives people a good window of time if needed. If an event were cancelled, our vehicles are not utilized, they are taking the opportunity from someone else. There is an option they could reduce the fee, or take it off. She would ask Eric. Alexander said the language says *may not will*, it offers some discretion. In the case of everyone being sick, that's ok. They

can also reduce it. It's whatever they want to do for their policy. Wolters said for me, if no one is putting any money to make a reservation, she would not like to see a fine at all. Ghant asked how they would be enforcing that responsibility. It is students who are paying to use Enterprise instead of the vehicles they already purchased. Kohout said, maybe have it be 12 hours before hand and she knows 12 hours can be helpful. Wolters asked if she could have a short opinion from all of them before a motion is made. Kohout asked can they have another week to talk about this. Wolters said Kohout would like another week to table and add edits. Ghant asked what edits. Wolters asked if it is inhibiting any projects. Ghant said Greg says the fine is rarely enforced, she does know that the fines go into the vehicle reserves as well.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-31 by Kohout

Approve to table the AS Motorpool Policy until next week.

Second: Smiley Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. USSA Congress Funding Request

Doc. 5 Kohout (15min.)

Kohout said this is to send more people. It looks like it will be paid for by financial aid. She is still getting replies. Josie Ellison got her some prices for registrations. The most updated ones are in here. Shouldn't go more the \$350 per person. She doesn't want to say there made up numbers, but they provided estimates. She can talk about benefits of USSA congress If they all want. She thinks it would be cool to send 8 people. There is enough money in Operation and Enhancement. Applications are open now. She want to amend the item and change it to \$3500. It would be Not To Exceed (NTE), and she would hate for them to be only sending seven (7) people. Alcántar Soto asked to clarify about the \$7500. Kohout explained that this price is based upon 4 people per room. It would cost more for 7 people. Ghant asked about in the proposal where it states it says for 4 students and wonders why it says the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) is asking for 8 students. Kohout said this it to send four additional people on top of the amount LAC is sending. Ghant said the idea that this is early enough to bring back information and apply. What's the application process like, how is this being publicized? How are they to engage other students? Kohout said it has been publicized through the Legislative Affairs Council on Lacebook and via email.

B. Bottled Water Fee Commitment Policy

Doc. 6 Dugovich (15min.)

Dugovich introduces Trisha Patterson from WWU Students for Sustainable Water and the Bottled Water Fee Commitment Policy. Patterson said they have gone over and been writing the policy with Seth Vidana since November. She said 72 percent of the student body supported it and the AS Board moved to pass it. In 2014 the initiative passed. She said that in 2015, they want to make it a solidified in Western policy. She wanted to make a water reduction policy, made in the 80's, when it first started. They moved to specified definitions: buildings, where hydration stations needs to be, requirements for that. Dugovich said that their vote does not mean it's a policy, it shows their support. Kohout

asked to clarify the format.

Dugovich leaves at 7:24 p.m. due to illness.

Patterson said she collaborated with student community. A lot of community said it was ridiculous to ban water bottles and not flavored water. Wolters asked if there were any other questions. Looks forward to policy next week. Kohout asked about Viking Lobby Day and off campus events. When she planned it, she avoided using plastic water bottles but they could because it was not on campus. Patterson said she thinks that would be covered by the policy. But she feel like people could get out of it, and that's a loop hole. It's awful but it's true. Wolters asked if Viking Lobby Day would be considered an auxiliary event. Maybe add definition of what an auxiliary event is. Patterson asked if they need to reformat it at all. Wolters said university policy is typically in Peabody form and she can show her. She asked Eric Alexander where to find it. Alexander says their person is Cindy Monger who has knowledge of policy format. Wolters asked if there are no other questions or suggestions they'll move on. Thank you to everyone who worked on this policy.

C. AS Budget Committee Recommendations

Doc. 8 Ghant (20 min.)

Ghant said the numbers are as they stands. They will have some finalized number to make a well informed vote. Other than that everything stays the same as last week. Cindy did some number crunching, a couple numbers were off here and there. Wolters clarified about same numbers as last week. Does anyone want to speak on the resource and Outreach Programs (ROP)? Ghant said Osman has new numbers. Wolters said it has new numbers on budget. Ghant believes the cuts are less than last week. Does that answer your question Giselle? Alcántar Soto asked are they going to talk about them anyways. Rodriguez said Osman is not here, Sam Goldblatt is not here, there is no packet asking for extra funds. They had asked Sam Goldblatt. Kohout said she can text Sam. Alexander said Osman said he is supposed to be here by 8:30 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. He believe Osman and Casey Hayden were supposed to have a meeting with Sam, but Sam was sick. Emma Palumbo says she can text Osman.

