



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Structural Review Committee

Thursday, February 16th, 2017

8:00 AM YU 462 A

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (AS VP for Governmental Affairs), Aleyda Cervantes (ASVP for Student Diversity), Mary Moeller (ASVP for Business and Operations), Hannah Van Amen (Student at Large), and Bill Martin (Student at Large).*

Absent: Griffin Crisp (Student at Large), Casey Hayden (Program Advisor), Lisa Rosenberg, and Emma J Opsal (Assessment Coordinator).

Advisor:

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests:

Bryce Hammer called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Student Life:** Wayne discussed the ways that he sees the position evolving this year and where it ought to go in the new structure. He thinks that the extent of the position is too large to remain the way it is, or extend, and still only be one member. Some portion of his position should be eliminated or transferred, some of the committees that he serves on are not really relevant to other parts of his position. Bryce and Wayne discussed creating a VP for Sustainability and a VP for Student Life. Eric said that it might make sense to have the SAF fall into the realm of the ESP, and have a lot of the sustainability and transportation items be there or in the role of the senator. Wayne said that the SAF really should go through an elected position, just because of how much student power and funds go through it. Bryce asked if there would be enough for a VP for Sustainability to do on years without WTA renegotiations, and he said that the limit on what VP for Student Life does has more to do with the way that the VP allocates time and that if there was more available the position could very easily expand to fill it. He thinks that having more time would mean being able to be more involved with the residents of Bellingham/Whatcom which is deeply beneficial. Eric talked about having a proxy for the VP for Student Life to attend and report about the SAF or other committees. Wayne said that this would create a lot of problems that the committee is trying to fix with the position currently. Mary Moeller voiced support for the two VP solution and said that having an odd number of Board Members would be a cool benefit to that. Bill asked how much work the committees are, Wayne and Bryce talked about the work load and potential for the SAF involvement, particularly as the role of SAF changes.

The committee decided to look at Splitting the VP for Student Life position into two separate VPs.

Wayne added that he would like there to be outreach a part of the new positions under the new structure, particularly in regard to environmental work. Bryce said that she could divvy up the job descriptions for the two positions into the Sustainability and Student Life stuff,

- b. **AS President:** Mary said that since they do a lot of response to emergency situations so helping them learn to work with the VPs. Eric mentioned that the president typically doesn't have an outlined role and so they often can be a little ameless or based in PR more than advocacy. He would like to ask Stephanie next week what she thinks her job should do and if it should be more focused. There is a potential in the existing model to step on the toes of the VPs, particularly given the focus on the Presidential campaign goals as all encompassing.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 am.