

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

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**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Simrun Chhabra(President), Hunter Eider (VP Academics), Julia Rutledge (VP Activities), Alex LaVallee (VP BusOps), Erick Yanzon (VP Diversity), Ana Ramirez (VP Governmental Affairs), and Annie Gordon (VP Student Life)

**Advisors:** Eric Alexander (Advisor)

**Guests:**

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-17-F-1** Approval of the Queer Experience Targeted Event Proposal. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-2** Approve the Sustainable Action Fund Charge and Charter with Shown Changes. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-3** Approve the Sustainable Action Fund Rules of Operations. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-4** Approve to Allocate \$500 from the Operating and Enhancement Fund (FXXENH) for the 2017-2018 Academic Year to Pay for the Airfare to Send the VP for Student Life to the 2017 RegionalNASPA Conference, in Addition to an Allocated Fund of \$1,000 from the Discretionary grant portion of the AS Reserves for Airfare, Per Diem, and Transportation Fees for the AS VP for Diversity. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-5** Approve the ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-6** Approval of the ESC Presidents Council Charge and Charter. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-7** Approval of the ESC Executive Council Charge and Charter. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-8** Approval to Endorse the HR 1880 College for All Support Bill. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-9** Approve the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee Charge and Charter. *Passed*
- ASB-17-F-10** Approval of the Committee Appointments. *Passed*

***Erick Yanzon, AS VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.***

Alexander LaVallee and Simrun Chhabra late to meeting.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Erick Yanzon tabled the October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting minutes.

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Ana Ramirez said they would like to remove Action Item for the Board A- Redistribution of Unspent Salary Funds to ESC and REP from the agenda. Gordon said that the Alternative Transportation Fee Charge and Charter was incorrectly labeled as an Information Item and should be an Action Item.

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

**A. Queer Experience Targeted Event Proposal**

Yanzon said nothing has changed from when they saw the proposal last.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-1 by Yanzon

Approval of the Queer Experience Targeted Event Proposal.

Second: Gordon Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

**B. AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs Position Description**

TaVallee said that he went through and did a lot of research and crafted a job description which he attached. He justified his reasoning from their By Taws and the AS Charter.

Alexander said that they should clear this with the Attorney General before taking any action to make sure there wouldn't be any legal troubles with this document.

**VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**

**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

**A. Sustainable Action Fund Charge and Charter**

Gordon said they went over this last week and nothing has changed since then. The Personnel Committee has seen this, and the SAF Project Coordinator being allowed to be housed and hired in the Office of Sustainability has been approved.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-2 By Gordon

Approve the Sustainable Action Fund Charge and Charter with Shown Changes.

Second: Rutledge Vote:5-0-0 Action: PASSED

**B. Sustainable Action Fund Rules of Operations**

Gordon said that they were updating the SAF Rules of Operations because they have not been updated in a while and they make the changes that was proposed in the charge and charter. Houck suggested changing the wording slightly from "they *will* be asked to give up their seats" to "they *may* be asked to give up their seat"

MOTION: ASB-17-F-3 by Gordon

Approve the Sustainable Action Fund Rules of Operations

Second: Yanzon Vote: 5-0-0 Action: PASSED

**C. NASPA Regional Conference Proposal**

Gordon said after the last meeting and with further conversations, they thought it would be beneficial to have another Board member attend the conference. The big reason for two, the various conferences that people can attend, this is in the beginning of the year and they have a full two quarters they could bring back the material to implement it. There was a lot of movement last year with Reslife and it feels like making more positive connections will be good. There was a lot of people interested but they decided on Erick Yanzon would be the best fit. The costs for the hotel room would be included with Gordons so there would be some additional costs with flight, per diem, registration and transportations. They put \$1,000 for the request although they don't think they would be using all of it with their estimated calculations. Yanzon said if they don't use the \$ 1,000 it goes back to the reserves.

Gordon said the \$500 will still come from Operating and Enhancement Fund and then the \$1,000 will come from reserves.

Simrun Chhabra entered the meeting at 8:28am

A discussion about whether the Board should be asking for these funds through the Student Enhancement Fund would be more appropriate took place with a decision that, although Board members can access the fund, it wouldn't be for work purposes therefore they want to go forth with their original proposal.

