

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

May 25th 2018

Room VU567

Minutes neverformally approved.

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Jeremy McAllister

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-19 To change the KUGS Automation Proposal from info to action. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-20 To approve the KUGS Automation Proposal with funding from Equipment reserves FXXGRR as a Grant. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-21 To approve the Student Enhancement Fund Extension Grant Proposal with an amount of \$41,241.05 from FXXRES. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-22 To approve the Student Technology Fee Proposal. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. KUGS Automation Proposal

MOTION ASB-18-S-19 by: La Vallee

To change the KUGS Automation Proposal from info to action.

Second: Yanzon

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

B. AS Budget Committee Recommendations

Jeremy McAllister was there to answer questions. The Board had asked what the internet upkeep portion was funding. McAllister said that it paid for student positions. FXX Web was a requested budget form a few years ago to increase the labor to have the capacity to do anything besides fix breaks as they come up. LaVallee said that for them the question was if there would be a change in the website. McAllister said that it would be renewed next year. McAllister said that originally the AS Website was designed to be a place for AS organizational needs not only an informational website. This made it hard to change, and it required a lot of maintenance. Additionally, all of the web development and upkeep was done internally with a very small team. It continued to be underbudget. Between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 more students were hired. McAllister said they want to change the culture around how we worked on it, and explore other options to manage the website. The Board asked about the potential new phone system. McAllister said it was not a cost saving measure. They could remove about half the phones in the VU it would just be a lot of paperwork.

The Board went over the Blue Group proposal and the KUGS Automation Proposal and

returned to this item.

Chhabra suggested asking each office what they needed. Yanzon clarified that some of the confusion over the SAIRC funding came because Leti Romo slightly reallocated some funds. Eider entered at 4:36.

The Board discussed the funding for summer quarter concerts. Jose pointed out that the only thing the S&A Fee was used for during the summer and the number of concerts for the amount of money was a good deal. Jose also pointed out if the point was to assess the concerts then that was information that should be communicated to next year's AS. The Board discussed the AS website and redesign and how to communicate the goals of the AS through it.

C. Blue Group United We Dream Congress Funding Proposal

Yanzon said the Blue Group was here for a funding proposal. Cindy talked, October was the tenth biannual United We Dream Conference. It was one of the largest gatherings of undocumented leaders, it was in Miami Florida. This would help them build community and relationships with people around the country. This helped them know how to build the programs they wanted to build. They were asking \$5,600 to travel. They were doing Viking Funder and outside fundraising, this was only a portion of the cost and would all go towards paying the ticket costs.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. KUGS Automation Proposal

MOTION ASB-18-S-20 by: La Vallee

To approve the KUGS Automation Proposal with funding from Equipment reserves FXXGRR as a Grant.

Second: Rutledge Vote: 4 - 0 - 0 Action: Pass

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Student Enhancement Fund Extension Grant Proposal

LaVallee said that they were for keeping the wage level of the coordinator the same without more information. LaVallee said that that would be information that would be very hard to find accurately. Hessami asked how to go about it. LaVallee suggested having the Personnel Committee clarify guidelines for each payment level. Eckman suggested an exit survey this year. Yanzon said it also had to do with access and equity, for example there were very similar positions that exist within different offices that were paid differently. LaVallee said that with the changes to minimum wages a lot of data wouldn't be accurate. Chhabra suggested providing the future AS VP for Business and Operations with guidance on this topic.

MOTION ASB-18-S-21 by: Yanzon

To approve the Student Enhancement Fund Extension Grant Proposal with an amount of \$41,241. FXXRES.

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

B. Resolution Against Anti-Semitism

Eider said they did not want this to be voted on today. There were no significant changes they

were waiting to hear back from some people it was sent to.

C. Student Technology Fee Proposal

Eider reiterated the explanation made last week.

MOTION ASB-18-S-22 *by:Eider*

To approve the Student Technology Fee Proposal.

