

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Facilities and Services Council
Tuesday, February 26, 2013 VU 543**

Present: Hung Le (AS Vice President for Business & Operations); Mary Sanborn (Child Development Center); Shelby Allman (Lakewood); Tilly Chides (VU Support Staff); Megan Whiteside (OC); Joseph Levy; Spencer Peterson
Absent: Dulcinea Rattet (Recycle Center)
Advisor: Jim Schuster (Director of VU Facilities); Greg McBride (Assist. Dir. VU Facilities);
Secretary: Madeline Espeseth
Guest: Patricia Ashby, Fred Collins

MOTIONS

MC-12-W-2 Approve the minutes of January 29th and February 12th. *Passed*

The meeting was called to order by Hung Le, Chair at 4:05pm

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MO TION FS-13- W -2 by Levy
Approve the minutes of January 29th and February 12th
Second: Ariel Vote: 6-0-0 Action:

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Child Development Center

Patricia Ashby explained that Washington State has been making changes to child care centers in regards to the qualifications of the teachers in the classroom. Very few of the students who work in the CDC meet the requirements, so the CDC needs to hire more professional staff, and hire fewer students. The CDC is proposing to hire two part-time and two full-time positions. About 12 student positions will be cut, with about 18 student positions remaining. The CDC will, as well, still support volunteers, Interns and Practicum student and various student projects. The AS currently gives \$87,000 to the CDC, which offsets the cost for student parents' child care fees. Ashby compared the CDC to other childcare programs at other Washington State universities. Other universities do not support Education students the same way Western does, but the schools Associated Students fund more of the program. The total additional cost will be around a \$49,000 increase to hire the new teachers. If that came purely from the parents it would raise the cost about \$300 per quarter for full time care for both students and non-students. This would make the CDC one of the more expensive childcare centers in Bellingham. Ashby has not talked to parents about this yet. Allman asked if the education department provided any subsidies. Ashby said support comes in the form of the education faculty who assist the CDC in other way. Ashby said that she agrees with the changes that are being made, but the cost has to be subsidized because parents cannot afford quality childcare and higher education. The Early Child Development Center is making available training to help student employees meet licensing requirements so they can continue to work in the CDC. It is a 20 hour online course that costs about \$100, which is subsidized by the state Department

of Early Learning. Le asked about the wait list that the CDC has. Ashby said that sometimes there are waitlists for the 2 year olds for faculty/staff, but all students' needs are being met.

B. Raft Request

This council is in charge of a Repair and Replacement fund, which is a fund that is set aside to repair or replace AS equipment. Collins said that the Outdoor Center has some rafts that need to be replaced because they are no longer functioning well. Collins said the rafts are used for excursion, as training elements for trip leaders, and as a way to keep trip leaders prepared. Collins said that rafting through the Outdoor Center is an inexpensive and quality. The total cost would be \$8,400. The account starts off at about \$24,000, and there were some funds passed over the summer. Collins said that the rafts are made out of polypropylene; it is pliable and strong. One raft is already unusable, and the second one is on its last leg and will become unsafe to use in the near future.

VII. MEMBER REPORTS

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:35p.m.

Minutes approved by Hung Le, Chair, 6-13-13.