



## Western Washington University Associated Students

# AS Structural Review Committee

Friday, April 14th 2017

9:00 AM YU 567

**Members:** *Present: Bryce Hammer (AS VP for Governmental Affairs), Wayne Roque (AS VP for Student Life) in place of: 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). Absent: Emma J Opsal (AS Assessment Coordinator)*

**Advisor:** Lisa Rosenberg (Assistant Director for Student Activities); Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Students and director of the Viking Union); Casey Hayden (coordinator of Student Activities)

**Secretary:** Cora Cole (Board Assistant for Representation Committees)

**Guests:**

*Bryce Hammer called the meeting to order at 9:11*

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUETS

Nobody read them so we'll do that next week.

### II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **The Name of the Referendum:** AS WWU restructure or AS WWU Constitution, Mary said we should do the second, Bryce said we should do the first because students don't know that we don't *technically* have a constitution. Eric said we could combine them into Proposed AS restructure and AS WWU Constitution. Bill asked if we could say new constitution and Eric reminded him that it isn't a new constitution, it would be our first. He then asked about the bylaws and Bryce explained that the AS was founded in the 1930s and there wasn't any laws written down for a considerable period of time.
- b. **AS Bylaws Brainstorming:** Eric said that Boise State University AS has really strong bylaws so we could steal some shit from them. Things we need to include are elections information, including special elections, initiatives, and recall provisions. Mary suggested that Board Members fall under employment policy and that should be specified. Bryce said that not having that is good because the Board is frequently a nuisance to the university. Lisa said we can have board members recalled if they fail to do work, Mary said that having the Board and Senate put marks on a members record would create a middle ground, Bryce said that the Board of Appeals could probably also fill the function or work with the Board and Senate to make those sort of complaints. Eric and Bryce agreed that the Centralized Services are going to need some kind of bylaws/operating procedures particularly a budget policy. Currently the meeting regulations have a way for the whole AS membership to meet and that

doesn't happen because the full AS membership is 170 people, this regulation exists because of the AS Non-Profit. Lisa said that vacancies currently have a chain of succession where if the President is absent, the VP for Business and Operations takes over and then the VP for Diversity. If a VP steps down, the Business and Operations and Diversity positions require a special election but the other board positions can be filled by application and hiring by the board. Bryce asked what the order of succession should look like in the next order, Mary said the VP for Diversity could take over since there won't be a VP for Business and Operations anymore, Bryce said Aleyda has voiced confusion about why she is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in line, Wayne said that it shouldn't be required to take over because board members frequently prefer/need to fill their positions first, the Board members agreed. Bryce said that none of the VPs worked closely together with the President. Eric suggested we talk about succession later, Bryce said that who should take over depends on the board. Hannah pointed out that we also need succession for the Senate, because the same rules apply. Mary asked if we can have elected officials run for office, Lisa said that we do have that with jobs and also, Mary is doing that right now. Mary said that we could look at alternates, Bryce said that this creates a problem with both electoral issues and positions that run unopposed. Bryce and Mary agreed that there will be a lot of infighting for the Board selections. Mary pointed out that the board selecting VPs could be pretty Questionable. Wayne said that the absence of a VP would be much more troublesome for the board than if the president quit, particularly at certain times of the year. Mary agreed and Lisa said that having a new election takes a long time, and having the position empty was a nightmare. Wayne said that there should be a 2 week period before someone leaves the position, Bryce said if it happens after the elections, we could just have the VP elect do it. She pointed out that we also don't know when the VP for sustainability will be the busiest. Lisa said we are all going to be a little lost the first year with the new structure and we will more then. Mary asked about composition of the committee for next year and Bryce said it would be the VP for Governmental Affairs, the VP for Activities, and the VP for Academics and they don't know that it will be part of their jobs. Also the VP for Academics is gonna have to be talking with the Elections Coordinator a lot in order to kill them both with setting up the technicality of the Senate elections.

Lisa added that we need to have the membership of the program council outlined. Bryce asked if we could make meetings this quarter one hour instead of two, nobody objected. Lor succession, there needs to be someone who fills in for the VPs or President when they can't be there for a week, Bryce added that they get along Uncommonly well as a Board and that there should probably be an outline for that instance.

***Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am***