Alex LaVallee entered the meeting at 8:33am

MOTION: ASB-17-F-4 by Gordon

Approve to Allocate \$500 from the Operating and Enhancement Fund (FXXENH) for the 2017-2018 Academic Year to Pay for the Airfare to Send the VP for Student Life to the 2017 Regional NASPA Conference, in Addition to an Allocated Fund of \$1,000 from the Discretionary grant portion of the AS Reserves for Airfare, Per Diem, and Transportation Fees for the AS VP for Diversity”.

Second: Yanzon Vote: 7-0-0 Action: PASSED

**D. Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Charge & Charter**

Yanzon said they are just switching the positions from the ESC Cultural Education Coordinator and Internal Coordinator to the Assistant Coordinator for Club Events

MOTION: ASB-17-F-5 by Yanzon

Approve the ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter.

Second: Eider Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

**E. Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Charge & Charter**

Yanzon said this is just putting the ESC cultural Education Coordinator on this position because it makes more sense.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-6 by Yanzon

Approval of the ESC Presidents Council Charge and Charter

Second: Eider Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

**F. Ethnic Student Center Executive Committee Charge & Charter**

Yanzon said since this is an ongoing process they aren't adding any more students to this committee.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-7 by Yanzon

Approval of the ESC Executive Council Charge and Charter

Second: Eider Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

**G. HR 1880 College for All Support Proposal**

Ramirez said they saw this item before on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. This has no fiscal impacts. Some of the answers to their questions are “the relationship between state colleges and community colleges vary between state to state with regards to financial aid, it would help with those with and without DACA status and financial aid program. They currently do not have any republican co-sponsors on the bill but they are reaching out. This bill does more than make it affordable it creates infrastructure to fix the problems”. This bill is already endorsed by the Washington Student Association.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-8 by Ramirez  
Approval to Endorse the HR 1880 College for All Support Bill.  
Second: Eider Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

**H. Alternative Transportation Fee Charge and Charter**

Gordon said this is just updating the charge and charter to extend designees to the director of public safety and the financial manager for the Alternative Transportation Fee.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-9 by Gordon  
Approve the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee Charge and Charter  
Second: Eider Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

**VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

**A. University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee C&C**

Gordon said the idea is after talking to National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and Residence Hall Association (RHA), she would like to add a voting seat for both of these organizations. Yanzon said is this the semifinal membership because he thought his position may be sitting on this committee? Gordon said where it says designated position, she thought it would be the VP for Diversity. Hayden said they should clarify who the advisor is.

**B. Legislative Affairs Council Charge and Charter**

Ramirez said there is a couple updates to the membership. They updated the AS local Issues Coordinator to the AS Local Liaison. They got rid of the Western Votes! Representative and they added an Environmental and Sustainability Programs Representative. She also wants to update the advisor in this charge and charter too.

**C. Undocumented Student Support Resolution**

Rutledge said this was a brainstorming thing. She wrote this about a month ago when she felt it was something that was needed. Vicky Matey read over it as well. A couple of them discussed this may be needed more reactionary. She doesn't have all the wording quite yet, but she wanted to see what everyone else thought. Gordon wondered if there was an explicit whereas that said the ASWWU is experiencing it right now with a board member, so it feels more real to everyone. Yanzon said he would be more comfortable to pass this resolution because it is centered towards DACA because they already have a resolution for Supporting Undocumented Students. If this resolution could be passed, could the title be changed to address DACA and also should reference the previous resolution. Ramirez suggested the term DACA-mented. Yanzon said he doesn't want to only say DACA students, but talking about how they don't support the rescinding of DACA and to make sure to continue support to undocumented students too. Chhabra said they may want to add a whereas to say they will not report undocumented students. Hayden said it seems more backwards looking, they could talk about things in the future.

**D. Management Council Charge and Charter**

LaVallee said there are a couple changes to the Management Council Charge and Charter. They added a representative for the Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP) and instead of the ROP Director it should say the advisor. They added where the AS Publicity Center Account Executive will be designated from. They also made the AS Assessment

Coordinator to be non-voting for assessment items because Structure and Programs Advisory Council is no longer running and has been taken over by this council.

