

Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 VU 567

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

Advisor: Eric Alexander

Guests: Patrick Eckroth (REP Director), Israel Rios (SIRC Coordinator/ Incoming Board), Lead Olver (Students for Sustainable Water), Trisha Patterson (Students for Sustainable Water), Sarah Allaham (WWU SUPER), Julianna Jackson (IBDS Taskforce), Katie Rockel (Western Front), Galen Herz (Students for Renewable Energy), Emma Palumbo (Incoming AS Board), Belina Seare (Incoming AS Board), Rheanna Johnston (Student at Large), Emily Seynaeve (IBDS Taskforce), Zach Dove (Incoming Board)

MOTIONS

ASB-15-S-32 Approve the University Water Bottle Policy. *Passed*

ASB 15 § 33 Approve \$3,500 from Operating and Enhancement FXXENH to move to FXLACF for students to attend the USSA Congress Conference. *Passed*

ASB-15-S-34 Approve the Repeal the Resolution on International Boycott Divestment and Sanctions. *Passed*

ASB-15-S-35 Approve the 2015-2016 Budget recommendations from the AS Budget Committee. *Passed*

ASB-15-S-36 Approve the allocation \$32,200 as bookstore reserve fund for bookstore equipment. *Passed*

ASB-15-S-37 Approve the Sustainable Action Fee Proposal to move to an Action Item. *Passed*

ASB-15-S-38 Approve the Sustainable Action Fund monetary level for .70 cents per academic credit and not to exceed \$7 per quarter. *Passed*

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alcántar Soto asked to have her item go later while they are waiting for committee members to arrive. Dugovich said he would like to change the title of his item to 2015-2016 budget not this years budget.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A . WinWin Grant Carry Forward

Ghant said this motion is to approve the WinWin Grant Carry Forward. This is an outside grant, not an AS grant but it was given to the AS. The request would be to carry it forward until next year and not have it be placed in reserve. It funds AS Voter Registration Staff. Kohout said it is for student positions and Voter Registration. Ghant said it comes to the Board every year to be approved which is why they see it today. Wolters said difference between, carry forward, and not carry forward? Ghant said not doing it would result in it going into AS reserve. Wolters said so this would be so they wouldn't have to ask for the money from the reserves next year? Ghant said yes. Kohout said that and the grant was given with specific purposes and going into the AS Reserves would violate the purpose of the grant. It was given specially for aiding voter registration. Alcántar Soto said first she wanted to introduce the proposal and then actual resolution will be introduced by the task force committee members. This goes back to June 2014 when the original resolution was passed. At the time there was very little discussion and there was little input. Ultimately the intent of what the resolution was supposed to be and the actuality of it turned out different. It actually silenced a lot of student opinions and it is not their role to say what students can and cannot say or do. It was caused a lot of uproar of appealing it as well for safety reasons. So in mead of this, they created a taskforce. It was a two sided issue, there was equal amounts represented. Chaired by her, also by Rodriguez. They will meet again tomorrow for hopefully one last meeting. They have worked on this documents inside and outside of those meetings. The way it was set up is that the documents they looked at were some historical context so they knew what information they will dealing with and then dove into working on a recommendation. Alcántar Soto and Rodriguez were there to facilitate only and not vote because they vote at the Board meeting. They are closed meetings but they took minutes. They can be requested by the approval of the committee if needed. They were discussed information to set a base and a foundation for the committee then they had work sessions. They all agreed on this new resolution. In order for this one to be replaced the old has to be repealed. She does know there may be suggestions and there have been talking to Lisa Wochas the attorney general for campus and she Okayed it. Julianna Jackson said she wanted to talk about a couple things regarding the resolution. She was the author of the "be it resolved statements". They approached this by seeing both sides. Not having the repeal was favored based on people's safety. They created a resolution that focused on student safety. The first be it resolved was based on the four freedoms in the 1941 by Franklin Roosevelt. However in the final "be it resolved" there is a change that was done and if she would have not voted to approve it. She could not attend the last meeting and was not informed that changes were made.. It would have been a good document and things still need to be resolved. In the document it states that this falls under "students" faculty or guests of AS Sanctioned events. And she would like to remove the guests of AS Sanctioned events. She thinks they don't have to be here and they are doing it on their own will and she doesn't think they should be covered by this. They might face people who don't agree with what they are saying. She doesn't think it should be covered under this. They aren't the ones who really have a choice about being here or not it is the folks who are bringing them. She would encourage the Board to not vote on this document yet. It would be better to continue the discussion and not rush the process. Wolters said they aren't voting on it today it is an information item. Alcántar Soto said for the guests of AS Sanctioned events, the reasoning behind that is It is the only jurisdiction they have, over AS events. She confused by this

