

# Western Washington University Associated Students

## Facilities and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

VU543

- Present:** Morgan Burke, Jason Davis, Morgan Ambrose, Cristina Rodriguez, Sarah Carlson, Dallas Roberts
- Absent:** Oscar Aguirre, Tim McEuen
- Advisor:** Jim Schuster, Greg McBride
- Secretary:** Max Zentner
- Guest(s):**

### Motions:

**FSC 14-S-1** Approval of the minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. **Passes.**

**FSC 14-S-2** Suspend the rules of operation. **Passes.**

**FSC 14-S-3** Recommend the Child Development Center Fee Increase Proposal to the AS Board of Directors. **Passes.**

*The meeting was called to order by Morgan Burke, Chair at 4:15 pm*

### I. Approve Minutes

*Motion FSC 14-S-1 by Davis*

Approval of the minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Second: Rodriguez Vote: 5-0-1 Passes.

### II. Introductions

a. Members introduced themselves as there are new members this meeting.

### III. Info Item: Child Development Center Rate Increase

a. Jim Schuster stated that each year there has been a financial crisis with the Child Development Center (CDC). He hopes to address this. They found that the funding was not sufficient because state law mandated additional hires without compensating for the expenses. They are proposing a 9.5% increase in tuition cost for the parents of the children who attend. They need to bring in \$31,000 to come out of the black next year. The University and the Associated Students can't provide any more funds, which is why the tuition increase is being proposed. Morgan Burke stated that this proposal will move from this committee with a recommendation to the AS Board of Directors, and then to the Board of Trustees. Dallas Roberts asked how many students the CDC services. Schuster stated that there are about 26 students served through the CDC. Roberts asked if Schuster is worried that with this tuition increase they will see a drop in enrollment. He added that this may push out low-income students. Awarding more financial aid and scholarships could solve that issue. Jason Davis asked Morgan Ambrose how this could impact the children and their parents. Ambrose stated that there are

already specific cases of parents would could not afford the CDC, however, there is an existing list of parents who would like to have their child attend, which would easily replace those who could not afford to attend any longer. Schuster stated that the list is typically non-students. The maximum capacity of the CDC is 56 children. Schuster added that each classroom has to have a lead and an assistant teacher. Students can take a course to work in the classroom as well. Roberts asked why they chose a flat rate increase. Schuster stated that it seemed the most fair.

*Motion FSC 14-S-2 by Davis*

Suspend the rules of operation.

Second: Roberts      Vote: 6-0-0      Passes

*Motion FSC 14-S-3 by Davis*

Recommend the Child Development Center Fee Increase Proposal to the AS Board of Directors.

Second: Carlson      Vote: 6-0-0      Passes

**IV. Info Item: Viqueen Lodge**

- a. Jim Schuster gave background information on the Viqueen Lodge. He took on the responsibilities of managing the lodge around 1978/79. He stated that the lodge is highly sought after by students and faculty alike. They have recently drilled a well to make the facilities more accessible year round. They also got money from VU facilities, the University, and the AS for the well. They have now put in showers and the ability to heat the water. They are looking into composting toilets. A few years ago the AS created a vision statement for the Viqueen Lodge. The focus is sustainability. The AS doesn't have the ability to bond the facilities, but the Viking Union does. Schuster is proposing the responsibilities are handed over to VU facilities so more income can be generated through bonding. Schuster has been managing, and would like to take over administering.

**V. Office Updates**

- a. **Carlson:** Things are running smoothly with distribution. It is busy as usual. Banners have been falling down recently, which is an unusual occurrence. Carlson believes it is from weather, but there is the potential that students are responsible.
- b. **Davis:** It is AS hiring, which means extra work. The excursions have been filling up. The next excursion is a kayak trip to Lummi Island.
- c. **Rodriguez:** Disability Awareness week is being planned. May 7<sup>th</sup> will be a campus accessibility forum to address the issues surrounding with accessibility on campus.
- d. **Ambrose:** The kids are extra excited during the springtime. They have been doing a gardening unit the past few weeks. The kids have been learning about the plants and roots. They also just did a project around the Fairhaven pond that focused on perspective. On Earth Day, they went around picking up litter.

- e. **Schuster:** The big news is the well for Schuster. They will commission the well next week. He continues to fight metaphorical fires. Hiring is also a focus for Schuster at this point in time.
- f. **Roberts:** The quarter is in full swing for Roberts. He has enjoyed seeing the activities in the Spring.
- g. **McBride:** A new event services manager is being hired currently. The Facilities Development fund closed a week ago and got three proposals, all of which were from VU Staff. The CDC, Finance Office, and Ethnic Student Center are requesting funds. McBride wants to ensure the money spent will be a good use of student fees.
- h. **Burke:** Burke is busy as usual. The Board is looking at org sync and hiring in particular. She is loving life.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm*