

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday October 19th 2017 OM 340

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)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s):

MOTIONS

- ASB-17-F-11** Approval of the Publicity Center Project Manager Job Descriptions. ***Passed***
- ASB-17-F-12** Approval of University Housing and Representation and Advocacy Committee Charge and Charter with the Additional Changes to Include NRHH and RHA to be voting members and the Advisor to be the Coordinator of Student Activities. ***Passed***
- ASB-17-F-13** Approval of the Undocumented Student Support Resolution. ***Passed***
- ASB-17-F-14** Approval of the Structural Review Committee Charge and Charter. ***Passed***
- ASB-17-F-15** Approval of the Committee Appointments. ***Passed***

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.nt

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

A. Publicity Center Project Manager Job Description

LaVallee said this is a name change for the positions because as their previous title, account executives, it was confusing on their role and project managers is a better representative of what they are doing.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-11 by LaVallee

Approval of the Publicity Center Project Manager Job Descriptions.

Second: Rutledge Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee Charge and Charter

Gordon said this is from the last meeting. She brought it back for approval. She really appreciated the feedback she got last week.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-12 by Gordon

Approval of University Housing and Representation and Advocacy Committee Charge and Charter with the Additional Changes to Include NRHH and RHA to be voting members and the Advisor to be the Coordinator of Student Activities.

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

B. Undocumented Student Support Resolution

Rutledge said this is from last week. She added some of the suggestions that were mentioned last week. She added that they, the AS Board, are affected by it. The last whereas is about keeping students information confidential. She is open to anymore suggestions.

Ramirez Enters at 8:31am.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-13 by Rutledge

Approval of the Undocumented Student Support Resolution.

Second: Gordon Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

C. Structural Review Committee Charge and Charter

Chhabra said this is what was brought last week. They can see the changes with the vice chair and the chair. Alexander said it should have his title and not his name. LaVallee asked if they should have an RHA representative on this, there are a lot of members on it. Does it make sense? Gordon said one of the students at large is an RHA member but not as the RHA member. Chhabra said she thinks that they would be valuable to be part of the conversation in the new structure and making sure it is useful to all students on campus. LaVallee said for later in the process, when they are discussing the different offices, it may not be as relevant to those members which is why he was asking about it.

MOTION: ASB-17-F-14 by LaVallee

Approval of the Structural Review Committee Charge and Charter

Second: Eider Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

Ramirez sked to table the redistribution of unspent salary funds to the ESC and Rep and the Legislative Affairs Council Charge and Charter until the following week.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Activities Council Charge and Charter

Rutledge said that even looking at the document now, she sees changes she would like to make. She added both the updated job descriptions for the club hub, and they have had trouble getting the full membership to show up, so she downsized the club representatives.

B. Academic Affairs Council Charge and Charter

Eider said not much has changed. They updated the advisor position but that is all.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS *(subject to immediate action)***A. Committee Appointments****AS Activities Council**

Stephen Springer	Junior	International Business/Business Management
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AS Bookstore Committee

Kimberly Le	Freshman	Undeclared
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Peter J Elich Excellence in Teaching Award Committee

Bianca Garza	Junior	Communication and science Disorders
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AS Sustainable Action Fund Committee

Pauline Mogilevsky	Junior	Environmental Studies
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AS Alternative Transportation Fee Committee

Grace Coffey	Senior	Urban Planning
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Excellence in teaching Award Selection Committee

Jo Ann Arinder	Graduate	Adult and Higher Education
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Academic Honesty Board

Jodie Rose Howson-Watt	Freshman	Sociology
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Hannah Sear	Sophomore	Anthropology/archeology
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Academic Coordinating Commission

William Martin	Senior	Political Science
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Academic Honesty Board

Brendan J O'Neil	Junior	Political Science/Economics
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Nicholas Moore	Junior	Management information Systems
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Miles Nevier	Sophomore	English
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Kate Welch	Graduate	Environmental Studies
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Graduate Council

Jo Ann Arinder	Graduate	Adult and Higher Education
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Laboratory and Chemical Safety Committee

Chezelle Whittaker	Freshman	Marine Science
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Student Academic Grievance Board

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Parking Appeals Board

Michael Butowicz	Junior	Mathematics/Computer Science
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AS Student Enhancement Fund

Julia Philips	Junior	Journalism
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Grace Heller	Junior	Theatre
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AS Student Technology Fee Committee

Nicholas Moore	Junior	Management Information Systems
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AS Budget Committee

Brandon A Lane	Sophomore	Political Science
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MOTION ASB-17-F-15 by LaVallee

Approval of the Committee Appointments.