because the document was very transparent, it was a google document and everyone had access to it. She checked in with her, and Jackson said she was okay with it so she is confused. Jackson said she said she was okay with it before any changes were made and she told them that if anyone had questions about them to contact her. She is sorry if it was done recently but she looked at this document before this meeting. When she said it was okay with it, it was before this change was made. She was okay with it but it was before the change. Allaham said she stands behind the document. They had different perspectives and they went through a lot of history and a lot of emotions. They weren't productive in the beginning. They then realized they can't convince anyone to take on someone else's perspective. That's when they both agree that it should be about campus safety with constructive conversations. They should be able to take a stance. She stands behind what they wrote. Alcántar Soto said nothing was changed after that meeting and they had access to the document and it was a smaller addition, not a complete change or any deletion to what they had wrote originally. It is not up to a vote now. She knew going into this meeting there were going to be changes to this document by next week. They will still have a chance to make additional changes when the group meets tomorrow. Alliea said one thing that they have been looking at is the second "be it resolved". They are still working on what it would like to represent. Their intention on this clause is to highlight of the safety of students is under WA law. That is how students are protected. She would like to open it up to the Board for recommendations on how to reword it. McKenna said she would like to reiterate what Alliea said and this was drafted quickly and they still want to work on it. They need to work on that wording, more intentional about it. Perhaps refocused on what the true intentions are but she would like to see some feedback from the Board on how they feel about it. Jackson said she did write the bulk of that one "be it resolved". Wolters came and talked to the group and if they felt threatening this would be a way they of protecting that by removing folks if necessary. Dugovich said he wanted to ask Jackson about her disliking of guests of AS sanctioned events and why she feels that? Jackson said her concern is that guests could come in and be protected by this and they could be harmful to students. There was an instance this past quarter where there was a speaker brought to campus who made many students feel fearful of going and they did not go to this event because they were scared that people may take it out on them. Under this, she feels that speaker would be protected. That example is one that came to mind. She heard a lot of talk to the people who went to the event or didn't go to the event. They may have been scared to go or broke down crying by hearing what happened. They felt threatened. They weren't able to speak out about it. They weren't allow to show their point of view. It should be safe and open dialog. There will be disagreement always, but student's safety should be focused on. Dugovich said it is definitely difficult. They want diversity on this campus but they want to make sure all students are safe. He feels horrible that people were upset by it, but he doesn't think just people don't want to hear it, others shouldn't be allowed to hear it. Ghant said she is concerned with the first "be it resolved" and she doesn't like that language about being removed. She doesn't know how comforting this will be. How will they actually remove someone? To work with that wording but keep the intent that they were going for. Alcántar Soto said they want to have it in mind the safety of student without being so aggressive, they don't have the full ability to do anything without calling the cops. How about "AS WWU will take action to keep students in a safe environment". This could be from individuals which intentionally threaten or intimidate students. Kohout said they want to protect students for everyone. The person Jackson was talking about earlier who was brought earlier was not an AS Sanctioned event. She thinks they won't lose anything by keeping it there. They take stances every year but it should be reworded. Alcántar Soto said yes it needs to be reworded. It was intended to say those students have the right to demand action on an issue. They need to word smith it more. It would be a reassurance that there is a process that could happen with such big problems. Galen Herz said he would like some clarification on what group or person would decide on what constitutes as threatening or intimidating. He would also like to ask if there has ever been a time in the AS where they had to ask a speaker to stop or be removed? Alcántar Soto said any AS event wouldn't go that far. They want to trust their AS procedures. But there isn't anything to her knowledge or that she can think of at this moment. Alcántar Soto said they have the

