

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Stephanie Cheng (President), Alex LaVallee (VP Activities), Erick Yanzon (VP Academic Affairs), Mary Moeller (VP for Business and Operations), Bryce Hammer (VP Governmental Affairs), and Wayne Rocque (VP for Student Life).

Guest(s):

Advisor: Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement and the Director of the Viking Union Facilities)

MOTIONS

ASB-16-F-45 Approval of the AS WWU Legislative Agenda for 2016. *Passed.*

ASB-16-F-46 Approval of the Resolution for Wind Power with Edits. *Passed.*

ASB-16-F-47 Approval of the Resource and Outreach Programs Task Force Charge and Charter. *Passed.*

ASB-16-F-48 Approval of All Consent Items. *Passed.*

Stephanie Cheng, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:40p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Hammer said that she needed to move the WWU Legislative Agenda from action guest to action item for the board. Also got rid of the Action Item under board B which is because the student employee group is being asked to hold off on how they are going to implement the new minimum wage until the president and the vice presidents have been able to have the conversation about how they want it to be implemented. The actual implementation will be before January 15th 2017 which is the end of the official pay period.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS- GUESTS*

IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. ASWWU Legislative Agenda

Hammer said that the past few meetings the larger proposals have been shown from Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) but that we also have to think about the agendas that we physically

hand to the legislatures which require trimming so that they all fit on one page. She said that she wrote the summaries over break and then sent them to Nora Selander, the AS Legislative Liaison to look at. Then Selander was doing the formatting for the actual agenda and in that process decided that Hammer had made them a little too long. She then showed the new trimmed down version. She then showed three proposals total, tuition and revenue, support and success and representation. They were all trimmed down and she showed which parts of initial agenda would be given to the state legislatures. She asked if there were any more questions and there were none. She then talked about the letter which is sent every year to the legislators with the agenda explaining why they are proposing the things that they are. She said that she just tweaked the format that they have been using the past couple years to make it match the personality of the current Board. She asked for the board to look over the letter and asked if anyone had any concerns or problems with it. She then showed a mock of what the agenda will look like.

MOTION: ASB-16-F-45 by Moeller

Approval of the AS WWU Legislative Agenda for 2016.

Second: Hammer. Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed.

B. AS Wind Energy Resolution

Trisha said that her corrections were just deletions of things that the board thought were unnecessary. She explained why she made the edits that she did and what they were. She said she deleted most explanatory information about global warming and wind energy. She described the three resolves for the university, for folks that are most effected by climate change and recommended that Sustainable Action Fund (SAF) switch their focus from next era to PRE. Rocque asked whether we had to take the things that were moved today off of the agenda. Hammer said that she remembered last week mentioning taking some things out, but that she didn't feel like they were. She wanted the first three things to be taken out because they were explaining what the AS does, which she didn't think was necessary. Hammer said that she thought that the second and the third points say Western Washington's mission and she wasn't sure if we had the authority to do that. Cervantes said that they just have to make the edits right now and then approve it. Houck said that she would be making the edits. Cheng said that for the last resolve they are going to change the words highly recommend to support. Cheng asked if there were any further questions or comments. Yanzon said that he wanted to see the 2010 climate action plan. Houck suggested that the students put it as a whereas or delete it. Hammer suggested that the be it resolved be put as a whereas.

MOTION: ASB-16-F-46 by Hammer for

Approval of the Wind Power Resolution with Edits.

Second: Rocque Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed.

B. A. Disability Outreach Center (DOC) Assessment

Moeller said that the analysis found that particularly with external threats, accessibility to the office was not approachable. She also noted that it wants a stable budget. Hammer asked her to explain the history of the DOC. Alexander explained that a few years ago there were some recommendations for moving funding away from offices who weren't fully utilizing them. Cervantes said that she didn't remember if there were any budget cuts for the DOC last year, she remembered it being one of the smallest budgets in the ROP. The question was whether or not they were not doing the events because there wasn't enough funding or if they stopped doing events because there weren't any that they wanted to do. Rocque said that traditionally money was always underspent. Moeller said that she wanted to hear more about the context

about how it was created by a student. Cervantes explained that the student still goes to most of the DOC events and sometimes comes to visit, but she couldn't remember the details. Moeller asked if there were any other questions. Yanzon asked how it was going to effect the ROP task force. LaVallee said to add, Annika came to Activities Council (AC) to request money for the fund and she was trying to get \$20,000 but the council did not have the ability to spend a third of the Large Event Opportunity Fund on her proposal. She has wanted to bring a bus to campus that would come during advocacy week to spread disability awareness. Hammer said that last year the Large Event Opportunity fund had a rush of requests from the Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP) all at the same time, but that it almost made it seem like they had to compete for the money.

D. Resource and Outreach Programs Task Force

Cervantes said that it was the ROP task force and that nothing had changed since it was seen last week. She asked if anyone has any questions. She said that she is going to take it back after the ROP looks at it and makes any edits or suggestions.

MOTION: ASB-16-F-47 by Hammer for
Approval of the Resource and Outreach Programs Task Force Charge and Charter.
Second: Moeller Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Committee Appointments

Academic Honesty Board

Grace Johnson Junior Kinesiology

AS Transportation Advisory Committee

Joelle Dela Cruz Junior Communication Sciences and Disorders

MOTION: ASB-16-F-48 by Hammer for
Approval of All Consent Items.
Second: Cervantes Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed.

X. BOARD REPORTS

Stephanie Cheng, AS President reported nothing.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Academic Affairs reported that University Planning and Resource Council (UPRC) approved the people for the staff person. He listed all of the people that were appointed. He said that they are still looking for a community member to be appointed to the committee. He said that Faculty Senate approved an action item to Sabah to make WWU a sanctuary university. Yanzon said that he is currently working with a few students and faculty about making a new college by taking American studies, woman and culture studies and gender studies. He said that right now it is a dream that there will be a new college but that they are focusing on just getting more support for the current programs.

Bryce Hammer, VP for Governmental Affairs reported that she finished the legislative agenda and in Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) tomorrow they're talking about. She said that they are going to be taking a look at structural revue for the boards individual positions. Hammer said that Washington Student Association (WSA) will be meeting the week after finals.

Mary Moeller, VP for Business and Operations reported that the budgets are still not in on time.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity reported that they had president's council, working around the ESC lobby day and the multicultural package and that she wanted to meet up with Hammer. She said that they did building unity and that they are going to have an event that will be thrown by all of the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) clubs, she said that one person offered to do the planning.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities reported that we have the new clubs intersect tech, which examines the intersection of technology and morality, permit core, which all about informed permit culture design, or next level gardening, and the league of political economy for the majors of philosophy, political science and economics Departmentally Related Activities Council (DRAC). He then reported that he is almost sure that he almost has a student for the student enhancement fund.

Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life reported that the wind power project came hastily and that the biggest hurdle is to transfer renewable energy credit from their current place to PSC. He said that they are going to stick with PSC until they are notified that there is place within the wind energy program for western to join and that if all goes to plan then they will have 4 megawatts of energy and that all of the Westerns and energy and electricity needs will come from Western.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Cheng said that we can submit a report to the foundation board and the board of trustees. Moeller said that they will be talking about the legislative agenda. LaValle asked if they would want to say anything about campus climate after the election results. LaVallee said that it seemed like a good opportunity for them to come together and that he would be down to compile the information if everyone sent them a statement. It was suggested that they talk about the protests had happened, the letter the blue group drafted and then how students are feeling and what the board would like them to know based on what has been said in previous meetings. Hammer said that she agrees that it needs to be addressed but she doesn't know how they would go about it because she doesn't know how to give the report while remaining within the boundaries that they need to remain in. LaVallee said that it would be about presenting the views that had presented to them by the students. Cervantes said she keeps getting emails and hearing things from students, but that that she doesn't know what the future stance of the students are. She believes that that would be a discussion that would be need to be had before it was taken to faculty. LaVallee asked how they would feel about presenting emails that students had sent and whether or not that would be something that students would benefit from having. Alexander said that one thought is that something the AS can do is offer a collective look at what has been happening with students recently, giving an idea about what the climate is like. She said that to run for the board you have to have a 2.0 GPA. Alexander said that the trend of when students are in leadership positions grades often do not go up, which is a reason

that they are doing structural review. He said that the current GPA for somebody to run for office is currently the same as somebody who is academically ineligible. He suggested that it makes more sense for the initially GPA to be put as a 2.5 so that if there was a slip it wouldn't be catastrophic. He said that some students have come in under a 2.0 but because it was looking like their grades would raise they were given a chance. He wants there to be policy of students taking academic grades first. Moeller said that they need to consider that GPAs will give people who have been historically in power and any raise of GPA would only give it more power than it had. Rocque said that the issue with them not raising the GPA to at least a 2.25 would not change anything because if they end up being disqualified would not change. Hammer said that telling people that it's acceptable for people to have a 2.0 and that it is okay to have a lower GPA is not the vibe she wants the institution to give off. Cheng said that she is curious about what other positions require because she remembers a GPA requirement in student services being 2.5. Alexander said that there is a sense of urgency because over break they need to get things done. Houck said that in preparation for the next elections they need to be looking to see if they can make changes sooner rather than later because the information is due by then end of January. The members said that they would like to make changes to their job descriptions.

Stephanie Cheng, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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