

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 18th 2018

Room VU567

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), Ana Ramirez (VP Gov) and Annie Gordon (VP Student Life)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Daniel Gallegos

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-17 To approve the Counseling, Health, and Wellness Fee Proposal. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S18 To approve all consent items. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Budget Committee Recommendation was moved up in the agenda. The Board discussed it first. The Outdoor Center Recommendation and the AS Review Camera Purchase were moved up in the agenda because they had guests.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. KUGS Automation Proposal

The automation proposal was so that KUGS could keep the station running even when they were low on volunteers, additionally it would help with the construction going on. The proposal would offer students training opportunities that would be valuable if they ever worked in national or local radio. The proposal also provided a more sustainable way to broadcast because it used less materials like CD's. Yanzon clarified that this was a onetime grant.

B. AS Budget Committee Recommendations

Jose presented the AS Budget. The budget had stayed in the green that year. The budget that year began with a deficit and there were significant minimum wage increases. The Board discussed the budgets that were eliminated. Specifically they discussed no longer funding the New York Times papers on campus. Jose talked about why they lowered the VU Gallery budget, mainly because the budget was not usually fully used. Yanzon asked what was happening to Grants that haven't been used. Jose said the money went reserves. Yanzon brought up some inconsistencies in numbers. Jose and Wilson said they would review it. Eckman asked about the reason for the ESC Budget increase. Wilson explained that it was a réévaluation of how much money the office spent. Chhabra asked Rutledge to talk to the Clubs office to collect some data about the usage of various services. Yanzon asked for an update on consolidating Travel funding. Yanzon asked about further Grants this year. Wilson said that that had nothing to do with this budget. LaVallee brought up that the budget consistently pays for updates to the website and the website didn't change much. Rutledge said the Communications office was working on it and panning to change it next year. Jose said the money usually went to fund employees working on website maintenance. The positions were usually hired through the VU. Chhabra said they didn't feel that phones were being used. Wilson explained that there were no cuts they could make without

removing phones entirely. Alexander suggested working on that this summer. LaVallee clarified that at this point the amount of money that the AS will get next year is set. Eckman asked why the ASB Assistant for Academic Shared Governance was being nullified. Houck explained that a lot of the reasons the position was created weren't able to be used. Eckman said that they would argue that maybe still having the position but with less hours would be beneficial. Yanzon said that that is something that could be worked on this summer.

C. AS Elections Results

Cruz said that there was a 17.6% voter turnout, the highest in five years. All referendums were passed. The Board thanked everyone who ran and the Elections Coordinator. The detailed breakdown of the election results can be found on the AS website.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. CHW Fee Proposal

Gordon said that this was brought back for questions. Guest said that they got data from Washington State and Evergreen about their student fees. WSU has a \$408 dollar a year budget. WWU's was increasing from \$308 to \$310 dollars per year.

MOTION ASB-18-S-17 by: Gordon

To approve the Counseling, Health, and Wellness Fee Proposal.

Second: Eider

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Student Enhancement Fund Extension Grant

LaVallee said nothing had changed with the proposal. Gallegos said that there was the possibility that the job warranted higher pay given how many people they interacted with. Gallegos also said that the SEF had more requests than it had money that year and had to be conservative. LaVallee clarified that if all the money was spent next year a Board Member could request more. The Board decided to bring the job description to Personnel Committee and having them discuss it and how much to pay it. The Board deferred on voting until the following week.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Anti-Semitism Statement

Eider talked about the recent instances of anti-Semitism on campus. Eider read the statement they had prepared (Document 7). Eckman clarified the purpose of an AS Board resolution. Gordon brought up that task-forces are necessarily not proactive. Eider was going to edit the statement and bring it for approval the following week.

B. Student Technology Fee Proposal

Eider explained which proposals the Student Technology Fee Committee chose to fund. Chhabra asked about the AS trying to get live stream equipment and potential collaboration.

Rutledge left at 5:56.

Yanzon asked if there were any student proposals. Eider said that there were not.

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

A. Committee Appointments

AS Student Technology Fee Committee
Kyle McCaffery Computer Science Junior

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Ad Hoc Writing Committee
Stephanie Springer Communication Studies Senior

MOTION ASB-18-S-18 by: *Chhabra*

To approve all consent items.

Second: Yanzon

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that that the Board should be thinking about contacting the upcoming position holders and updating legacy documents.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, reported that they have been introducing Eckman to people they needed to know, specifically the Faculty Senate President, about upcoming projects and increased communication.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that they made it back from New York. Structural Review Committee had an unofficial meeting and discussed where to start.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that ESC Presidents council was now the ESC Leadership and Advocacy Force. That change would be coming to the Board the next week. The Travel Task Force has been meeting and they were leaning towards centralizing all the travel funds. There were a lot of activities happening that weekend including ESC Night Market.

Ana Ramirez, VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that they would start training Natasha Hessami the next week. Also the federal lobby day trip was the following week.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, reported that coming out of UHRAC they were trying to plan a collaborative training with the AS and some other offices. Their work group on sexual violence prevention met yesterday and they were working on having an updated training for first year students. They also suggested having a code of conduct for living in the dorms and going to Western. The Central Health and Safety Committee voted to send the smoke-free campus recommendation to Western's Vice President. That Wednesday Square there would be a pedestrian safety accident demonstration. Next week they hoped to bring the new SAF bylaws.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:10p.m.