



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Structural Review Committee

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2017 3:00 PM VU567

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Mary Moeller (AS VP for Business and Operations), Hannah Van Amen (Student at Large), Bill Martin (Student at Large), Griffin Crisp (Student at Large), and Emma J Opsal (AS Assessment Coordinator).*

Absent: Aleyda Cervantes (ASVP for Student Diversity), Lisa Rosenberg, and Casey Hayden (Program Advisor).

Advisor:

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests:

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Constitution:** There was a continued discussion of what to call the Board dealing with programs, facilities, and management (the artist formerly known as the programming council). The Students at large supported calling it the Student Union Board. The Senate authorities were not changed and Eric and Bryce discussed whether the Chair should count toward the senate number from a given college, the end decision was that they shouldn't, but if the election process was too difficult for students to navigate, that could be changed. During the last meeting Bill had asked that we list the executive board members, Bryce had asked the committee if that ties us to specific positions too much. The question is if we have to change a Board Member position, do we need to go to the students through a vote, so that a single board can't change the structure drastically. The committee seemed to agree that changing a name of a Board member wasn't a big deal, but it does happen pretty often. Eric said that the trouble there is that it takes a year to change things, Bill said that we should have the Senate approve a change to by-laws or send it to a vote, and have the executive do the same for the senate. Bryce said that it was decision dependent, small changes should be quick and big changes should take a year. Eric suggested just saying that a thing should happen immediately within the wording of the referendum. Mary said that we didn't need to list the Board Members, because we list the duties that the Board performs, Bryce said that there isn't a limit on the number of Board Members which she finds mildly troubling but that could be specified in the Bylaws instead of the constitution. Bryce proposed specifying that make-up will be specified in the bylaws, which

creates some fluidity for them while still having bylaw changes approved by students. The committee agreed on that resolution of the issue.

Bryce brought up the issue of differentiating between the AS Executive Branch and the AS Executive Board, because they have very different powers. The compromise that the committee had come to was referring in the constitution to the AS Executive and then specifying the powers of the Executive Board. Eric suggested specifying that the Board be made up of a President and supporting vice presidents. Bryce and Eric worked for a period of time on how the specificity of language was worded. Bill and other members of committee voiced approval of the end product. Hannah suggested specifying the number of VPs, the committee after discussion decided that wasn't necessary to do in the constitution if there would be still be student vote on the bylaws.

On the question of who votes in elections, there was some discussion of who is or is not a student at western, before Eric suggested just asking the University's Attorney General, which Bryce will do later today.

The committee then discussed the Conditions Under Which the changes are implemented.

- It is implemented by fall 2018
- Permanent bylaws are submitted to students for approval by spring 2019
- Structure will be reviewed by spring 2022.
- This constitution would supersede previous AS governing Documents
- Upon student approval the WWU Board of Trustees will ratify the new constitution.

Bryce will take the finished document to the Admin and Board in the next couple weeks and will get feedback from them,

- b. **Next quarter stuff:** Bryce said since we have made so much progress this quarter there doesn't need to be a meeting dead week or finals week, the entire committee agreed with her, as long as tomorrow goes well. Next quarter the above will get put to a vote and we will be focusing on the bylaws as well as the Student Union Board role outline and integrating the folks for next year.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 8:43 am.