

Western Washington University Associated Students
AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 8th 2018

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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) and Annie Gordon (VP Student Life)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Hailey Murphy (AS Review), Erasmis Baxter and Genaro Meza (VP BusOps elect)

MOTIONS

ASB-18-S-30 To approve the AS Budget Committee Recommendations with the recommendation that there be funding for a yearlong grant for evaluating the implementation of the Wall Street Journal. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-31 To approve the AS Personnel Office Assessment Recommendations. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-32 To approve the temporary hosting of the AS Review being posted on an external site for two years with the understanding that it will return to the AS webpage once it has been updated, and the \$100 to fund the website will come out of the AS Review operations budget and the usage of any domain “.org”. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-33 To approve the VP for Diversity job description changes. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-34 To approve the Resolution Against Anti-Islamic Sentiment with the change to the first line to “continue to feel unsafe” and the last BE IT ALSO RESOLVED to “that we hold the Administration of the university to actively support students as readily as they are willing to accept are them to the university.” *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-35 To approve the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Charge and Charter. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-36 To move the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operation from an information item to an action item. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-37 To approve the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operation. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-38 To approve the Travel Taskforce Charge and Charter updates. *Passed.*

ASB-18-S-39 To approve the Carry Forward Requests submitted by the Business Director. *Passed.*

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:04p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Budget Committee Recommendation

Eider met with Steve VanderStaay, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, who stated his office along with Enrollment & Student Services funds \$14,000 of the \$23,000 bill for the New York Times, which only reached about 400 people. VanderStaay said approved of the switch to the Wall Street Journal, the office would still fund \$14,000. The AS would only have to fund the additional \$11,000, which included online access to the entire student body. Chhabra asked if everyone wanted to cut New York Times from the budget and stated she was fine with it as long

as there was a grant for other journals in the future, such as the Wall Street Journal. Alexander noted that if the Board still wanted the Wall Street Journal then they needed to have funding for that within the operating budget. Chhabra stated they could keep the funding in the budget and advise next year's Board to look at other sources. LaVallee felt more comfortable cutting the item from the budget and adding yearlong grants for the Wall Street Journal and then evaluate the usage data to see if it should be operationalized.

MOTION ASB-18-S-30 by: Yanzon

To approve the AS Budget Committee Recommendations with the recommendation that there be funding for a yearlong grant for evaluating the implementation of the Wall Street Journal.

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

B. Personnel Office Assessment Recommendations

Maxwell Nelson stated the Personnel Office had already received locks for the cabinets and so that recommendation did not need to be considered.

MOTION ASB-18-S-31 by: LaVallee

To approve the AS Personnel Office Assessment Recommendations.

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

C. AS Review Website Proposal

The AS Review representative asked the Board what their thoughts were about the website URT. Yanzon and Chhabra said they liked “.org”. The AS Review thought it would take two years to get the new AS website up and running, so the \$100 proposal for two years was a better deal. Gordon wanted to make sure that the AS Review was still accessible on the AS website. TaVallee clarified that this secondary AS Review website would only be in place for when the AS website is being redone, then the AS Review would come back to the main AS website.

MOTION ASB-18-S-32 by: Chhabra

To approve the temporary hosting of the AS Review being posted on an external site for two years with the understanding that it will return to the AS webpage once it has been updated, and the \$100 to fund the website will come out of the AS Review operations budget and the usage of any domain “.org”.

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

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

A. VP for Diversity Job Description Changes

Yanzon stated they had made a few minor changes. They had changed the Resource & Outreach Programs to Student Advocacy and Identity Resource Centers (SAIRC). Removed the sentence about the ROP director. Changed the “End of the Year Banquet” to “Commencement” and “Building Unity” to “Retreat”.

MOTION ASB-18-S-33 by: Yanzon

To approve the VP for Diversity job description changes.

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Resolution Against Anti-Islamic Sentiment

Eider said there were a couple changes in the document. A minor change in the first line from

“have felt more unsafe than ever” to “continue to feel unsafe”. Chhabra felt the last BE IT ALSO Resolved, was too soft and didn’t ask enough. Gordon thought it should be to ask the administration to provide more resources and support to marginalized students.

MOTION ASB-18-S-34 by: Eider

To approve the Resolution Against Anti-Islamic Sentiment with the changes to the first line to “continue to feel unsafe” and the last BE IT ALSO RESOLVED to “that we hold the Administration of the university to actively support students as readily as they are willing to accept are them to the university.

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

B. Sustainability, Equity and Justice Charge and Charter

MOTIONASB-18-S-35 by: Gordon

To approve the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Charge and Charter

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operation

Gordon clarified that there were few changes the biggest being the Conflict of Interest section had been expanded on for better understanding. She noted that the SAF committee had not voted on it, but did not need to formally pass through the committee.

