

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday January 31st 2018 Viking Union 460

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Julia Rutledge (VP Activities), Alex LaVallee (VP BusOps), Erick Yanzon (VP Diversity), and Ana Ramirez (VP Governmental Affairs)

Advisor!s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest!s): Katie Winkelman

MOTIONS

ASB-18-W-3 To approve all listed committee appointments. *Pass.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:08p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. ESP Lobby Day Agenda

Winkelman presented the agenda. The Environmental and Sustainability Programs (ESP) found that most student interest lies in intersections of sustainability that involve health and social justice, so that is something they are focusing on this lobby day. The first item is carbon taxation, Winkelman said the problem with most carbon taxation is that it disenfranchises lower socioeconomic classes, however the currently proposed bill addresses those issues, part of the tax revenue would go towards people affected by the carbon tax. They also said that this bill aligns with Westerns Sustainable Action Plan by supporting environmental stewardship and carbon neutrality. The next item was environmental equity and public health safety, specifically, the Model Toxics Control Act's funding. Western is asking them to make up for a shortage in funding for the program. The last issue is Public Health and Environmental Justice, House Bill 1171, this bill would fund an environmental impact study on the area around SeaTac airport, looking into the presence and impact of fine particulate emissions from the airport. Rutledge asked if Environmental Lobby Day was a similar process to AS Lobby Day, Winkelman said yes. Yanzon asked for clarification for the process of making the agenda and who was involved. Winkelman responded that it was mostly ESP staff, who looked at what programming students responded well to over the last couple years. Rutledge asked who was going on the lobby day. Winkelman responded that the majority of people going were student volunteers. The agenda will be on the agenda to be voted on next week.

B.

ESC Lobby Day Agenda

Yanzon presented the agenda. The support for undocumented students, and support for survivors of sexual assault, sections are largely the same as AS Lobby Day Agenda items. The revenue section is different than the AS Lobby Day agenda. This agenda has four categories of focus throughout it. First, the cannabis tax, which disproportionately affects students of

color. Second there is support for a carbon tax, and the other two are the capital gains tax and the estate tax which were on the AS Lobby Day Agenda. Yanzon said that the next section was enhancing equity, inclusivity and diversity, this relates to senate bill 6131, creating native American scholarship for college tuition. The other two asks are, first, a tribal liaison to improve Washington's relationships with tribal communities and to support bills that create scholarships for college bound Native Americans. The second is implementing Ethnic studies curriculum in k-12 education. Additionally Pass H.B. 1294 to develop a model curriculum. Alexander asked where 1294 is, Hayden said in committee in the house.

C. DOC Lobby Day Agenda

Yanzon presented the agenda. The first item is improved funding for accessibility and disability services at public colleges and universities. Next item is employment equity for people with disabilities. The model toxins control act is on the agenda, this item is the same as the one on the ESP Lobby Day Agenda. Hayden suggested being more specific with the ask. Rutledge said it would be nice if the DOC Coordinator could come to a board meeting. Yanzon clarified with Ramirez that people lobbying for the ESC only lobby for the ESC. Ramirez clarified that Nora was helping offices organize. Hayden brought up the separation between being on lobby day as a student and as an employee. Employees in charge of planning lobby day are not required to go. AS employees can get paid to organize lobby day but not to lobby, the actual lobbying is volunteer only. Yanzon is working on a different name for the lobby day, potentially ESC student lobby day. Yanzon mentioned that Rosa isn't elected and their job is to represent Western. Hayden mentioned that that is the way large corporations or groups often do things, by hiring one or two professional lobbyists. They hire a "professional lobbyist" and report it to the state. He also mentioned that the question was if the AS wanted to select someone who would do a good job or to elect someone to give students more input someone elected.

Y. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Food Pantry Funding Request

Rutledge explained that they don't feel comfortable approving the request without more information. Ramirez asked when the program would start, Rutledge replied that it would start as soon as possible. Yanzon asked if there should be a work study position to coordinate the food pantry. Rutledge said that the general ROP work study is doing it right now. LaVallee said that Bellevue college has their VP for Environmental Sustainability run their food pantry. Hayden said that a group should get together to discuss the pantry and funding options, they don't know if everyone is on the same page. Rutledge said they would work on scheduling that.

Eric Alexander left at 3:45pm.

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Committee Appointments

AS University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee

Sandra McCall	Sophomore	History and Political Science/Social Studies
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Student Conduct Appeals Board

Makenzie Deshler	Freshman	Journalism/Public Relations
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Campus Public Safety Committee

Elise Fowler	Senior	Political Science
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Parking Appeals Board

Kaela Knobrinch	Sophomore	Management
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Sehome Hill Arboretum Board of Governors

Nichole Vargas	Freshman	Environmental Policy
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MOTION ASB-18- W-3 by: Yanzon

To approve the listed committee appointments.

Second: LaVallee Vote: 4 - 0 - 0 Action: Pass

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, did not give a report.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that they were at the meeting Rutledge had about the ASP. Management Council met and talked a bit about Lawnstock. Business Committee met and there was discussion about the change from hourly to salary. Personnel Committee also discussed that change, and discussed people in positions staying in their position for multiple years. LaVallee went to the Faculty Senate meeting where they discussed the Global Pathways Program. The S&A fee Committee is meeting soon. AS Budget committee is also starting up soon. Offices shouldn't submit decision packages and budgets yet, there will be some changes on budgets.

Ana Ramirez, VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that yesterday they were in Olympia for a hearing for house bill 1488 in the higher education committee. The WSA board of directors meeting is on February 18th in Olympia, the same day as lobby day. Ramirez might be out of the office again next week.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported that last week they had mentioned they would meet for the collaboration working group, it still hasn't happened and it will hopefully happen tomorrow. On Friday they had a meeting about ASP budget and job description.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that the admissions department met with the ESC staff and they discussed having more international collaboration, it ended up being a very productive conversation about how detached the AS is from other departments on campus. Yanzon thinks that it's a very relevant discussion especially in light of restructure, for example Eric Alexander doesn't have any oversight over the ESC but the ESC gets it's funding from the Student Activities Fee.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, did not give a report.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, did not give a report.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:54p.m.

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