



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Structural Review Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2017 8:00 AM VU 462 A

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Aleyda Cervantes (ASVP for Student Diversity), Mary Moeller (ASVP for Business and Operations), Hannah Van Amen (Student at Large), Bill Martin (Student at Large), Griffin Crisp (Student at Large), Lisa Rosenburg, Casey Hayden (Program Advisor), and Emma J Opsal (AS Assessment Coordinator).*

Absent:

Advisor:

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests: Alex LaVallee came in place of Aleyda Cervantes, Stephanie Cheng came in place of Mary Moeller

Motions:

SRC-17-W-2 Approval of minutes from January 10th and 17th and February 2nd and 16th

Bryce Hammer called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUETS

MOTION: SRC-17-W-2 by Opsal

Approval of the minutes from January 10th and 17th and February 2nd and 16th.

Second: Martin

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passes

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Board Member Positions

i. **AS President:** Stephanie said the change she expects is possibly interaction with the WSA. Emma asked how nominations are going to work for the President in the new structure, if there was some kind of committee that the President wanted to be on, would there a block for self-nomination. Bryce said that the committee nominations would still be approved by the Board, this has worked in the current model and extends to Bas as well.

b. **Constitution Draft:** Bryce created a draft of the Constitution with Eric and Casey. She gave the committee a couple minutes to read the draft. They then began discussion of the Senate composition, particularly the representation of

minor studies, which will not be counted, and the representation of undeclared students, who will be given 2 senators based on current numbers but those numbers will shift as the referendum goes forward.

Bryce opened her google doc to make edits. Alex asked what the senate would vote on and if they would have enough senators to cover all the committees that the senate would be sitting on. On the section about Centralized Services none of the branches will have more power, and all of them will have a voting members on the committee. It won't be a governing body, merely a way to serve/allocate resources to the various branches, like personnel committee Hanna said that it would operate as a check and balance of sorts, including the Budget Committee, Communications, and Personnel.

The Productions council would be in the ASWWU Program Council as would direction of the Viking Union and other Facilities and Services offered by the AS of Western. This would involve the day to day management of the building and its upkeep. The break-down for who is paying fees showed that all students pay fees, the amount is just lower for less credits. The ASWWU executive Branch is the Board plus all of their staff whereas the ASWWU Executive Board is the actual governing Body. Bryce asked how we should refer to those two groups in the legal document, Alex asked where the Multicultural Center would fall in the new structure, Bryce said that depends on what happens in the next couple years. Bryce added to the 2.2 section to clarify that the Executive Board would direct the whole of the Executive Branch. She said she didn't include who the Board members would be because she didn't want to nail future Boards to the current composition, but she did want to outline how they could add new positions or remove old ones. Bill and Hannah agreed and they added a section about how to do that. Bryce said that they had settled on five Executive Board members, AS President, VP for Gov, VP for Sustainability, VP for Diversity, and VP for Student Services. Eric becomes student senate president and Alex becomes the program council. Alex asked if there was any detailing about how executive will interact with other branches, Bryce showed him that there are a couple points that outline the interaction between Exec and Senate. Ex Officio power by the Senate President is a good idea but it might be something that are made in the bylaws, which we will draft next year. Bill said that the Senate failed because it didn't have any power before and this might recreate the problem. Bryce responded that having the clear divide with advocacy under the Executive Branch means they are more likely to have a clearly defined role, giving them long term guaranteed power. They would also have at least 2 seats on TAC and there are no Board member votes in the senate, no Senator votes on the Board, the Senate President would come to most, if not all, board meetings. Chair doesn't count toward any specific college representation, the whole student body would vote for the Sen Pres and Activities Director.

Bill and Hannah left at 8:50

The role currently filled by Mary Moeller would be divided amongst the Branches, and there will be professional staff supervision for all of them. There may be a finance director who works with the AS finance process, but that

person will not be elected. The current Facilities and Services committee is charged with policies that control the VU so having Program Council do it in the new structure would make sense and isn't a real shift in goals. The Chair of this Council is the Activities Director, which is a name that everyone wants to change. Emma suggested the title Student Director for Activities, Eric suggested Activities Chair, Alex suggested Program Council Chair or Executive director or the much cooler SuperDirector. The position would supervise the meetings of the council and go to Board Meetings. The committee decided to kick the can down the road and just not include a job title in the Constitution. They are also responsible for chairing Activities Council but we don't know if AC will exist so that will be decided in the drafting of the bylaws later in the process of restructure.

Lisa and Casey entered at 9:08 am.

The Committee edited the description of the Vice Chair to better describe the job that would work that position, they decided to describe it as the person is hired as the coordinator who is hired for the coordinator for diversity and inclusion efforts. As discussion of what job titles to put in the constitution continued, the committee eventually agreed that having the makeup of a Branch be unchangeable without student input is probably for the best. Casey asked if we knew what the Board make-up would be yet, or if we would know in the next couple weeks. Bryce told him the make-up. The SuperDirector of Program Council would sit on those meetings but would not be a voting member, Bryce said that she didn't think that would be a problem because the program council will be bigger and more representative than the Executive Board. Alex asked how the budget process works and Bryce explained the Budget Committee process works, with representatives from each branch taking place in Central Service. There could also be an appeals Board outside of Central Services and on Casey's request it was included in Centralized Services, for personnel and not for budget. Eric asked about the name for the Program Council and the inclusion of the VU, the Childcare Center, Viqueen, and the Recycle Center are all pretty much their own thing now. Eventually the advisors all agreed in support of Bryce's proposed Program Council, it will be a challenge to advise but ultimately the power it has in the draft is the best way to empower students.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 9:47 am.