Second: Rutledge

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Action:Pass

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Resolution Against Anti-Islamic Sentiment

Eider said they brought this resolution to discuss the Anti-Islamic sentiment on campus. They acknowledged that there should be the same energy towards deconstructing anti-Islamic sentiment. They know that the University has not made a committee on reacting to anti-Islamic sentiment. The resolution is available in the Board documents for May 25th 2018.

B. ESC Leadership and Advocacy Force Charge and Charter

Yanzon said the group wanted to change the name to better represent the purpose of the Force. There was one slight change in membership.

C. ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter

Yanzon said the VP for Diversity would no longer chair this committee. The new chair will be the ESC Assistant Director for Logistics. Yanzon would like to see the AS VP for Diversity to do more advocacy work

D. Wall Street Journal Proposal

LaVallee said that this was a proposal to give all students, staff and faculty at Western Washington University online access to the Wall Street Journal. LaVallee said that although the overall cost was higher with this proposal, the cost per student goes down from \$17.00 to \$1.50 per month. If this was passed then everyone would be able to make an account for free. LaVallee said that the Wall Street Journal would provide usage data after a year. Yanzon suggested talking to Steve Vanderstaay about getting university funding for it. Yanzon said they don't know if there was an urgency for this proposal and it could potentially be passed next year.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that they met with Melynda Huskey and Gordon that day and they would be coming next week to present information about tuition. They have asked for numbers in comparison with other universities. Alumni weekend was the previous weekend and Chhabra presented to the Foundation Board about what the Board has done that year.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, reported that at Faculty Senate that week they talked about discussing safety and locks on campus. They were going to start reducing the number of master keys on campus and switch from keys to electronic passes. There was also discussion of the use of Canvas to cheat on an exams and about where to set tuition. They discussed raising out-of-state undergraduate tuition by 5% and graduate tuition by 4%. They met with the Graduate Student Advisory Council. Eckman said that graduate students pay 7% of the AS budget and didn't feel like they benefit from it. Eider said that Donna Gibbs talked with the UPRC about Westerns involvement on the waterfront and trying to create an

attractive place to host conferences. There was a discussion for a student work space and museum for student work on the waterfront.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported that Hannah in the ESP has been working on getting menstrual products in bathrooms around campus.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that they had a discussion about recommendations for the Personnel Office and would be bringing that the next week. They wanted to extend an apology for cancelling the Structural Review Committee meeting. There would be a meeting the following week. They had a Personnel Committee meeting that day that they cannot talk about. They did discuss the job descriptions and change from salary to hourly.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that they went to the Diversity Achievement award selection. They and their successor met with the foundation about having a better relationship with the ESC. Culture Shock was on June 1st in the PAC. Yanzon and Chhabra have been meeting with ESC staff.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chhabra met with Alexander and discussed the AS Review. They discussed what direction the AS Review was heading and how it started. It started as a newsletter and was now more investigative journaling. Rutledge said that Jeff Bates was currently overseeing the AS Review, Publicity Center and the AS Communications office. The Board wanted to make sure that the AS Review was getting the support it needed. Chhabra asked if the Board thought that students should be funding two newspapers. Yanzon said that they feel like the current AS Review has been doing a phenomenal job. Alexander said that their concern was primarily that there was not enough support for it to be an investigative journal. The Board needed to decide how to provide that support. Alexander suggested looking at how other institutions support their publications. LaVallee said that the paper was becoming more independent and was wondering who was responsible for the actions of the AS Review. Alexander said that there is a new law passed in Washington that publications cannot be suppressed or censored in what was published, but the writers were accountable for what they write. The AS Review writer said that they don't receive training about what to publish and how to publish it, it was in the hands of their editor, while the Western Front writers have often taken classes. Yanzon said that if the current leadership of the AS Review wanted to take it in a direction then the AS Board should support it. Alexander suggested the creation of a task-force or committee to deal with this issue. Chhabra said that Rutledge should pass this information down to the next AS VP for Activities.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:12 p.m.