authority to shut clubs down, but they don't like to do that, they like to have dialog. And if it is a club it would go to her or an advisors. If it needs to happen quickly, an advisor would be able to make that call. A club brought a cross to bring in front of a certain building and a lot of people to ask them not to do that. They can't tell them what to do but they could allow students to be prepared so they asked if they could put out sandwich board warning folks they are entering a demonstration area. If it isn't an AS event it would be under the university's authority. Olver said there is a difference between uncomfortable and then going and processing why they felt like that and being unsafe. Wolters said from the perspective from someone who invites people to campus to speak. If they brought someone, say the BSU brought a speaker and folks asked that speaker to leave, she personally would feel offended by that gesture. She thinks speakers should be protected in certain ways because if they need to remove someone with a certain identity, those with the same identities may take that as a personal attack. She would like to add AS sponsored events instead of "Sanctioned" as it is in the title. Ghant said she is questioning the first "be it resolved". She likes it but could they explain the intent? Jackson said she is a fan of the 4 freedoms. They are a hallmark thing. It was a part of the declaration on human rights. They have been shown as they are highly respected and they are freedoms that have been shown that all people are entitled to. Putting them in here would be a very sure way of showing people these are some of the concerns. It would be encompassing a broad spectrum and it is something they want to foster on this campus. No one should be scared and know their voice will be heard. Ghant said she agrees with the freedoms. Wolters said she respect the ideas of those freedoms, she doesn't know if she respects FDR. Maybe they have those ideas but not that direct quote. Alcántar Soto said it has not been easy for anyone, but like to give props to all those volunteering their times and thank you. They will bring this document with possible changes that will be discussed tomorrow. Rodriguez said thank Alcántar Soto for chairing the committee. Alliea said thank you to both the chairs for listening and creating a space. Jackson asked what Wolters would recommend, because FDR is the one who coined the four freedoms. Would it be better if they dropped the president part and kept the four freedoms? Wolters said she would like to leave it up to the Board and the taskforce to decide that.

Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Water Bottle Policy

Dugovich said they saw this last week. Fast week he had to leave for a personal reason and he doesn't know what the discussion was afterward. Are there any questions or things people would like to add. Alcántar Soto said this is for the university? So does this have to go through the Board of Trustees? Dugovich said yes, it would be a vote of confidence and that they stand behind the policy and it is something they value and the university should value and their policy should reflect it. Olver said they have worked a lot on this policy and they would love to have their support on this document and their efforts to make their campus more sustainable. Alcántar Soto said what does this mean for the rest of the university? Does it mean for the campus to stop selling things like in Miller Market? Olver said right now there is a handshake agreement between dining services and the university saying that they won't sell bottled water at any of their places. If they chose to, they could decide they could start selling it again. So if students graduate and they stop keeping tabs on the university it could happen again and this would reassure that it won't happen. Ghant said what does this mean for performers on campus and they needed water? Would they use reusable water bottles? Olver said in the policy it highlights that all incoming students would be given an email and they would tell the performers. They could tell the performers that they will have this kind of water dispensers and refreshments.

MOTIONS ASB-15-S-32 by Dugovich

Approve the university Water Bottle Policy

Second: Kohout Vote: 6-0-0 passed Action: Passed (Smiley not in attendance)

B. USSA Congress Funding Proposal

Kohout said nothing has changed from last week for this proposal. She is still confused with the lodging because it gives different prices for week days and weekends but they don't specify which days those are. Is Friday a weekend day or a week day? There is a huge difference in prices between weekends and week days and the proposal didn't include food, so she included \$100 stipend. It is enough for people to buy food. It will be brought to Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) tomorrow. Smiley asked how many people are they funding though LAC? Kohout said they are funding 5ish students. They considered driving instead of flying but it may be too much on the students. Flying would be easier and they would get more out of it. Ghant said how much is in the LAC budget? Kohout said most of this would go to what is left in the account. They have maybe \$500 left. Ghant said all of these are WWU students? Kohout said yes. Sorry for the one person who applied who was not a WWU student.

MOTION ASB-15-S-33 by Kohout

Approve \$3,500 from Operating and Enhancement FXXENH to move to FXLACF for students to attend the USSA Congress Conference.

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

C. Resolution on International Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Repeal

Wolters said nothing has changed since the last time she brought this document and she will explain her reasoning if anyone wants her too.

MOTION ASB-15-S-34 by Wolters

Approve the Repeal the Resolution on International Boycott Divestment and Sanctions.

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

D. 2015-2016 AS Budget Recommendations

Ghant said budget is the same as last week with the changes they all recommended. Alcántar Soto said thank you for all the hard work on this and taking everything into consideration and Osman Olivera as well. Kohout and Dugovich dittos.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-35 By Ghant

Approve the 2015-2016 Budget recommendations from the AS Budget Committee.