Second: Gordon

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, AS President reported that the Board of Trustees met with past week. They were all really impressed with having the Board be there. She had her first out of office, office hour and she got to chat with people. She wants to have someone, once a week in a visible place for students to interact with them. Their offices are a little complicated to get to.

Hunter Eider, AS VP for Academic Affairs reported that he attended a few things and he has been letting people know about committee opportunities. There is also a panel for the First Year Interest Groups (FIG) and if anyone is interested in attending those and speaking about the AS, let him know.

Julia Rutledge, AS VP for Activities reported that She with the AS Communications Director and Chhabra and discussed having an AS Board Blog. They got some really good ideas from that and she is excited to move forward with that. She had her first meeting of Communications Committee. She also went to the first Departmentally Related Activities Committee (DRAC).

Annie Gordon, AS VP for Student Life reported that tomorrow is the suicide awareness committee and they have received funding from the Counseling Office and they are bringing someone to come train people at WWU's campus to talk about suicide prevention. It would be a train the training type of session and if they know anyone, including students who would be interested in this please let her know. She has been going to RHA meetings to try and build that relationship more and more. She is having a hard time getting people on the URAC committee, she has gone to some hall council meetings to try and reach out to people but a lot of the membership is RA's who are very busy She thinks there may be another way to look at the committee so stay tuned. She had a meeting with Leonard Jones, the Director of University Residence, this week and they are moving through the process of the application to get the SNAP benefits to be accepted at the B.T market. It is a federal application so it is more complicated and time consuming but they are working at it. They are also working with the financial aid office so students can donate extra meals so other students can use it. Right now they have funding from the Enrollment and Student Services division so students can temporarily get 10 meals put on their card, but this is a system so students can donate meals to another. Jones expressed concerns around this project because they have had one or two incidences in the past couple years, unfortunately a very aggressive homeless person has tried to take advantage of that and has threatened the students and staff in the dining hall. It was an isolated case but it has changed the way people are looking at this project. Jones wants the AS Board to be really involved to make sure they are educating and supporting students and their experiences.

Ana Ramirez, AS VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that Washington Student Association is having a meeting in November 10th or 12th and if anyone wants to go let her know.

Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Business and Operations, reported that Eider and him went to University Planning and Resource Council (UPRC) had their introduction meeting and a representative from WWU's Strategic Planning Committee came to UPRC and they talked about Westerns plan regarding admission sizes and whether WWU is looking to become a larger campus or not. Business Committee met and they are hoping to meet with the Board in a couple meetings to talk about their deficit and the rise in minimum wage.

Erick Yanzon Entered at 8:45am

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Gun Control Resources

Gordon said she wanted to bring this back because people had express wanting to continue the conversation. She is continue to do research but hasn't found too much. Either decision that they make will restrict someone else's rights so she has been thinking a lot about this. She would like to hear people's opinions on it but she thinks it would be redundant to have a resolution about this because they already have policies at WWU that covers guns on campus.

B. Smoking on Campus Discussion

Gordon said a student came to her expressing interest in making WWU a smoke free campus it was last addressed in 2014 and they passed a referendum and it passed by student vote. On campus includes residence halls where they pay to live in and although they can't smoke in the room, they can smoke in a designated area, and they would be taking away that right. They also have students who physically can't walk through areas with smoke. Chhabra said she would be worried about the surrounding areas like the Arboretum and the local neighborhoods. Ramirez said could they change the smoke pole areas so they are in a less impactful area? Gordon said she has definitely thought of that. Right now their smoke poles are not stuck in the ground so they can be moved. If they do change them, it would be good to create a map that is accessible to students on where they can and can't smoke. Chhabra said no matter what direction they move in, there needs to be education surrounding the smoking issues and the impacts of those. There is also concerns around how they would enforce a smoke free campus.

C. Agenda Item Discussion

Chhabra said she is technically the agenda setter for the meeting and she values all the work they are putting into the items they are bringing to the meeting but she wanted to talk about how items should be brought. If they are items that is just to bring up and let everyone know, but doesn't need any action or input from the board, they could put those items in the other business section so they make sure they get through their other items first. Also for Board reports, how do they keep that in a way that is efficient for them? She always think about her report last minute and it interrupts the meeting time. Board reports are things that they want their other Board members to know, but also what they want their public to know. She also wants to create a mechanism to create those reports ahead of time and it would help the Communications Director get updates from that easier. One of their ideas is to submit the form ahead of time with their agenda items and then it forces them to think about it head of times and it would already be on the agenda. Any thoughts on these? LaVallee said it would be helpful to have a little guideline. Gordon asked if there was a better way to bring items than they have been? Alexander said if it is just discussion they may want to bring it to other business items so that it isn't stopping them from voting on items. Gordon said a form for the Board Reports would be helpful.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:34 a.m.