

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

Friday, November 2nd, 2018

VU 567

Members: **Present:** Millka Solomon (President), Levi Eckman (VP for Academic Affairs), Camilla Mejia (VP for Diversity), Natasha Hessami (VP for Governmental Affairs), Anne Lee (VP for Student Life), Ama Monkah (VP for Activities).

Absent: Genaro Meza-Roa (VP for Business & Operations)

Advisor: Leti Romo (Equity & Identity Resource Centers Coordinator)

Guests: Simon Thomas (Western Front); Henry Pollet (AS Legislative Liaison).

Motions:

ASB-18-F-34 Approval of all the revisions to the agenda. *Passed.*

ASB-18-F-35 Approval of the ESC Leadership Advocacy Force Charge & Charter. *Passed.*

ASB-18-F-36 Approval to move \$387 from the AS Operating Reserves to the Club Hub. *Passed.*

ASB-18-F-37 Approval of all consent items for committee appointments. *Passed.*

Millka Solomon, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ama Monkah stated that she needs to move the Club Hub Reserves item from Information Item – Board to Action Item - Board. Anne Lee stated that UHRAC Committee item needs to be removed from the agenda.

MOTION ASB-18-F-34 By Solomon

To approve all revisions to the agenda.

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

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS – Board *

A. ESC Leadership Advocacy Force Charge & Charter

Camilla Mejia stated that this charge & charter was discussed at the last meeting.

Mejia reiterated that the Advocacy Director is no longer the Vice Chair and their title

AS Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund Committee

Emma Lewis

Junior

Business & Sustainability

MOTION ASB-18-F-37 By Hessami

To approve all consent items for committee appointments.

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

X. BOARD REPORTS

Camilla Mejia, VP for Diversity stated that they are working on a charge & charter for an undocumented student support group. This has historically been present but has never had an official charge & charter. She does not want it to be lost in transition with the new Multicultural Center, so a charge & charter will be coming to the Board soon.

Natasha Hessami, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that the Local Candidate Forum was yesterday and it went well. Voting ends on November 6, so she wants to remind everyone to vote. Legislative Affairs Council passed all of their legislative agenda priorities as consent items. They will be presenting seven or eight legislative agenda items at WSA General Assembly on November 10. Hessami explained that it is a great place for people for to understand what college-level legislative priorities look like across the entire state of Washington. It will be held in Viking Union 565. In regards to the conversation with the College of Science and Engineering (CSE), Henry Pollet sent an email to Brad Johnson and some other folks stating that they would not be lobbying for the \$60 million pre-healthcare decision package unless the college meets the needs of marginalized students in their college. Hessami explained that this is an impactful issue and Hessami noted that she was asked to lobby for it after winning the election in spring. Hessami stated that she feels as though she is being used by CSE while simultaneously not being supported. They will lobby for it if the CSE explicitly demonstrates that tangible steps are being made to meet their needs. Mejia asked if Hessami would outline the steps and asked how the Board could support Hessami with this. Hessami added that legislative agenda items need to be passed through LAC and LAC is aware of this. Hessami explained that they provided a list of five “Things We Need” to CSE. Most of the demands are free and are tangible. Pollet stated that this specific issue would not be given to the legislators but Legislative Session starts January 6. They need students to be involved in student lobbying to get these demands met. Hessami stated that CSE has their fall event on Thursday. Hessami will be MCing the event. The event is from 5-7 in the MAC gym.

Millka Solomon, AS President stated that the Board of Trustees was having a special meeting. They want to discuss housing and dining and Solomon asked for Shred the Contract to be on the agenda but the item was moved to the next Board of Trustees meeting. Thus, in December Shred the Contract will be presenting to the Board of Trustees. Solomon stated that she sits on the Waterfront Ideation Committee to determine how they want to use the waterfront property that Western bought. They are trying to determine how to utilize that property. Solomon stated that she is the only student on the committee. She thought she might ask for student’s opinions through the AS Review.

