

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

Room VU567

*Minutes neverformally approved.*

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Simrun Chhabra(President), Hunter Eider (VP Academics), Alex LaVallee (VP BusOps), Ana Ramirez (VP Gov) and Annie Gordon (VP Student Life)

**Advisor(s):** Eric Alexander (Advisor)

**Guest(s):** Maxwell Nelson, Levi Eckman, Natasha Hessami, Kunle Ojikutu

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-18-S-16** To add Kyle McCafferey to the Student Technology Fee Committee. *Passed.*

*Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:08p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**A. CHW Fee Proposal**

Ojikutu explained their request, they were requesting a seven dollar increase in the Counseling, Health & Wellness Fee. The rationale had to do with meeting the salary increases the center has to pay, the other increase was supporting the Drug and Alcohol Assessment program they have, due to increased utilization of the program. They looked at data from the University of Washington and compared their fee to ours, and found they were pretty close. The last increase in the fee was the previous year. This had already gone to the Counseling Health and Wellness Services Committee and they approved it. Gordon talked briefly about the suicide prevention trainings.

**B. Outdoor Center Assessment Recommendations**

LaVallee said the assessment had already been to Management Council. Nelson went through the document, highlighting problems with training employees and lack of administrative support. The OC's connection with the student body wasn't as good as it could be. The current online system had a lot of problems. The second recommendation was creating a bike shop coordinator hourly position to facilitate better communication between the hourly staff and to make sure it was always stocked. Nelson talked about the need for more training of the employees, they didn't attend the AS training. LaVallee mentioned that might change now that most people in the AS were hourly. Nelson said that the AS trainings could solve a lot of the training problems. Eckman asked for usage rates. Nelson said the assessment didn't look at that but they would get that information. The Board also would like to see a survey about how many people know what the Outdoor Center does and where it was. Solana-Walkinshaw brought up how far the Outdoor Center is from main campus and how hard it was to find.

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

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

**VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

**VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\*****A. Student Enhancement Fund Extension Grant Proposal**

LaVallee brought this at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and brought it back now that they have more information. They have increased the amount from \$25,000 to \$35,000 additional funding, to use to pay grants. The total allocation from the AS grant would be about \$41,000 dollars. Eckman asked where the money came from. LaVallee explained how the AS grant process worked and that the money was coming from reserves. LaVallee said that they get a lot of pushback when they mention changing policy regarding reserves. Alexander said that they would look into it. LaVallee brought up the pay of the SEF Facilitator. The Board agreed that the position should be paid for and told LaVallee to bring it to Personnel.

**B. Endorsement Request for Initiative 1631.**

Chhabra explained the resolution focused on creating clean air and water. Flessami pointed out the City of Bellingham just passed a similar resolution. Ramirez said that for the Board to endorse something like this it should go through LAC. Ramirez said that they would get it on the next week's agenda.

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

*MOTION ASB-18-S-16 by: Eider*

To add Kyle McCafferey to the Student Technology Fee Committee.

Second: Gordon

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

**Simrun Chhabra, President**, reported that they went to Structural Review Committee and had some great conversation.

**Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs**, reported that they had the Faculty Senate meeting that Monday and the Board presented about what they had done. They talked about getting students on faculty hiring committees. The Student Tech Fee met for the last time that day and chose the final proposals to fund, including digital textbooks for certain courses and some audio and visual recording equipment for KUGS and the library. The fee would also fund expanded 3D printing. They had a discussion with the Assistant Dean of the College of Science and engineering and the AAC about disability issues in the department. They met with someone to talk about addressing anti-Semitism on campus.

**Julia Rutledge VP for Activities**, was not present.

**Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations**, reported that Budget Committee finished up and the Board would be seeing budgets at their next meeting. Structural Review Committee also met and had good discussion. S&A Fee Committee had wrapped up. They had a document they would be sending to the Board of Trustees. They met with the student who had concerns about the WAC policy and their concerns were alleviated.

**Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity**, was not present.

**Ana Ramirez, VP for Governmental Affairs**, reported that on the following Tuesday they were having training for everyone going to Washington D.C. for the Federal Lobby Day trip.

**Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life**, reported that they did suicide prevention training with the Office of Sustainability. That day the SAF program saw a proposal for a new program that they would be bringing to the Board about grant writing. A smoke-free policy has been presented to the administration, it is framed in a very educational, non-punitive way.

### **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:29p.m.*

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