#### **E. Structural Review Committee Charge and Charter**

Chhabra said she would like to switch the Chair and the Vice Chair position. Alexander said they should only put his title, and not his name on the charge and charter. Yanzon asked who the other facilitator would be? Alexander said it was Casey Hayden and Lisa Rosenberg helping to support this.

#### **F. Gun Control Resources**

Gordon said this is not for any type of action, but it is to be more transparent on Gun Control at Universities. The first part is about WWU, where only police offices are allowed to carry guns. The last paragraph said that each university can make the decision on its own, which describes how WWU can make that decision on their own. She wanted to clarify what the rule was on our campus. That informed her thinking about writing a resolution to talk about this because she first thought it was a strong political stance but it is already in their rules to not carry a gun. She wanted to hear about peoples thoughts on this. They can do more research or they can say they don't feel comfortable with this, either way, she wants to hear everyone's feedback. Alexander said they are updating the WAC related to this to talk more about the requirements. Chhabra said she would like to get more information from different colleges and what they are doing. Gordon said if they decided to move forward, they could word it as "whereas WWU recognizes guns are not allowed on campus but see gun violence on other campuses. Students should be able to come to campus without fear and the AS Board takes a stance on that". Chhabra also feels the same. People should have the right to bear arms, but students need to feel safe. Although she personally if fearful of guns, people do have rights.

### **IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**

#### **A. Committee Appointments**

##### **Legislative Affairs Council**

Greta Merkel	Junior	Psychology
Hannah Sear		

##### **AS Activities Council**

Robert Tolzin	Freshman	Undeclared
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##### **Recreation Center Advisory Committee**

Micah Jones	Freshman	Education
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##### **AS Sustainable Action Fund Committee**

Jordan Lucia	Senior	Financial Economics
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##### **Counselling, Health, and Wellness Services Committee**

Kieran Smith	Sophomore	Political Science
Jodie Rose Howson-Watt	Freshman	Sociology

##### **AS Elections Board**

Jackson Green	Freshman	Economics/Political Science
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##### **Graduate Council**

Samantha Kao	Graduate	Mathematics
Kristina Lapo	Graduate	Geology

**AS Structural Review Committee**

Brandan O'Neil

Junior

PoliticalScience

*MOTIONASB-17-F-10* by Yanzon

Approval of the Committee Appointments.

Second: Gordon

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

**Simrun Chhabra, AS President** reported that they should hold off on Board reports until they go into other business.

**Julia Rutledge, AS VP for Activities** reported that she is trying to find funding for the WIRC for a speaker they are trying to bring. She has been brainstorming ideas on the Board Blog and how that may look. Club kick off happened last Friday and Saturday and it went really well.

**Erick Yanzon, AS VP for Diversity** reported that ESC conference is happening this weekend and the registration is still up. They still have spots for people to attend the conference. The Queer Resource Center is having an event called the closet which is in reference to national coming out day. The undocumented student working group met yesterday and went really well.

**Annie Gordon, AS VP for Student Life** reported that she is moving forward working with student to address making WWU a smoke free campus and she is wrestling with two things. One a person's right to accessible environment, because smoking is an accessible issue because they can't walk through a cloud of smoke. The second issue is that if they are going to be a smoke free campus that includes the residences halls and that's taking away someone's right in their home. They can't smoke in the halls but they can outside. Those are both rights that people have. She is looking to other schools and a lot of schools have done this, a lot of students want to do this, and pretty recently the AS and the student body voted on making WWU a smoke free campus and it passed. She is working with students who feel really strong about it. She will be meeting with Leonard Jones and Steve to improve the Buchanan market to include SNAP benefits.

**Ana Ramirez, AS VP for Governmental Affairs**, reported that Governor Jay Inslee was here yesterday. She has been having conference meetings with Washington Student Association this week. They got two new people to sign up for Legislative Affairs Council which is great.

**Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Business and Operations**, reported that business committee is going to be meeting. They will be asking for the Board's thoughts on the budget deficit they are in.

**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS****A. Position Description for the AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs**

LaVallee said this will be discussed in Executive Session because it is a personnel matter related to the VP for Governmental Affairs position and they will be out of executive session in 15 minutes. Came out of executive session at 9:56 am.

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:07 a.m.*