



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Structural Review Committee

Friday, May 12, 2017

9:00 AM VUxx

Members: *Present: Bryce Hammer (ASVP for Governmental Affairs), Alex Lovelle (ASVP for Business and Operations elect), Hannah Van Amen (Student at Large), Bill Martin (Student at Large).*

Absent: Emma J Opsal (AS Assessment Coordinator), Erick Yanzon (ASVP for diversity Elect)

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: **Simmm Chhabra (AS President Elect)**

There was an informal meeting as the committee did not meet quorum.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Standing Committees:** Sabrina was approached by a grad student who had been tasked by the grad program head to make a grad council. We have been in contact with her to work that out but this put Bryce in mind of creating standing committees. Erick Yanzon said we could make clubs for colleges, Simrun said that there are currently departmental clubs and Bryce agreed that we should work with them. The council would be similar to the Grad Student AS at WSU and UW, Bryce questioned the feasibility because there is a smaller Grad student population at WWU. Eric Alexander has a lot of experience with grad students interested in getting involved in the AS so he will get Bryce in contact with some of those folks. Bill said that college committees would make getting in contact with departmental clubs. Simrun suggested that we have the contact information for senators at the major initiation process, the committee agreed. Alex said that we could also have an Orgsync for accountability. Simrun voiced concern with the student body at large knowing how to use Orgsync and said that using email might be easier. Alex talked about the amount of work that senators might be doing in comparison to how much they are getting paid and how badly they want to be there. Bill responded that he sees the role of the senate to be largely an outreach position. Simrun asked who would be the advisor of the Senate and Eric said that we might have a new staff member, or one of the current Board supporting Staff members be reassigned. She followed up by asking if there was anyone who could be pulled into AS advisory and Bryce said that there are people in the faculty senate staff but who

might not prioritize student government over other university interests. For every position you add in full time staff, you add 2 dollars to the student fee, so Eric suggested adding Graduate Teaching Assistants to help with this instead of a full time staff member. Lisa said she doesn't think advising the senate will be a full time student position. She asked if any of the colleges do have a college wide committee, and none of the committee members knew of any.

Hannah Van Amen entered at 9:30

- b. **Timeline for the end of the year:** Bryce advised next year's leadership to do as much as they can over the summer, particularly job descriptions. Alex suggested a rundown of what the committee was like last year and this year and then going forward from there. Bryce said that there are lots of small parts of positions that we need to address, particularly for the S and A fee. Having the standing committees will be very helpful, we haven't gotten there for everyone yet. She encouraged the committee to talk to the Offices about what they think would be helpful, Alex suggested a survey as well as checking in with the Directors and VPs. Eric said that asking about what the advisors have to say would be helpful because they have more than one year's experience of what the offices need. They will also have to do the subject of physical space. Simrun asked if we will be talking about budgeting as well next year, Bryce said that she and Alex should be working on that all summer. The committee will also have to come together again before 2020 to discuss the structure again. We need to have a summer timeline by the end of the year.

Bryce Hammer adjourned the meeting at 9:47 am.