Olivera and Goldblatt Entered

Olivera said him and Hayden and Goldbatt all met twice already and reviewed the ROP budget and address the Boards concerns and came up with a new number that is fair. \$4,628. They have come to an agreement. Now it's only a \$2,400 reduction. The Social Issues Resource Center (SIRC) will get a \$1,400 reduction and Disability outreach Center (DOC) will get \$1,000 reduction. Wolters asked if she has any questions. Giselle said there was a reduction in the cut, does that affect other offices in the ROP? Ghant said no. Kohout asked why some ROP offices are receiving cuts. Goldblatt said those are the cuts that were made originally made from budget committee. Osman and her worked on reducing cuts. The SIRC and DOC are the only ones receiving cuts at all. Kohout asked why those two offices were receiving cuts though. Goldblatt said she decided to choose the SIRC and DOC because they were actually excessive to what those offices actually do. Also have the two largest budgets in the ROP. Ghant said these finalized numbers will be here next week when they vote. She thinks Osman, Goldbatt, and Hayden did a great job to come to a happy medium. Olivera said they are actually combining budgets. The Veterans Day

coming out of the VOC. Pride month will be combined with QRC. And Take Back the Night with Women's Center. Eckroth asked to clarify about having separate budgets, to ensure they happen. Goldblatt said they are institutionalized in the programs. Rodriguez said in the past, they merged the DOC and DAW into the same lump of money, she thinks that was a good decision and she thinks it worked out. Wolters asked for other questions. She will echo everything Ghant said, thank you everyone for their hard work, and finding a middle ground. They look forward to looking at this document again next week.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

President

Annika Wolters reported that she's excited to house people from United States Student Association (USSA). She attended the Aaron Dixon event. Wants to thank the SIRC and Black Student Union (BSU) for bringing him. BSU elected Andrea Tompkins to be next year's president. Annika announces her retirement soon.

VP for Bus Ops

Chelsea Ghant yields her board report.

VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that there is a Faculty Student Dialogue. We will be sharing this via email.

VP for Activities

Giselle Alcántar Soto tables her board reports to put in Other Business.

VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodriguez reported that today Aaron Dixon came, put on by BSU and the SIRC, right now Rupi Kaur is there as part of the Queer experience. The ESC is having Building Unity to pass the baton off. No clubs have requested money lately and they haven't had a Presidents Council meeting.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that she been working on USSA congress trip, getting the proposal together. She met with Lisa Rosenberg, Alexander, and Raquel Wilson for her budgets. There is a USSA Board meeting is this weekend and people are arriving tomorrow. That meeting will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the new directors will be in VU 504 so come by and say hi

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

AS Bookstore Request

Peg Godwin said in essence what the AS Bookstore is here today to do, is to request money from the Bookstore Reserves, which is funded by the bookstore. At the end of the year, they look at what they have and they keep the first \$25,000, and the rest they share with the AS. On the other hand,

the bookstore comes back to you to request funding from the reserve from which they contributed to the AS. Last year, the AS funded the replaced the carpet of the first floor. About a \$ 16,000 project. What they are asking for typically is for projects that they think will help the AS or the bookstore. They are asking for \$32,000 for this year, and it is broken into two proponents. The first is new desktop computers. They have about 30 computers, they want to replace 5 a year. The second is the yearly VERBA contract. It has a yearly fee, founded in California by two AS alums. If they wanted to know the ISBN they had to go the bookstore to get it. These two gentleman created a price comparison tool where they present those prices on our website. So students can go and look at the prices and their new prices and their used prices and the online price range. Students can then make a decision to buy online or buy it at the bookstore. They find that there is a 70 percent that buy through us. They can't guarantee best price. She would say 75 percent are shopping on their phone. It just helps them familiar on the device. The next request is for \$10,000 for signature capture machines. There are things happening in the world. EMC which is Europay, MasterCard, Visa. Comes with a chip in them. In October 2015 there is a liability for card payments. The liability for fraud and this puts us in compliance. About 75% of our business is done with credit card. Our last request is the purchase of the reusable bags. We give about \$10,000 a year. Every year they change it a little bit. Those are the four items they think will help the AS Bookstore. It's just a matter of if the Board okaying it. Overall the impact of this is 32,000. Ghant wants to thank Godwin for this thorough proposal. She just wanted to at least have this on everyone's mind so we can vote on this next week. Godwin wants to help Ghant for her help support. Wolters asked about the bags, is there any explanation as to what this logo is on the bag? Godwin said they are willing to work with you, they can certainly accommodate to that. It probably takes them through February to get all bags out. Every time they go to Haggen she see them. It really is great advertising.

Additional other business

Alcántar Soto said she wanted to talk more about the new resolution and the taskforce on International Boycott Divestment and Sanctions. They were realizing it wasn't going to be feasible. It's turning out to be a new resolution. What's going to end up happening, in her interpretation of what's happening, is they are going to repealing the other one. And this new one will focus on safety. In the board term the freedom of expression. Hopefully they will be bringing in something next week. Rodriguez said, to echo what Giselle was saying we need to do something by the end of this year. It can become messy if it goes onto next year. It can get really messy and complicated. And however they envision this coming together for next week they'll need to talk about the safety code and revised code of Washington.

Kohout said she has a document for finals week, so they may have a meeting.

Alcántar Soto gave a shout out to AS Productions for having their free movie. Club Hub is having their end of year club event.

Wolters said thank you for the update.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:39p.m.