

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 1st 2018 Room VU 567

Minutes neverformally approved.

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guests: Melynda Huskey, Genaro Meza, Jeff Bates, Max Nelson, Jose Rios Sanchez

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-23 To approve \$5,600 dollars from FXXRES for the United We Dream Congress and to carry that payment over to the next fiscal year. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-24 To approve the Outdoor Center Assessment Recommendations. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-25 To move the Personnel Office Assessment Proposal up the agenda. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-26 To approve the Resolution Against Antisemitism Sentiment with the suggested changes. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-27 To approve the ESC Leadership and Advocacy Force Charge and Charter. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-28 To approve the ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter with the change to “provide input and support for the assessment and planning of”. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-29 To approve the name change from “Student Employee Council” to “Student Leadership Council” and to approve \$6,000 as a grant from FXXRES. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

The AS Review Website Proposal was moved to second on the agenda.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Tuition Increase Update

Huskey talked about financial aid at Western and how that was funded. There was an increase in the State Need Grant and it would continue to increase for the next three years. Over the last three years the average amount of debt a Western student graduates with had been decreasing. Western had the lowest debt default rate of graduates in the state. Rutledge asked about the amount of fees graduates pay. Huskey said that it was more than undergraduate but it was cheaper than most other places in the state. Meza asked how much the nonresident tuition was going to increase. Huskey said that they didn't know off the top of their head but will provide that information in the future.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Budget Committee Recommendations

LaVallee said that there have been two weeks of discussion and wanted any final questions. LaVallee clarified which changes should be included in the motion. Chhabra said that they don't feel comfortable passing this because it removed the New York Times on campus and they don't feel like there has been sufficient discussion and input from the student body. Alexander said that this same discussion had been had for the last three years, it always gets suggested and the

Board removes it. He said they could remove the New York Times grant from the budget and that would force a continued discussion, at a later date someone could propose a grant to continue it. Eider said that they were meeting with Steve Vanderstaay the following week and could get input. Yanzon argued that the Board should pass this budget so that a conversation could be started. Chhabra said they didn't think the people who felt strongly about this item were in this conversation. Gordon asked that the Board agree they will do the necessary work to get the AS Budget Committee Recommendations passed the next week. The Board agreed to table the item until the following week.

B. Blue Group United We Dream Congress Funding Proposal

Yanzon went over the proposal again. Hayden suggested that it be made clear that the fund carried over to the next fiscal year.

MOTION ASB-18-S-23 by: Yanzon

To approve \$5,600 dollars from FXXRES for the United We Dream Congress and to carry that payment over to the next fiscal year.

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

C. Outdoor Center Assessment Recommendations

Nelson said they made some edits to the proposal. They talked to the Outdoor Center about the current operating system and found it was made in house because it was the most affordable. Part of this recommendation was to get more information about this over the next year. One bike shop technician will be designated as a contact for the coordinator.

MOTION ASB-18-S-24 by: La Vallee

To approve the Outdoor Center Assessment Recommendations.

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

Chhabra moved to move the Personnel Office Assessment proposal up the agenda. Rutledge seconded.

MOTION ASB-18-S-25 by: Chhabra

To move the Personnel Office Assessment Proposal up the agenda.

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Resolution Against Antisemitism Sentiment

Eider had talked to some people and received positive feedback. Gordon suggested the "have become more blatant and prominent" be changed to "continues to be blatant and prominent".

MOTION ASB-18-S-26 by: Eider

To approve the Resolution Against Antisemitism Sentiment with the suggested changes.

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

B. Resolution Against Anti-Islamic Sentiment

Chhabra suggested a similar change to the language in this resolution. Gordon suggested a further call to action in the last part of the resolution. The Board agreed to edit this and bring it back the

following week.

C. ESC Leadership and Advocacy Force Charge and Charter

Yanzon brought the item back because of the name change. LaVallee was not present for the vote.

MOTIONASB-18-S-27 by: Yanzon

To approve the ESC Leadership and Advocacy Force Charge and Charter.

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

D. ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter

Hayden pointed out that it seemed challenging to plan the ESC retreats through committee. Alexander suggested the language “provide input and support for the assessment and planning of”.

MOTIONASB-18-S-28 by: Yanzon

To approve the ESC Steering Committee Charge and Charter with the change to “provide input and support for the assessment and planning of”.

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

E. AS Underrepresented Student Leadership Council Grant Proposal

Yanzon said it had been a couple months since they had brought this to the Board, and reviewed the proposal. The grant was \$6,000 and for a council that already existed, but was being renamed.

MOTIONASB-18-S-29 by: Yanzon

To approve the name change from “Student Employee Council” to “Student Leadership Council” and to approve \$6,000 as a grant from FXXRES.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Personnel Office Assessment Recommendations

Nelson went through the recommendation. The Personnel Office needed a cabinet that locked, and wanted to address concerns about training. The Personnel Office wanted a larger budget for food at training to have more gluten free and vegan options. They also wanted new equipment such as a new phone. The fourth recommendation was to conduct a thorough evaluation of the position classification and equity in pay levels across the AS. The fifth was to develop learning outcomes for training so that they were more focused. Hayden said that it had been a goal for a long time to revamp the training and have a more focused system and better assessments.

B. AS Review Website Proposal

This item was discussed second because there was a guest present. Bates explained this proposal would add functionality to the AS Review and allow them to reach more students. Chhabra noted that the current AS website was pretty shabby and they didn’t want to set the precedent that other offices should get their own websites. Bates said that this was a stop-gap measure until the AS website was up and running. Rutledge asked about the timeline for the AS website change. Alexander said that they were currently in the process of hiring the website designer for next year. Chhabra recommended the Board approve this next week with the stipulation that it was temporary. Hayden suggested the Board think about which domain to use and what those mean.

C. Sustainability, Equity and Justice Charge and Charter

Gordon said that the new Charge and Charter reflected the membership and name changes.

D. Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operations

Gordon ran through the changes. A lot of edits surrounded changing the way people look at

sustainability and moving away from environmentalism. They also restructured the tier system for grants based on who was requesting them and how big they were.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, said she met with the Foundation Board. That week she would be going to the Alumni meeting to present the hard work that the Board had done that year and would be introducing the new Board. There was work toward creating an Alumni position that would be responsible for building more collaboration between alumni and the university.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, said they attended a meeting with the Western Coalition on integrity and they would love feedback from the board about ways to discourage academic dishonesty. The previous day, they went to Committee for Undergraduate Education and discussed how to classify and evaluate GUR's. Yanzon said that they wanted to be aware of the access issues surrounding first generation students especially and making sure not to criminalize cheating.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, said that someone from the Communications Office interviewed them about an article going into the Seattle Times. They were gathering information about the summer concert series.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, said they had a Structural Review Committee the previous evening. They were having a meeting with some graduate students about how much they get out of the S&A fee. They will be reaching out to Steve Vanderstaay about the New York Times subscription.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Diversity, reminded the Board to go to Culture Shock that evening.

Annie Gordon, VP for Student Life, said that they have been doing a lot of work for SAF. Melynda Huskey would be at UHRAC the next week. Menstrual products would be in every bathroom in academic buildings on campus. Diva cups will be sold in the bookstore next year.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:52 a.m.