

Western Washington University Associated Students

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 7th, 2016 VU 567

AS Board Officers: Present: Belina Seare (President), Hannah Brock (VP BusOps), Abby Ramos (VP Diversity), Zachary Dove (VP Academics), Israel Rios (VP Activities), Patrick Eckroth (VP Governmental Affairs), and Emma Palumbo (VP Student Life).

Advisor!s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest!s):

MOTIONS

ASB-16-W-1 Approval of the Minutes from December 2nd2015 and December 11th with Written Edits. *Passed.*

ASB-16-W-2 Approve the AS Employee Student of Color Caucus Space. *Passed.*

ASB-16-W-3 Approval of the ASWWU State Legislative Agenda for 2016 with Written Edits. *Passed.*

Belina Seare, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-16-W-1 by Palumbo

Approval of the Minutes from December 2nd 2015 and December 11th with written edits.

Second: Dove Vote: 4-0-3 Action: Passed

II. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests*

A. Sustainable Action Fund Taskforce Recommendation

Palumbo said she has been working on this for the past two quarters. Eric Alexander and Hannah Brock were both on this committee. The taskforce process come to be because the Sustainable Action Fund passed to replace the Green Energy Fee and some changes needed to be addressed and last year's AS Board of Directors felt there needed to be a taskforce to address it. One of the biggest changes is that it funds three new positions within the AS but they didn't talk about what those positions were going to be like. The granting process needed to be changed and they wanted to re-evaluate that as well. How the process worked is that there was two sub groups that met and then reported back as a large group. The first group focused on the three new positions. The first position is a marketing position and the other two positions are unfilled. Personnel Committee already approved the new Environmental and Sustainability Programs (ESP) Marketing position. Then they are wanting to allow the ESP to decide on the needs of the two other positions. The Environmental Center is going through Structure and Programs Advisory Committee (SPAC) next year and they can re-evaluate what is needed in there. The granting program also changed. Currently grants are broken to small grant and large grants. They felt it needed to be more specific and to expand who can access grants and what they can fund. They broke it into three different tiers. The first tier is smaller and for things such as events and workshop, professional development, research grants, and wage grants. The second tier is for purchasing grants, which is a onetime purchases that are not going to take a lot of time getting into place. The third tier is the multi-stakeholder and more complex grants. Brock said second tier was geared towards classroom involvement with faculty. Palumbo said yes because students are benefitting from it,

but they don't necessarily need to be part of the planning process. They do include the rationale behind each of the tiers. The committee has a hard time setting up meetings whenever documents come in and this will hopefully set more structure to that. Purchasing of REC's is the third part. It's possible to offset 100% of carbon emissions through REC's which is for electricity. There is also a possibility of abandoning that, and more directly supporting energy efficiency. Their recommendation would be to let the SAF decide that when more information is figured out. The Board can ask SAF to bring it back for them to decide on that as well. She did want to point out that implementing this would be suspending new projects for a couple quarters because they need to create application forms and set up the tier deadlines. It would set time aside to get all of that figured out. They were hoping it would take a quarter or two. Brock said they just got two project proposals so this would be after that. Palumbo said they would run out any applications they have now. Eckroth asked if all projects would not be accepted for two quarters. Or certain tiers? Brock said her understanding it would just be the third tier. Palumbo said she will double check. Eckroth said he is worried about the missed opportunities. Brock said it is a rolling process and not a cutoff date currently. They talked about a system that may have five slots, and people can still apply and go on a waitlist and once a slot opens they would get in. Palumbo said that hasn't been approved yet, that would be a change to the rules of operations and the Board would see that if it did happen. Alexander said they are hoping to put a timeline on these things so they don't end up with projects going 3-5 years and go through a full cycle of students before allowing new applications. They are trying to balance what they have for resources and the wants and desires of the university. Rios asked about the new ESP positions and if they would be able to fund current ESP positions? Palumbo said no, when it was voted on it said to create three new positions. Rios asked Palumbo to define professional development. Palumbo said it would be for conferences and workshops. Rios said Activities Council (AC) currently has conference funding with sustainability so there may be overlap. Palumbo said it's also for events which has overlap throughout the AS. Brock said if it's more sustainability it should go to this fund. Palumbo asked if they have outlines what can be used for AC funding. Rios said sort of. A club called Net Impact went to a sustainability conference, would that go to this fund? It would be hard to decide which one to apply to. They can figure it out later on.

III. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Employee Student of Color Caucus Space

Ramos said way back in October they saw this. She went to the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) and the Personnel Committee and talked to Nick Sanchez the Employment Inclusion Manager for WWU. They did add some language about the good that came out of this space. She added an explanation on why that matters. This would be used for spring quarter. If they want to continue it they would bring it back to be approved next year. She also included that no one will be kicked out or excluded from this space.

MOTION: ASB-16- W-2 by Brock

Approve the AS Employee Student of Color Caucus Space

Second: Dove Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Foundation Account Request for Martin Luther King Event

Ramos said they have seen this before. This is for the conference that will be going on at Whatcom Community College and put on by the Human Rights Taskforce. They contacted her asking for sponsorship of the event as it is open to the public and it is a free event. The event would be on January 18th. They set it up by sponsorship. Brock asked if Ramos has more information on the programming of the conference. Ramos said it's on the website. Ramos said they have something set up from Bellingham schools for teachers to go for professional development as well. They can decide how much to sponsor as well. Alexander said they have \$30,000 in the off campus account and it's also for scholarships. They get that money from the advertisements in the Big Blue Book. Ramos said they would need a decision this week because the event is in two weeks. Alexander said this would be for the Not-for-Profit Board and they need an agenda and they can do it at the end of the next Board meeting if they need to. Ramos said she will reach out to this group and see if they still need funding and then she will let the Board know.

A. ASWWU State Legislative Agenda

Eckroth said he made the changes that were recommended at the last Board meeting and smaller grammatical changes. Student Success is mostly the same as last years except the last bullet point. Dove said on the first bullet point when they say "pushed off campus", he thinks that's casual language. He would suggest finding another way to say that. Eckroth suggested it saying "students are often denied service" instead of "pushed off campus". Eckroth said in the Support for Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence portion, they made one change. The first and second bullet points are now in the same bullet point. Brock asked if they should have "we advocate for" at each bullet point? Eckroth said yes. Eckroth said not a lot was changes to the Civic Education in Public K-12. Dove suggested to strike "states economy" or switch the wording to democracy and economy. Eckroth said yes, but legislators care about economy. Dove said so maybe switching it? Eckroth said possibly. This would be changing the curriculum itself and talking about ways to make that change. Eckroth asked for feedback about New and Dedicated Revenue. Dove said after prevent, he suggested saying "and reverse". Eckroth asked for feedback about Voter Rights and Access. Martin said in the fourth bullet point, he thinks that's a more extreme statement compared to the other ones. It may subtract from the others. Eckroth said they will see opposition from anything they say in the legislature. Martin said but this one could receive more than others. Eckroth said it did make some progress in the last session. Seare said asked Eckroth for clarification on the voter registration, do they have to require them to sign it? Eckroth said no. this would just be providing the form. Seare said she is worried that it may have adverse side effects on undocumented citizens. Eckroth suggested adding "adding oppression". Ramos dittos. Seare said could they be "providing the opportunity". Alexander said there is always the potential of down the road it becomes required, it's a good conversation to have. Rios said last meeting they talked about having this form required on move in, are they going to make that change? Eckroth said it could be provided at both times, signing the lease and upon move in. Eckroth asked if there was anything else. Ramos wondered if there was anything about trans being able to use any bathroom, which was approved in 2006. Ramos would like to get this added in if they could. Eckroth said they can email Josie Ellison the Legislative Advocacy Coordinator who can do more work on that down in Olympia. Eckroth said the last thing is the letter has been similar from all of you. Seare said take out the number of students, because there will be some that may not feel that it accurately representing their desires. Ramos said she would like

to see something written about students' efforts in this. Seare said they could ask legislators to "honor the students' experiences".

MOTION: ASB-16-W-3 by Eckroth

Approve the 2016 ASWWU State Legislative Agenda with grammatical amendments.

Second: Palumbo Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

IX. BOARD REPORTS

Belina Seare, AS President reported that she hasn't had a chance to talk to Alexander yet but she would like to revisit the idea of the Board meeting location. They need to consider why there is no people in the room right now.

Zach Dove, VP for Academic Affairs reported that grade replacement police will be voted on, on Monday January 11th in Faculty Senate at 4pm in Old Main 340.

Patrick Eckroth, VP for Governmental Affairs reported that the Viking Lobby Day registration form will be open until the end of the weekend.

Hannah Brock, VP for Business and Operations reported that

Abby Ramos VP for Diversity did not give a report.

Israel Rios VP for Activities reported that

Emma Palumbo VP for Student Life reported that

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Belina Seare, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m.