

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 28th 2018 Room VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Simrun Chhabra(President), Hunter Eider (VP Academics), Julia Rutledge (VP Activities), Erick Yanzon (VP Diversity), and Annie Gordon (VP Student Life)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Cora Cole

MOTIONS

- ASB-18-W-13** To approve the Elections Code, with all proposed changes except, the change removing the one hundred signature requirement and the language around having an alternative to the one hundred signatures. The language about GPA requirements was removed and the language from the job descriptions was put in its place. *Pass.*
- ASB-18-W-14** To approve adding the Student Technology Fee Referendum, with the recommended changes concerning the “Associated Students” language and reevaluating the proposal in five years, to the ballot. *Pass.*
- ASB-18-W-15** To approve the Ethnic Studies Referendum to the ballot with the addition of the word Associated before Students. *Pass.*
- ASB-18-W-16** To approve adding the Smoke-Free Campus referendum to the ballot with the stipulation that there be a section about implementation in the document. *Pass.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:15p.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*

A. Election Code

Chhabra clarified that this was the meeting where changes were finalized. Eider entered at 3:16 p.m. Hayden said that this document has been edited from its previous form, the section on collecting signatures was removed. Gordon said they don't mind either way. The Board decided to reduce the number of signatures that needed to be collected. Rutledge brought up that it is a way for students to meet the public before the debates and build a platform. Gordon said that at a lower number it's even less likely that people actually meet the requisite number of people face to face. Chhabra advocated for keeping the ambiguous language for alternatives for the signatures. The Board discussed changing the GPA requirement for the position. Houck mentioned that the election code contradicts the current job descriptions. The Board agreed to alter the language of the Election Code to match the job description, a GPA of 2.5 will be required at the time of the election but not for the duration of the position. The Board confirmed that they wanted to remove the section that required candidates to prove their employment eligibility. The Board agreed to add the section making bribery explicitly not allowed. The Board agreed on the addition of a clause that forbid Board members from endorsing or serving as campaign staff for candidates. Hayden brought up questions around defamation and who would actually be

penalized. The Board agreed to the addition of a section that makes it so that candidates or measures may not be endorsed at official AS events. The Board supported making it so that candidates may not use club materials without the clubs permission. The Board supported provisions making the financing process more accountable. The Board removed the section that made it so that candidates would not be reimbursed if they drop out of the race. Hayden mentioned the change that treats RHA the same as the Board in terms of endorsement. Chhabra recognized the efforts of everyone who worked on this document. Yanzon moved to approve the Elections Code, all changes were kept except, the change removing the one hundred signature requirement and the language around having an alternative to the one hundred signatures. The language about GPA requirements was removed and the language from the job descriptions was put in its place. Gordon seconded.

MOTION ASB-18-W-13 by: Yanzon

To approve the Elections Code, with all changes were except, the change removing the one hundred signature requirement and the language around having an alternative to the one hundred signatures. The language about GPA requirements was removed and the language from the job descriptions was put in its place.

Second: Gordon

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

B. Resource and Outreach Programs Restructure Proposal

Yanzon clarified what exactly the changes would be and the new structure. They went over the specific job descriptions of the SAIRC Coordinator for Representation and Outreach and the SAIRC Coordinator for Marketing and Assessment. Most programming will remain and the positions will focus on community engagement and interacting with clubs and the ESC more closely. Chhabra asked about limits on the amount of events. Hayden said that they did not think there would be a problem and that descriptions are fairly clear. Yanzon said that there are three different proposed motions, the name change, to increase the SAIRC Administrative Budget by \$4,000 and to reallocate the positions within the SAIRC as Coordinator level positions. Yanzon suggested using recommend in the language for budget related motions. Hayden suggested that the Board use the language direct if they felt strongly about seeing the changes. Houck mentioned that for this increase to work there will have to be cuts somewhere else. Hayden asked what student interaction had, specifically with current ROP staff. Yanzon said they do not know if it has been explicitly communicated to everyone. Gordon said that it is possible that people who have worked in and for the ROP might have a connection to the name, they recommend talking to current staff members before forcing through the change. Hayden said that it would be possible to wait a week. Yanzon said that they could do that and bring it back next week. The item was tabled until next week.

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Student Technology Fee Renewal Proposal

Eider said that they took the suggestions from last week about changing the referendum language and made those changes. Eider said that if this is approved for the first year of the new cycle computer labs will be funded and then next year an evaluation process of the computer labs will begin. If computer labs are not being utilized well then next year the funds may be redistributed. Gordon clarified which language the Board wanted to use for

referendums, Associated Student or all Students. Houck said that we should use the most inclusive language. Yanzon brought up the Boards obligation to let the students know that all students are associated students. Hayden suggested Associated Student Body. Eider asked about the language form last year. The Board decided on “The Associated Students of Western Washington University”. Eider moved to approve adding the Student Technology Fee referendum with the recommended changes to the ballot.

MOTION ASB-18-W-14 by: Eider

To approve adding the Student Technology Fee Referendum, with the recommended changes concerning the “Associated Students” language and reevaluating the proposal in five years, to the ballot.

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

B. Ethnic Studies Referendum Language

Yanzon reiterated that passing this referendum would show the University that the College of Ethnic Studies should be revitalized. Yanzon moved to approve the Ethnic Studies Referendum to the Ballot with the addition of the word Associated. Rutledge seconded.

MOTION ASB-18-W-15 by: Yanzon

To approve the Ethnic Studies Referendum to the ballot with the addition of the word Associated before Students.

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

C. Smoke Free Campus Referendum Language

Chhabra suggested adding the statement that passing this vote would show student support for having a smoke-free campus and the Board of Trustees would make the decision. Gordon moved to approve adding the Smoke-Free Campus referendum to the ballot with the stipulation that there be a section about implementation in the document.

MOTION ASB-18-W-16 by: Gordon

To approve adding the Smoke-Free Campus referendum to the ballot with the stipulation that there be a section about implementation in the document.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Sustainable Action Fund Referendum Language

Gordon brought it back as an info item because the SAF meeting happens later this week and they would like to consult with them one more time. The Board discussed other potential names, they settled on Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund, but will discuss it more next week. Hayden said that they think that the context around the word equity. Gordon said that there is a misconception that sustainability is tied with the environment necessarily.

B. Undocumented Student Support Referendum

Gordon said that they got feedback that a student fee could not go to a foundation so this resolution is not possible.

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

Cole brought up issues with approving people for the Elections Board and the Election Appeals Committee because those applications are usually approved by the VP for Governmental Affairs. Rutledge volunteered to take over those responsibilities. Cole said they owe Rutledge their life.

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that they had a good conversation about federal lobbying with the LAC last week. WSA positions will be opening up soon and general assembly will be in April or May. There will be a lot of tabling work from the LAC and REP to increase student advocacy. They will be meeting with Cole tomorrow about Grad Students in committees. They rescheduled their meeting with Sabah and there is still time to get things to them.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported that they had the collaboration working group today and they went over solutions. They have been working on the food pantry and made a Viking funder for it.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that the delegates who are going to the ethnic studies conference met last night. Steering and Presidents council had a conversation about changing their leadership and dissolving steering.

Hunter Eider, VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that there is a new associate director for the DRS. Forty-two new faculty members will be hired for fall. There is a new senate bill going around, SB 6620, to improve safety in schools.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, reported that they have been doing suicide prevention trainings and working on the referendums. There has been strategic planning around safety in residence halls that they have been involved in.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:37p.m.