

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 27th 2018 Room VU 567

Minutes neverformally approved.

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s):

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-11 To move the Funding Request from UHRAC from an Information item to Action item with the stipulation that the amount be changed from \$300 to \$500. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-12 To approve the Funding Request from UHRAC capital plan presentation at \$500, from FXXRES-ASBRRP. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:10p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Chhabra read a statement they had prepared.

“I want to take a moment to acknowledge that today on April 27th, 2018, marks the first time that the entire Board is present, recognized in our roles, fully paid and together at a board meeting. I want to acknowledge Ana returning and hope this can present as a reminder that we need to continue our advocacy work for the communities that need us most.

Yesterday I attended Blue Group’s space in front of City Hall and I wish to share a few thoughts I came across. Maru Mora spoke about the expectations we have from legislators and the ways we respond to actions and policies they take. She asked “why do we say thank you when they pass something we need? Do you get thanked for doing your job? No, because it is your job. What happens when you don’t do your job? You get fired.” It made me think to the number of times that I acknowledged in my own head when I did something. The realization was that no matter if I get thanks, this work is necessary and expected. We need to keep having expectations of ourselves, our administration, and of our institutions because we need to be better.

I present lightheartedly to Ana this bottle of Pepsi, slightly joking but I promise I have a reason.

There is a Bollywood movie I enjoy watching called Om Shanti Om. There is a scene in this dramatic film where the main character, who wants to be a movie star, pretends to receive an award drunkenly. In his speech he says something along the lines of “life is like a movie. When we know that something is wrong, we must also keep in mind that the story is not over yet.” And to continue, when we know injustices are occurring, the story is yet to continue. The work is yet to continue. In the end, the actor says “picture aabi baki hai, mere dost,” meaning “there’s still more to the movie, my friend.” Similarly there is more to all of our stories and to the stories of justice for marginalized communities to come.”

TV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Queer Resource Center Queer Guild Summit Proposal

Alberto Rodriguez presented the proposal over the phone. Yanzon said that it was to create a committee for all the AS Queer Identified Clubs on campus. Rodriguez said that it was something that had been talked about last year, they have started it up again this year with the help of Nichole Vargas. The purpose was to allow Queer and Trans students to address issues in the community, to provide support for one another, to collaborate on events, create spaces for discussion and to keep the Queer Resource Center accountable. Last quarter issues cropped up with the Western Front and AS Review and we wrote up a protocol for that and now they wanted to create a formal structure so the summit can be sustainable for next year. Yanzon said that there were currently five or six clubs that would be a part of it. Rodriguez said that the name was to have a more personalized identity than just calling it a committee and Guild is a pop culture term for groups of gamers from different classes coming together for a common goal. Chhabra thanked them for the work they put into the summit.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Funding Request from UHRAC

Gordon said that usually this request would go through UHRAC but it was still getting up and running so they brought the request to the Board. The request was for the open presentation meeting and the money was for food to get folks to show up. Sabrina suggested filling out a purchase order and financing it through their position. The Board brought up the potential of doing catering. TaVallee said that they were worried about the timeline if it wasn't voted on today.

MOTIONASB-18-S-11 by: Gordon

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Second: Chhabra Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Pass

MOTIONASB-18-S-12 by: Gordon

To approve the Funding Request from UHRAC capital plan presentation at \$500, from FXXRES-ASBRRP.

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

B. Washington Student Association Update

Eider said that Sunday not a lot of things happened, a lot of the proposals were not able to be heard. There was a yes vote on the state need grant entitlement passed, state need grant expansion

