

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 4th 2018

Room VU 567

Minutes neverformally approved.

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Simrun Chhabra(President), 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): Alberto Rodriguez.

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-13 To approve the QRC Queer Guild Summit Proposal. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-14 To change the AS Budget Committee Charge and Charter from information item to action item. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-15 To approve the AS Budget Committee Charge and Charter with the discussed changes. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:13p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Keith Williams the new assistant Chief of Police introduced themselves and expressed desire to keep working with the Board to continue building a strong relationship with the campus community.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Business Report

LaVallee presented the report and explained that it was a Budget overview. LaVallee went over the AS budget process. There were seven voting members on the S&A Lee Committee this year. The AS was almost completely funded by the S&A fees. Challenges include limited revenue growth because the fee was coupled with tuition, the fee was decoupled from tuition that year. Growing expenditures include Minimum Wage increase, Staff Salary Increase and organizational expansion.

Ramirez entered at 4:26pm.

There was currently a \$59,436 deficit, which was what the AS started the year with. This would likely be covered by left over money from the year. Next year there were \$70,000 worth of grants that were ending and other increasing costs. There were a few items from the Budget Committee that the Board would see that were fairly contentious, including the VU Gallery budget. Chhabra asked when the Board would see the budget. LaVallee said that it would be either the following week or the week after that. Alexander asked the Board how best to make the budget process digestible and accessible. Chhabra suggested everyone meeting with someone about their specific budgets. Yanzon said that they would like to see notes on all large changes to the budget with explanations. Chhabra recognized the work put in by LaVallee and Jose, the Business Director.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Queer Resource Center Queer Guild Summit Proposal

Rodriguez went over the proposal again. They asked if there were any more questions or things that were unclear. Rutledge asked about funding. Rodriguez said that they were going to start

the process of getting a grant from the Board next year. Chhabra suggested having something in the proposal that asked the group to work with the AS VP for Diversity. Rodriguez said that the Guild would change over the years to suit the needs of the community. Alexander asked if there would be a permanent member who didn't change every year. Rodriguez said that was something that the new SAIRC directors could do. Chhabra thanked Alberto.

MOTION ASB-18-S-13 by: Yanzon

To approve the QRC Queer Guild Summit Proposal.

Second: Gordon Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Presentation on Safety Results

Gordon presented the results of the campus safety survey. Gordon gave a shout out to RHA for increasing participation. Many students liked having the Blue Light Call boxes on campus those would stay. Many students said that campus needed more light. Gordon said that they do not see clear data to support or deny having security cameras on campus. Gordon gave an overview of where campus safety was going in the next year. They were increasing lighting, testing one-way windows, restructuring the green coats and hiring some new leadership. The new Assistant Chief of Campus Police said they were working to improve the relationship between University Police and students on campus and work towards having a positive, productive and safe relationship with students and being as approachable as possible.

B. AS Budget Committee Charge and Charter

LaVallee said that the change was a correction of some wording and a change of who would be the chair of the committee, it will now be the AS Business Director.

MOTION ASB-18-S-14 by: LaVallee

To change the AS Budget Committee Charge and Charter from information item to action item.

Second: Yanzon Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

MOTION ASB-18-S-15 by: LaVallee

To approve the AS Budget Committee Charge and Charter with the discussed changes.

Second: Gordon Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, reported that they had been working on a press release concerning the time the Board went into executive session and decided to bring back the VP for Governmental Affairs. Chhabra said that they could help Gordon get the water-bottle change to the President's Cabinet.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, reported they filmed a food pantry video that Wednesday. The following Tuesday and Wednesday Club Renew was happening, one day for leaving club leaders and one for new club leaders. The Ree Center Advisory Committee meeting was that day, they would probably vote to increase the Ree Center student fee by \$4.05 a quarter. They were sending out a sign-up sheet for out-of-office office hours, one during lunch and one during dinner.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, reported that S&A Fee Committee has one more week. They said that the Structural Review Committee would have its first meeting the following week. They were also contacted by a student concerned about the proposed changes to the Washington Administrative Code 516-35 and WAC 516-36. They were concerned that the language might infringe on students free-speech.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reported that themselves and Chhabra met with the ESC advisors and had a conversation about how they could support students and how to maintain ESC staff. Steering Committee officially voted on a restructure and were currently changing it so that the budget authority of each club was the one who would go to Steering. Going forward they were still looking to change the ESC bylaws.

Ana Ramirez, VP for Governmental Affairs, reported that TAC approved funding for three more students to go to federal lobby day as well as to buy one hundred copies of the Blue Groups book to bring.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, reported that next week they would have an updated list of demands from RA's. Tuesday was their meeting with Melynda Huskey. The water bottle ban was getting close to being an official policy. They were trying to get sustainable menstrual products sold in the Bookstore for a discounted price. They also said that the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Referendum and the Smoke-Free Campus Referendum both passed, the smoke-free campus one had much more support than it did in 2013.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Solana-Walkinshaw, Board Assistant for Academic Shared Governance, mentioned they went with Eider to see the Head of the Geology Department with the Academic Affairs Council. They discussed accessibility issues within the Geology Department.

Hayden read the AS Elections results. Voter turnout increased by slightly less than a percent, the voter turnout was 17.2% of the student population. The Sustainability Action Fund Referendum passed with 85% of the vote. The Ethnic Studies Referendum passed with 82% of the vote. The Smoke-free Campus Referendum passed with 60% of the vote. The Student Technology Fee Referendum passed with 70% of the vote. The Board asked about getting exit poll data. Houck said that it was possible but probably not feasible. Chhabra felt there could be a better place for a second polling station than Arntzen.

The Board took a six minute recess.

The Board went into executive session at 5:20 until 5:50.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:50 and went back into executive session until 6:10.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:10 and went back into executive session until 6:20.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:22.

Chhabra said that the Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter about an

Election Code violation by a Board member.

The Board went into executive session at 6:25 until 6:40.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:40.

Rutledge said that the Board discussed the personnel matter. They decided that the Board member was going to have to write a statement. They also discussed creating an ethics board to hold the AS Board accountable. The Board will also work on strengthening the election code and clarifying the issues that lead to the problems today. Hayden asked for clarification about the obligation to transparency from the Board when something like this happens. Rutledge said that the Board member in question would have to attend an ethics workshop.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:43p.m.

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