

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 19th 2018 Room VU 543

Minutes neverformally approved.

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guests: Natasha Hessami

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-8 To approve the Local Lobby Day agenda. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-9 To approve the changes to the AS Structural Review Committee. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-10 To approve all consent items.

Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Business and Operations, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

LaVallee moved the AS Board Grant Priorities to be discussed after Local Lobby Day Agenda.

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Local Lobby Day Agenda

LaVallee reviewed the Local Lobby Day agenda. Hessami shared that the GRACE (Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement) program was to offer intensive coordinated services to familiar faces, whose needs span beyond any agency and to support individuals using crisis services in inefficient ways.

MOTION ASB-18-S-8 by: *La Vallee*

To approve the Local Lobby Day agenda.

Second: Ramirez

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Action: *Pass*

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Structural Review Committee

LaVallee noted one change to the document, the addition of Assistant Director of Student Activities as the committee advisor. He also had been asked why Alexander was not an advisor. LaVallee felt the committee was sometimes not as productive when two advisors were in the committee.

MOTION ASB-18-S-9 by: Eider

To approve the changes to the AS Structural Review Committee.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Board Grant Priorities

LaVallee explained that the AS had multiple grants ending that year. He had gone through the grant and noted the ones he thought would not warrant a lot of discussion, green, and the ones that the Board should discuss in depth, red. Additional Club Funding Grant was needed because Activities Council needed more money, but at that time they were doing well with funding. Diversity Conference Funding, they were assuming the money was being spent. Alexander suggested advancing the grant for one more year. Additional ESC Club Funding, he had not heard any requests for more funding for this, but would check with Yanzon. Student Enhancement Fund, he would be bringing a proposal to the Board the following week in regards to continuing the fund at a lower amount in the future. He had check with Sabrina Houck about the Board Assistant positions and found it was okay that they were ending because there was not enough work to sustain the roles. He noted that they currently do not have a student senate and they should look into what amount of the funds had been used. LaVallee pointed out that the Legal Services for Students fund had remained untouched. He said it was passed the previous year to provide legal services to undocumented students in the case it was needed. Hayden said the grant was for beyond immigration related situations and the thought was to pose this as a fee, but decided to use a grant as a test pilot. They had intended for the Legal Information Center to be where the service was housed and Leti had been working with a committee on a list of attorneys that could provide their services. The idea was to get an attorney to work at a lower rate to provide services to students. LaVallee said he would reach out to the necessary people to get questions answered about the ending, continuation or operationalization of some of the grants, so he could have an estimate for the budget. The prediction from S&A Fee committee was that the AS budget would have no wiggle room the next year.

Hunter Eider and Erick Yanzon joined the meeting.

Ana Ramirez left the meeting.

Yanzon said they did not have the need to operationalize the ESC Club funding but noted they had started two new clubs that year. They said at some point the ESC Club funding should be increase due to increase need and the access to the Multicultural Center. Eider said the Student Senate funds had not been used. LaVallee said they would discuss the idea of extending the funding later. Gordon mentioned that Melynda Huskey wanted to send the VP for Student Life every year and if the Board wanted to continue to send another Board member they might want to continue the NASPA conference grant. However, there is the potential that the funds for that case could come from elsewhere. LaVallee said they would work toward extending the Legal Services for Students and UHRAC grants. He also said Jeremy McAllister did not think there was a need to continue the Computer Maintenance Support grant.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

A. Committee Appointments

AS Legislative Affairs Council

Colton Redfeldt Journalism Junior

MOTION ASB-18-S-10 by: La Vallee

To approve all consent items.

Second: Rutledge

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action: *Fass*

X. BOARD REPORTS

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, reported himself and Simi had met with someone from the Wall Street Journal about the possibility of a contract. The WSJ said the program was new and they hadn't reach much of the West Coast yet. It would take a couple weeks to implement, so the decision could be made even in late August and the subscription would cover all members of the university. He noted that the contract was \$24,000 per year. They would hire student ambassadors and work with the university marketing department to inform students of the program. He said it would be about \$1.50 per person. Faculty Senate was the following week.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, said they were making an infographic for clubs to understand the Activities Council process. The PC was making a digital graphic to go online. They were working on creating a video for the food pantry Viking Funder and posters for the pantry were being drafted. They were in talked about adding menstrual products to the pantry. They attended the Trans Guild Summit meeting with Yanzon and were in talks with creating a form of steering committee for queer and trans clubs to have their own funding and governance structure. They were working on creating a statement to send out to the AS supporting those that have experience antisemitism on campus. She read a short drafted statement from Chhabra that the Board could use. The Board then discussed whether or not it was appropriate to send the message out to the entire AS or the campus and what actions they were doing to support the statement. They decided to continue the discussion at another time, they were leaning toward putting together a resolution on the topic.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that they were going through the budgets in all their committees. He had invited the Business Director to the next meeting to give an overview of the budget process. He had a positive outlook on the budget so far. Next week he would be bringing an SEF proposal and another draft of the AS ROBOT Committee. TaVallee noted WSA general assembly was that weekend. Hessami said Western had submitted the majority of the proposals for the general assembly.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported the Multicultural Center ground breaking ceremony was the next day. Yanzon shared African Caribbean club was having their heritage dinner that weekend and Blue Group was doing a take over the city hall event the next week.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, reported that the following week Suicide Prevention efforts were partnering with Drug Enforcement and administration to do a drug take back day on campus. This would be an opportunity for students to have a safe way to recycle unwanted or unused prescription medication. She stated this would be beneficial to the environment, help with suicide prevention and accidental overdoses. She noted the ESP was bringing Majora Carter to campus for Earth Day. Majora Carter did a lot of work with urban revitalization and food justice. She reported that the safety survey in the resident's halls had about 750 results at the time and would still be open for a bit longer. She acknowledge the work of RHA for putting on the survey and hoped to have a report of the results soon. That day she met with Chief Rasmussen and was told that the university would be paying for all the jaywalking tickets they had passed out by the Recreation Center. She found the reason they had begun to pass out tickets was because Environmental Health and Safety found that pedestrian safety was an issue that year. Gordon stated EHS was working to address safety concerns at the cross walk by the Ree Center. They met with Seth Vidana to rework the VISTA employee job description, which would hopefully expand the food pantry.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:14p.m.