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

E. Bookstore proposal

Ghant said they all saw this last week. The proposal would be for \$30,000 from their own reserves not the general AS reserves. It is their dollars that they have access to and they come every year to ask for this. Dugovich said he wonders on whether the amount they are requesting is because it says \$32,000 and she just said \$30,000? Alcántar Soto said it will be from their own reserves and to be on the safe side they should give the larger amount.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-36 by Kohout

Approve the allocation \$32,200 as bookstore reserve fund for bookstore equipment.

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Sustainable Action Fund Charge and Charter

Dugovich said there are changes at the title of the Charge and Charter. He added the correct titles to Greg McBride and Eric Alexander. He also changed the header to say Sustainable Action Fund. He changed to it have one (1) faculty represent which is appointed by Faculty Senate. So it would be nine (9) members total. He asked about the possibility of having proxies? There were multiple times that they had to cancel or change a meeting because they didn't have quorum and they would like to have people go in others spots if available. Alexander said yes they can if add in the voting section that proxies will be identified. Dugovich said this would be over the summer. One faculty representative instead of two. They also changed the vice chair from ASVP for Academic Affairs to AS VP for Business and Operations. They would come together over the summer and build a new mission statement. This would be to set the guidelines on voting and the rules they would have to follow and in the meetings they will discuss how they want to proceed from here. Smiley said she thinks it's a great change for the vice chair because they sit on a ton of committees. The knowledge that the AS VP for Business and Operations will bring will also be beneficial. Ghant said she likes the AS VP for Business and Operations but she worries that same as AS VP for Academic Affairs, they have a lot to sit on it as well. It is a lot of committees. Dugovich said they both have a lot of commitments. It's done during the summer and ideally all before fall quarter. Ghant said if it is only in the summer, she feels better then. Alcántar Soto said would the title for the GEF program coordinator change? Dugovich said no, that is still their title for now. Ghant asked Alexander how the GEF procedures work? The AS doesn't really manage their funds but they sort of do? She is confused about the roles the committee has and the rest of the AS in this fund. Alexander said it has unique characteristics. This group would be solving that. Dugovich said it has taken the whole year for him to start to understand the working of this fund and he hopes this committee will help solve some of these questions. Wolters said could the AS Business Director be a

good substitute? Alexander said they could add “or designee” to the Vice Chair’s description just in case that person can’t attend. Dugovich said yes, that was the same idea they had with the proxy.

B. Sustainable fee proposal.

Dugovich said it is set between 70 cents and 1.40 per credit. Tops out at \$7 right now. It could go up to \$1.40. He has had conversations with Greg McBride with Nate White. It makes sense to keep it the same and the budget it is huge as it is. It would be set 70 cents per credit and not to exceed \$7.00 per quarter. Kohout said is this not what the students voted on? Dugovich said they voted on the range 70 cents to \$ 1.40 per credit. They are voting on .70 which isn’t changing from the current standing. He would like to move it to an action item because the Board of Trustees meeting it is next week. And he would like to send it off to Tinda Beckman to tell them what the Board thinks.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-37 by Dugovich

Approve the Sustainable Action Fee Proposal to move to an Action Item

Second: Ghant Vote: 7-0-0 Action: passed.

Alcántar Soto said since they have the ability to range. She thought it was 1.30. Dugovich said no it is currently at .70 cents per credit. Ghant said not to exceed \$7 Dugovich said yes, it tops off at \$7.

MOTION: ASB-15-38 by Kohout

Approve the Sustainable Action Fund monetary level for .70 cents per academic credit and not to exceed \$7 per quarter.

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

C. Green Energy Fee 2015-2016 Budget

Dugovich said the GEF budget is really big. The document should say that this budget is for 2015-2016 funds. The total amount that they see at the bottom isn’t accurate because they have projects they have committed to but still need to pay for. So after all those encumbered funds they are left with about \$638,000. That being said he will be the first to admit they have too much money. Alcántar Soto said and the task force? Is that to look at these funds? Dugovich said the difficulty is Its really hard to spend this amount of money. But hopefully the taskforce will streamline it so they can use some of the money. It can be expanded other than projects. Alcántar Soto said who has the final say? Dugovich asked on what they spend? That would be the GEF committee. They are the body that gives authority on what they can or can’t spend money on. They go through a review application process. Then they can finally vote on it. Ghant said this is a separate item than the taskforce though. They need to vote on it? How do they do that if they don’t know what the projects are? Are they online? Dugovich said they have the applications for all of the projects. They do have active projects are in the works. Ghant said what is the large grant dash board? Dugovich said he doesn’t know it is from years ago but he will find out. Palumbo said all the projects are linked on the website.