MOTIONASB-18-S-36 by: Gordon

To move the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operation from an information item to an action item.

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

MOTIONASB-18-S-37 by: Gordon

To approve the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Rules of Operation.

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

B. Updated List of Demands

Gordon states she brought the List of Demands to the Board because people frequently asked her where the List of Demands was at. A few things had been updated in the list since March including adding an additional meal plan option for Resident Advisors. She stated a lot had been done that year and wanted to recognize the hard work that had been done and will continue to be done.

C. Multicultural Services Taskforce Charge and Charter

Yanzon said this would be a taskforce led by the VP for Diversity. This was a taskforce because most of the duties would be done by the time the Multicultural Center was built. They reviewed the membership of the committee and the applications to apply would be open end of summer beginning of fall. Chhabra thought it would be beneficial to have a Student Outreach Services advisor on the taskforce considering the amount they had done that year and the resources they provided to students. She also wanted the membership within the committee to feel empowered to make change by connecting them with the upper level administration. Yanzon felt it would be

better to bring in those experts as guests and consultants and not a part of the committee. They didn't think they needed to be a part of the membership. Alexander stated the Multicultural Services was the responsibility of the university and thought the "create/implementation" portion of the Charge should be change to "supporting". He also wondered whether the Taskforce would really have the ultimate deciding rights because it was the institutions decision. Yanzon stated they got that wording from the Executive Committee Charge & Charter. Yanzon agreed that the third point "create/implement job descriptions" could be changed and thought that the language could still be worded better throughout the Charge. They thought that this was document was more about the process and centering of student needs. Alexander thought they could create that charge for the committee but the institution would not be required to adhere to it. Hayden stated the writing of the charge and charter was a mismatch of the empowerment. He thought the Board could either bring in the people with the deciding authority and work side by side or have students work together to provide vision for where they want to see this go and make suggestions. Chhabra thought the language of the Charge and Charter could be misinterpreted and thought it should be reworded before passing it. Alexander asked when the taskforce would start. Yanzon thought the committee would start outreach in the summer and was trying to make the committee paid somehow, but not through payroll. The Board decided to continue with outreach starting in the summer, but would have the final charge and charter approved by the next Board. The current Board would work together to finalize the language before passing it on. Yanzon stated this taskforce was important because there hadn't been access for students in the past.

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

A. Travel Taskforce Charge and Charter

Monger said the only changes were to extend the Taskforce and to include the AS Personnel Director. Yanzon understood that the committee would continue to meet in the summer regardless of the membership attendance. Monger said the committee would keep working into the summer with any members that were available and the committee had to rewrite the policy so there was plenty of meetings left.

MOTION ASB-18-S-38 by: Chhabra

To approve the Travel Taskforce Charge and Charter updates.

Second: Eider

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Pass

B. Carry Forwards

The AS Business Director said there were several budgets that had remaining funds. He had asked all budget authorities to send in whether or no they wanted to carry over the funds to the following year and justification for why. He stated all but two of the requests were automatic: Pop Music large event item and the REP Office Win-Win Grant. Alexander had noted that the LEADs office had not gotten in their proposal on time, so they were not on the list. Hayden said part of the reason the AS Pop was asking for the carry over funds because they were trying to secure an artist since there had been a scheduling mishap. Chhabra was okay with the ASP keeping the funds. Hayden said Win-Win was a grant the REP got to support student civic engagement that was not AS funds and comes from an outside source. Chhabra said there were fine with all the carry forwards listed, but did not have enough information about the LEADs proposal that had been brought forward after the document was posted.

Alexander stated that the AS partially funds the LEADs office

MOTION ASB-18-S-39 by: Eider

To approve the Carry Forward Requests submitted by the Business Director.

Second: LaVallee

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action:Pass

C. Recognition

The Board took time to recognize the people that had supported them that year.

X. BOARD REPORTS

Simrun Chhabra, President, checked in to see how the Board internships with their predecessors and legacy documents were going. She asked that people come to the Board of Trustees meeting to talk about tuition increase and purchasing a waterfront property. A portion of the university was going to ask the state for a waterfront property. They wanted to keep in mind that they would be asking tax payers for that money. Eider elaborated that the waterfront property would showcase student work, collaborations with the community and provide a large conference space for the university.

Hunter Eider, VP for Academic Affairs, said they had only one more faculty meeting and their last Academic Affairs Council was that week.

Julia Rutledge VP for Activities, had gone to two meetings for the new TGBTQ Director that week.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Business and Operations, had met with graduate students about representation in the Associated Students. The plan was to talk to the structural committee and suggest having a graduate student position on the executive team.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Simrun Chhabra, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:19p.m.