

Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2017 VU567

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-17-S-1** Approval of the child development center fee increase proposal. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-2** Approval of the salary determination policy. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-3** Approval of the scent free zone signs. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-4** Approval of the approval of all committee appointments. *Passed.*

Stephanie Cheng, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Integrating Assessment

The board decided to remove this from the agenda.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Communication Office Assessment

B. Housing and Dining System Rate Proposal

The Western Washington Housing and Dining System was then talked about. Kurt Willis proposed that they were here to answer any questions that they have. Moeller asked for any details that have been clarified since they last saw it. Willis said that there have been progress in upkeep and the dining program but there has not yet been any closure. He said that they were still moving ahead in the capitol renovation scheme. On the dining services side he said that they are still negotiating the proposal. He said that aside from their contracting reach there have been no other changes. Hammer asked about wage benefits and increases. She asked if student staff would be experiencing the same increase and where it would go towards. Jones said that they were figuring out what they were going to do with the RA's positional stipends. Willis said that the value of the room and meal package would raise as their wages did as well.

Rocque asked if there would be any accommodations for accessibility—he said that he wanted to know how money was being used equitably to serve the students. Jones said that the renovation would not include things like sidewalks but that they were working to provide more accessibility within the buildings. Rocque why they cannot use the same rationale when building the new structure. Jones said that most renovations have been to the buildings themselves, rather than things outside of the building to increase accessibility. Rocque asked if there were any specific recommendations that Sue’s office had made so far. Rocque asked if there was a way that they could have the list of proposed recommendations. Willis said that there is concern for how the state funding side of the program can address accessibility issues. Hammer asked if they could wait until all of the proposed recommendations could be reviewed. Rocque mentioned that there needs to be documentation on auxiliary renovations and the status of gender-neutral facilities going forward. Willis said that they would get what they can.

C. Child Development Center Fee Increase Proposal

Keri Krout, the Child Development Center Manager was asking for approval for a 3% rate increase for students, which would address and take care of the minimum wage increase for those students as well. She said thank you for the financial commitment that the board had made.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-1 by Moeller

Approval of the child development center fee increase proposal.

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

D. AS Salary Determination Policy and Schedule

Moeller said that this issue is regarding minimum wage. Alexander said that the vice presidents were the ones who made the request to wait on the wage increase in the end. Hammer asked if there would be compensation for the time that there was inability to pay the students the money that they did not earn because of the lack of increase. Hammer asked why they could not give the students the money. Cervantes said that she didn’t think it was fair that the president was making more money than the rest of the board members. Hammer asked why the AS salaried employees were not required to track their hours. Alexander said that there would be lows and highs throughout the year and that hopefully it would balance out. Cindy said that the salary determination process is relatively new and that there is a lot of information behind why the salaries are set at the levels that they are set at. Hammer asked where the authority came from in telling that gave the recommendation of the salary policy. Alexander said that as we are all part of the university, the authority extends from the central human resources service. Hammer said that she would like to see it written somewhere that the AS did not have the authority. Moeller said that we should move the budget through for now. Cindy said that she was able to obtain the wages all the way through 2020.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-2 by Hammer

Approve of the salary determination policy.

Second: Cheng. Vote: 6-0-1 Action: **Passed.**

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Scent Free Zone Signs

Hammer asked why they were getting so many signs. Moeller said that the reason was because they are going to be putting the signs on the doors. Cervantes recommended that they do not use faces or bodies at all.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-3 by Hammer
Approve the scent free zone signs.
Second: Cheng. Vote: 6-0-1 Action: *Passed*.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Academic Support Committee Charge and Charter

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

A. Committee Appointments

Committee on Undergraduate Education

Erin Gould

Freshman

Community Health

MOTION: ASB-17-S-4 by Hammer
Approval of all committee appointments.
Second: Cervantes. Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed.

X. BOARD REPORTS

Stephanie Cheng, AS President stated that she needs two students at large for the selection committee. She then asked whether that board member would need to be appointed.

Bryce Hammer, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that the senate and the house had released their budgets. The senate's budget set tuition to increase by 2.2%. They are keeping one level of low-income students from being screwed by screwing another group of students. She said that they are providing funding for a flat increase to state employee salaries. The House wanted to freeze tuition with backfill from the government, serving an additional 6,000 students. No funding for budgeting services. The house and the government were short on that funding. They are also providing funding for high demand degrees, but this is complicated because not all STEM are in high demand. The House will release the capital budget on Monday. There were two bills regarding funding. Moving on to structure review, she will be presenting. They are going to working on bylaws. They are going to be approving language for the constitution within the next few weeks. There was a WS A meeting where they identified challenges that exist within the board. She then listed all of the issues. She said that they focus too much on regional institutions and not enough on research institutions. They want Hammer and whoever takes her position to sign a waiver of financial commitment. They are going to be nominating people for VP and presidential positions on WS A. The conference for WSA needs more funding. Local Lobby day is April 13th. The federal agenda will be coming forth soon. She proposed that there should be a yearly letter that the board writes to the administration on campus. The executive director is stepping down from WSA and they are going to soon take a vote about the new position.

Mary Moeller, VP for Business and Operations said that she met with an accessibility activist on campus and that she is wondering whether there could be a new meeting. Lavelle did an excellent job at representing students at their meetings. Moeller said that at the meeting something that they mentioned were satellite campus's.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity stated that they went in Oregon to look at their multicultural center. She said she is going to do workshops with president's council next Thursday and she wants

to make sure that presidents have an idea of what they all mean. She said that next Wednesday there is an amazing speaker. Cervantes said that there is a white Hindu person doing a talk and that it was cultural appropriation. She said that even though they are moving to a new building there have been complaints and that there need to be a restructure review next year. She said that invisible labors have been a huge part of this university and that it is not enough to have things on paper because, for example, the equity plan has been going on for years and that they have not gotten to the core. She said that she is thinking about changing her job description so that they can transition to what they have been discussing. She thinks that her position should be focused on advocacy rather than just the busy work. She said that there are many things that need to be changed regarding the dinner. She said that right now they are interviewing for Native American professors. She has been receiving aggression towards people of color.

Alex LaVallee, YP for Activities stated that he was wondering if the board thought it was best if the employee at large student positions. Yanzon asked how many spots there were for students. Yanzon asked if the committee was charged by the Associated Students. Cheng asked when the digital media center opened.

Wayne Rocque, YP for Student Life said that there has been little done within the dorms but he's hoping that within the end of the year there will be increased involvement for his position

Erick Yanzon, VP for Academic Affairs stated that Academic Coordinating Commission finished all of their curricular minutes. They are changing the credit hours and there is strategic planning at 4:00 today. Academic Affairs council is going to be meeting this Monday and that there is also going to be a faculty senate meeting in two Mondays. There is going to an event in which all of the Academic Committee Members will get together to talk about what the committees are doing.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie Cheng, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 1:44p.m.