Ama Monkah, VP for Activities stated that she has been thinking about the AS Restructure. The VP for Activities is restructuring into a Student Union Board. Monkah has been doing a lot of research on this. At Communications Committee, they were discussing the rebrand of the AS. They want to find a way to make all the AS offices more cohesive. There are so many different logos, so they are discussing that in Communications Committee. She met with Sammy Baxter and Nicole Ebersole (Marketing & Special Events Director for Athletic Department), so they are planning a few events to improve student engagement. Monkah also was discussing leadership with Joanne DeMark about how to implement student leadership and school spirit with people's individual passions.

Levi Eckman, VP for Academic Affairs stated that filing for Student Senate opened this week. Many classes have viewed the video. They are almost out of the packets in the office, Eckman printed out 50 and there are 10 left. Eckman stated that one issue is that there is no way to see whether all colleges have had someone filed until it is turned in. Monkah stated that it could be good to have people sign in with their name and college when someone picks up a packet. Monkah stated that the election code is not given out, so they should emphasize that the Student Senate Election Code is available online. Solomon suggested adding a FAQ section to the website. CSE is trying to pay students to be involved in committees. Eckman stated that he has 15 meetings next week with students from Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC). There are many issues with the program being put in moratorium. Eckman just spoke with Ed West, a community educator, who stated that there are flagrant violations of student rights happening on Western's campus. Eckman stated that Jeff Newcomer, the person who approved the program to go into moratorium, is the chair of another department. Eckman explained that Newcomer held a vote unprofessionally and many of the faculty did not know what was going on during the vote. Eckman stated that they are trying to rush another vote to take place next Wednesday. Eckman stated that as an executive member at ACC, he could add to the agenda. There will be a group meeting to try to get the vote to a halt before next Wednesday. Hessami added that if Eckman thinks it would be productive, she could get CSE students to stand at that meeting. Ed West is going to work with Eckman to find out the names of students who were undeclared but wanted to join that program and could not after it was placed in moratorium. Solomon suggested contacting the Registrar. Eckman stated that he is very excited for the group meeting. Eckman added that twelve students who were declared in the fall switched programs because of all of the confusion. Eckman invited the Legal Information Center as well because posting a class to Class Finder is a legally binding contract. Eckman noted that the members of ACC never asked how students were feeling about this situation. They want to have the vote on Wednesday; Eckman is going to do his best to keep that from happening.

Anne Lee, VP for Student Life stated that she met with Gwen Larned from the Students for Zero Waste and they will be coming as guests to the Board meeting next week. They want to implement a policy on the current ban of water bottles including sparkling water. There is some pushback from administration. They want the water bottle ban institutionalized in a policy. As of now, there is no set policy; there is only an agreement within the AS and the school. At any time, they could allow plastic water bottles to be sold again. Lee stated that Students for Zero Waste already drafted it policy, it needs to be looked over by Melynda Huskey and signed off on. Eckman stated that they banned

plastic water bottles but they still allow plastic soda bottles, so he wants some clarification on that. Lee stated that that would be a question for Students for Zero Waste. Lee stated that her understanding is that water is a basic human right; it should not be bottled and sold by corporations. As an institution to perpetuate that is ridiculous. Lee stated that she would like the Board to write a resolution. Lee explained that the resolution could be leverage as well a stance the Board could take. Lee will be setting up meetings with Students Against Sexual Harassment and Assault with Huskey and Sue Guenter-Schlesinger.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Eckman stated that the Board Members need to be available to students for 5 hours per week. Solomon stated that they could also discuss having outside office hours.

Mejia stated that Huskey came to discuss the vigil on Monday at 6pm. She wanted to check in with everyone. Mejia stated that she thinks it is important that they all go. The Board Members will try to go. Since they were personally invited, she thinks it is important to go.

Solomon adjourned the meeting at 4:42pm.