passed, support for undocumented students passed, student unionization did not pass. Gordon clarified that “passed” means that it will be on the official WS A legislative agenda. They didn’t get a chance to discuss free menstrual products or ethnic studies programs. Chhabra said that there was no one from WWU on the WS A Executive Board. Their recommendation was moving AS Elections sooner so that we know who will be on the upcoming Board and who can run for WSA Executive Board. Gordon said that WSA should accommodate schools who are on the quarter system. LaVallee said they would like having elections earlier. Chhabra suggested talking to WSA to have general assembly be later in the year. LaVallee suggested a stipend for attending WSA Board meetings all quarter. Yanzon said that people already have the mindset that they shouldn’t run for the Board, but they think there was value for having elections earlier. LaVallee said that there hasn’t ever been a Board Member on the WSA Board, it was mostly REP staff. Rutledge brought up the problem of having less time to organize elections and improve the elections code. Chhabra suggested starting in Winter Quarter. Gordon said that it might decrease engagement. Yanzon agreed that a simultaneous shift with WSA and Elections could help. Houck said that Elections used to start midwinter and it has been slowly moving later. This year was the furthest into spring quarter it had been. Eider agreed that it could be slightly earlier than this year. They also liked the idea of having new Board Members attend Spring Board Meetings to get familiar with the positions. LaVallee said they thought the fifteen hours of internships should be more about current projects then functionality of the positions. Houck said that the downsides to having it earlier was that having spring break in the middle slows the momentum, additionally this was good information to share with Francesca. Gordon mentioned that if elections were earlier then people who had run and not won who had become really passionate about the AS and Western could participate in WSA and apply for AS jobs. This way the incoming Board could also get involved in outreach if elections were earlier. Yanzon said that they would like to see more outreach about what exactly AS Board officers do to get people interested in.

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

Eider said that they would like to unofficially appoint Kyle McCafferey to the Student Technology Fee Committee. LaVallee said that they should still fill out an application.

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that they met with Ramirez on Wednesday to pass on information about governmental affairs items. They were working on a press release regarding the Board Member assuming their position. They went to WSA. They had a very productive conversation with Keith Williams about UPD.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, reported that they followed up with Allyson Giffin and they are having a collaborative meeting and going to Faculty Senate, anyone can come. They sent everyone an invite to the meeting on May 7th. The Board can put together what they have accomplished this year and what they want from the Faculty Senate. The AAC met for the first time this quarter and will be meeting soon with the head of the Geology department to talk about accessibility.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported that the Viking Funder for the food pantry was moving forward and they are shooting the video for it next week. They talked with Erasmus about the

Board and the AS Review's relationship and being able to start on a good note in the summer. They emailed the people in charge of dining services and the Ree Center to get out-of-office office hours in those places. They participated in a Facebook live video with administration where they answered questions from incoming freshmen. They emailed someone from UW about free menstrual protects and got a lot of data and feedback.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that in Management Council they approved the Outdoor Center recommendations. They were reached out to by Malcolm Oliver. Oliver wanted to talk to some of us about better relations with law enforcement. They are the Multi-Cultural center director at BTC. In Business Committee they were going to hear a report about how Budget Committee was doing. Going into this next academic year they were looking at a deficit of \$30,000-\$60,000 dollars and will be discussing options. The Board will see the budgets in 3-4 weeks. Chhabra asked if the budget was usually this late. TaVallee explained why it was this late, and that it was always this late. ROBOT committee's charge and charter was still being formulated. TaVallee said that they want to discuss having a different way for committees to meet, perhaps online.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, gave no report.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, thanked Rutledge for taking a lot of projects and working with them. They reported that they have been meeting with Chhabra and the campus-police to create better relationships with them. Keith Williams, the new assistant chief had a lot of good ideas. They have a meeting with Melynda Huskey and Tinda Beckman on the May 8th

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Gordon asked if this would be an appropriate place to bring the updated list of demands from the RA's and the campus survey results. The Board said yes. Yanzon said that they had chosen who was going to federal lobby day. TaVallee reminded everyone that they should be working on the AS Scholarships and their legacy documents.

The Board entered executive session according to RCW W 42-30-1-10 Section G. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment till 5:35.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:35.

Chhabra said that they were going to go back into executive session until 5:45.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:46.

The Board discussed employment eligibility for elected officials, no decision had been made.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:47p

