

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 24th 2018 Room VU 567

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-18-W-2 Approve the stated committee appointments with the exception of Coco Shuen Tsz Chiu Junior. *Passed*

Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Business and Operations, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

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*)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Food Pantry Funding Request

Chhabra entered at 3:11 p.m..

Rutledge and Gordon have been working with Christian Urcia on a food bank in Bimam Wood, Urcia noted food shortages in Bimam Wood and created a plan for the foodbank. RHA has allocated 2,000 dollars to the project, Gordon said that the reason the AS contribution is more is that RHA is specific to on campus students. Rutledge said that the VU food pantry will be in the ROP hallway. Right now there will only be non-perishable food, but Rutledge suggested that extra personal fridges could be used to refrigerate food. Gordon said they met with Raquel Wilson, who advised taking this money one out of reserves as a one-time expense. Gordon said that last quarter there was a professor who had their students submit an SAF proposal, there is a group of students who want to actually submit theirs to help fund this Food Bank, which could add \$4,000 to the budget for the Food Bank. That's enough to get a pilot program going. Urcia has allocated a space in Bimam Wood and worked with staff to make sure it would be monitored. Students Western ID would allow you to pick up bags at food. Gordon and Rutledge worked with Romo who helped them decide the VU location would be an unmoderated food bank. Gordon said that at the regional NAFSA conference other campuses said they had had success with food bank programs. Rutledge

mentioned the possibility of asking for donations from local stores, Gordon added that they have considered reaching out to food banks and Aramark to get leftover food. Gordon presented the Bimam Wood specific Viking Pantry plan written by Urcia. Gordon said they feel it could be operationalized right now, but this pilot program gives an even better idea of the programs potential on campus. Gordon said that the startup costs could be less when the program is operationalized. Yanzon asked where The Board could access the proposal document. Houck asked who would manage the VU Food Bank. Gordon said that Romo has volunteered to take it on. Gordon said that in the future management of the Food Bank’s could be a duty of the VP of Student Services. In Urcia’s survey he got positive feedback about volunteers from the halls, the partnership with the RHA also brings volunteers. Houck asked if the \$5,000 requested was each year or over the three years. Gordon said the money would be split, maybe not evenly. Alexander mentioned that one of the challenges is that you often have to do ongoing food purchasing, donations are great but often one type of food gets donated and it’s hard to find other types of food so there isn’t much variety, he also asked if they had an idea for a permanent place the Food Bank in the VU, given that there would be construction going on. Gordon said that no permanent VU location had been decided on, but having anything was better than nothing. LaVallee said he’d checked on how much the AS had in reserves, he said the current number is negative.

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

A. Committee Appointments

LaVallee removed Coco Shuen Tsz Chiu Junior from the list of appointments.

AS Elections Advisory Committee

Michael Prostka Sophomore Political Science/Business
administration

LeRoux Matau Junior Political Science

International Programs Advisory Committee

Coco Shuen Tsz Chiu Junior Journalism

Recruitment, Admissions, and Support Committee

Phelicia Noggle Senior Sociology

MOTIONASB-18-W-2 by: Chhabra

Approve the list of committee appointments with the exception of Coco Shuen Tsz Chiu Junior.

Second: Eider

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that the out of office office hours started today with Rutledge. They had a discussion with Annie about who the hours are we missing in the 12am-lpm slot, and timing around when the Ree Center rush hours are. Chhabra said to contact her if Board members wanted to go to those. They want something physical to give to students who ask how to get involved. Chhabra also wants to have a discussion about what the AS is to the board members and to individual offices. Chhabra is meeting with Sabah tomorrow, and asked the Board to let them know if there was anything they should bring up. Chhabra has been asked by Ryan Key-Wynne from the admissions office to write a letter to admitted students, so if other Board members want to help they wouldn’t mind input, however it does need to be done by tomorrow. Chhabra is speaking at Boost, the mini conference on Saturday at the club hub, they are speaking about involvement.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that the first Budget Committee meeting is tomorrow. Monday they have AS Management council. This week they had a Business Committee and a Personnel Committee meeting, both talked about the change from salary to hourly for AS employees, they got feedback from employees, and discussed what those changes meant for the hiring process. Management council will invite people to talk about the recent change and they will talk about the management council subcommittees. Structure review committee first meeting is on February second. LaVallee working on a web resource. S&A fee committee meeting next Friday. In Personnel committee they are working on changing employment policy.

Ana Ramirez, VP for Academic Affairs, reported that last week the legislature passed the capital budget. The WA Voting Rights Act passed the senate. Waivers for Veterans, house bill 2464, passed from the Higher Education Committee to Appropriations Committee. Open Education Resources passed the House and is now on to the Senate. Earlier today Senate Bill 5074 passed, Expanding Financial Aid Opportunities to Undocumented Students.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported that they met with Kasey Hayden, Jennifer Cook and Chris Sowers (the club business director) about a change to Activities council rules, making the system work better, there will be more meetings. Additionally tomorrow is the first meeting of the program collaboration group.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that Leti Romo sent thanks for the Board retreat, they had a good time too. The Council for Equity Inclusion and Social Justice met this Monday, that is the one Sabah created, chaired by Melinda Husky and Deborah Salazaar, it met and talked about current issues and trends for students of color, its goal is to come up with two tangible things to do for students of color by the end of the year. You'll see an item next week about the ESC lobby day agenda, it is the 18th and 19th of February. The Undocumented Student Working Group started working on undocumented student scholarship, given out through the AS, I'll be bringing that to one of our Board Meetings. The last meeting the group had we also discussed a change of focus and of our goals to address students that need help that go to Western now, instead of focusing on structural barriers. The ESC retreat is happening this weekend. Yanzon talked to a few international students about western lobby day and they had some concerns about the agenda and they didn't feel as if it supported them. The discussion turned to how Western supports international students as a whole and that led to discussion about the Global Pathways Program. Yanzon is going to have a series of conversations with both Extended Education and the International Student Center about how to better support international students.

Hunter Eider, VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that first AAC meeting is tomorrow, then the Global Pathways Program representative, Emily Knight, will be at the faculty senate meeting on Monday January 29th to talk about the program if anyone wanted to come.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, reported that they met with Chief Rasmussen and they talked about Greencoat restructure, hopefully there will be a spring quarter pilot program to up Greencoat presence on the Ridge. We also discussed the opportunity to build a relationship with a couple UPD officers up on the Ridge. The officers would respond to calls on the Ridge, that way they could go to floor meetings on the ridge and get to know residents, they would not be there to write people up, this would be similar to Greencoat's, they don't right people up. Last night Leonard Jones went to the Beta-Gamma-Kappa staff meeting to talk to the RA's and he said once concerns about people being written up were cleared there was positive feedback. They have also been talking to Bob Putich about updating lighting in lot 20r.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:45pm.

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