



# AS Structural Review Committee

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

2:30pm

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**Members:** *Present:* Hannah Brock (AS VP for Business and Operations, Chair); Mason Hawk (Student-At-Large); Kevin Recto (Residence Hall Association Representative); Emma Palumbo (AS VP for Student Life); Daniel Edgel (Student-At-Large); Hannah van Amen (Student-At-Large); Bill Martin (Student-At-Large)

*Absent:* Jordan Walley (Athletics Representative); Patrick Eckroth (AS VP for Governmental Affairs, Vice Chair)

**Advisors:** Lisa Rosenberg (Assistant Director for Student Activities); Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Viking Union, Lacilitator); Casey Hayden (Coordinator of Student Activities)

**Secretary:** Octavia Schultz (AS Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

**Guests:**

**Motions:** No motions were made.

*Brock called the meeting to order at 2:38pm.*

## I. Discussion Item

### a. Stakeholder Survey

Brock stated the average was 4.65 for the question “How familiar are you with the AS?” She noted the results showed that students were most familiar with clubs, AS events, the Outdoor Center, and AS Productions. Alexander noted that only 50% of students were familiar with the governance part of the AS. Brock stated there were over 180 responses to the survey. She asked the members if they felt that was enough responses to close the survey. The members agreed to leave it open longer. Brock stated there had been a few problematic responses. She noted most students felt it was important to have a Senate. Palumbo pointed out that the most popular response for the makeup of the potential Senate was academic departments. Edgel noted the responses were close for each option. There was discussion about the hybrid/other options suggested. Hayden pointed out some of the responses showed that many students were out of touch with the democratic process and were willing to give up their individual power for ease of process. Brock noted the responses showed that the committee was in line with the majority of students regarding the rolls of the senate. There was discussion about representation for satellite campuses. Palumbo pointed out that many students were familiar with AS programs but were unaware of what the AS did as a governing body. Hayden pointed out that even after a restructure, there needed to be a system in place to provide information to students about the decisions made by the student government. Edgel stated he liked that in the University of Wisconsin’s model Senators were required to hold Town Halls with their constituent groups at least once per semester. Alexander pointed out that it was important to consider non-traditional and graduate students when considering representation models. There was discussion about the stewardship of student dollars and how to best use them. Hawk noted it was important to create a Senate but be mindful of bureaucracy. Martin suggested a flow chart that clearly laid out the structure and

pieces of the organization. Edgel suggested an option for student input submission on the AS website and keeping a current and updated list of committees and task forces. Martin noted that Senators would have had direct constituent groups and that would have facilitated more clear communication to students. Hawk suggested having a more accessible way for students to view AS Board decisions than the meeting minutes. There was a discussion about the relationship between transparency and accessibility. Brock asked for suggestions about how the committee could have moved forward.

## **II. Adjourn**

*Brock adjourned the Meeting at 3:26 pm.*