D. Student Senate Suspension

Kohout said they are trying to restructure the AS. She originally wanted to work on this year but she didn't want to bring it back just to be looked at by the new structural review committee. They do need student representation but she is hoping they will figure that out by the new committee. She can take any questions. Smiley said have applications on the restructuring opened? Kohout said no. Smiley said a group of students are really interested in the development of the student senate. Kohout said they don't want to create it for the sake of having it. That is why they are relooking at this.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

AS VP for Activities

Giselle Alcántar Soto reported that this Monday was the last Activities Council meeting which was bitter sweet. She had Israel Rios chair it and he did well. During that meeting they recognized four clubs. They have around \$2,000 in their budget and she is hoping they get more requests. They don't have any funds left over. Tawn stock happened this weekend and she heard good things. Club Kick back happened and went well. Other than that she has been working on the internship with Rios.

AS VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that the last Tegislative Affairs Council meeting is tomorrow and it will mostly be executive session. She has been working mostly on Transitioning and doing an internship with the incoming Board member. United States Student Association (USSA) Congress is coming up on August 5th-10th. USSA board meeting was last weekend and it was on campus. It was awesome and it was great to see how other schools do things.

AS VP for Student Life

Zach Dugovich reported that the Green Energy Fee had a couple project proposals. One proposal was a bike rack for the outback. Another was these bikes they found that are completely powered off the person who is riding it. Thank you to Jaleesa who stepped in. Things are going well with the taskforce. Emma the incoming Board member is doing a great job. They had the Environmental Club Summit last week which went great. They are in OM right now camping out for the Sit In.

AS VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodriguez reported that they had their last ESC Steering Committee and they looked at reassessing how the ESC was implemented in the AS and what it was built on and restructuring how next year's meetings will go. They looked at whether it would be combined with ESC Presidents Council and how can they be more involved with each other. They talked about how to shift the direction of the ESC. This weekend there is the BSU kickball event. MECAH is having an alumni event as well. ROP staff is going to have their own appreciation BBQ. Internship hours this week.

AS President

Annika Wolters reported she loves them all. She got to go to the Faculty Senate. She is very impressed with the work that the students put together. It is a luxury to trust the students and the work they are doing. She wants to give kudos to the Fairhaven students that are working with the faculty quite a bit. She said she was going to go and haven't been able to. They had a meeting with the police on Friday. They got a tour of the police station

and see the state it is in. There are many times they thought “this isn’t right”. Old handcuffs shown off in a glass case as soon as you came in. Another thing that bothered her that looking back at some of these pictures from 1919 and although it wasn’t the brightest point in history, she asked how many of them were part of the clan? Shout out to Mayra Guizar for setting up the housing for the USSA meeting. Half of the USSA attended the Queer Experience event and that was pretty great. She attended in the Students for Renewable Energy sit in. She was impressed on how well organized it was. She wants to make sure they all spend time together before they all leave.

AS VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that Monday was the last Faculty Senate meeting. Molly Ware was the new Faculty Senate President. Really key member in the dialog sessions and the inclusivity discussions. She has been interning with Zach Dove the incoming VP for Academic Affairs. On Friday a group of students met up and came up with a list on non-negotiables. Some of those they listed as mandatory are for faculty to get educated on these issues and an increased representatives on university committees. Specifically when they are about students. She likes the quote “Nothing about us without us”.

AS VP for Business and Operations

Chelsea Ghant said it is her last meeting with them all. Fast week she included Management Council. They had a debrief during the meeting and went over highlights and low lights. The new Board Assistant for Internal Committees was there as well. The Supplemental Policy still had to be worked on so that will be something for the next board. Branding guide is not going to the Board because it wasn’t given to her in enough time. Internship with Brock has been going well. The First Annual Inauguration Event went well. They went to Services and Activities Fee committee for expenditure guidelines. They voted in favor increasing the fee by almost 2 dollars. Osman voted against it. It’s only in the event the fee can be raised. Fast talk time tomorrow with Matt Smith. She wanted to say thank you to everyone. For their patience’s, love, and encouragement. It was been so rewarding. It wouldn’t have been the same without all of them.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Alexander said since this is the last meeting and he wanted to add this for the record about how great of leaders they all have been this year. It has been one of the more enjoyable years. He knows it was less easy because he couldn’t answer the questions they had but he appreciates their openness and patience. He thanks them all and he will always remember the first board he ever advised.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:57p.m.