



Western Washington University Associated Students Sustainability, Equity and Justice Fund

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 8:30AM VU 460

Members:

Present: Anne Lee (ASVP for Student Life), Scott Dorough (Campus Energy Manager), Johnathan Riopelle, Tuner Campbell, Grace Wang, Katie Winkelman (AS ESP Director), Aden Nevler

Advisor: Greg McBride

Motions:

SEJ-18-S-5 To vote on the issue of “Free the Toiletries” Grant. *Failed.*

SEJ-18-S-6 To approve “Free the Toiletries”. *Passed.*

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

I. Introductions

II. Action Items

a. Free the Toiletries Large Grant

Scott Dorough said that he is still concerned about the political and monetary implications of the grant. Lee responded that we haven't granted very many large or medium grants this year, so being tight on money isn't a concern. Winkelman said that cutting or reducing the men's bathroom aspect of the grant sends a message that the Equity and Justice aspects of this fund don't stand for.

MOTION SEJ-18-S-5 by Winkelman

To vote on the issue of “Free the Toiletries” grant.

Second: Wang Vote: 3-1-1 Action: *Passed*

Dorough said that he would like to take men's restrooms out of the plan, and then he would approve it. Lee said that sentiment is incredibly transphobic. Dorough said that he conducted research on the trans community over the past week and said that people are either assigned female or male at birth, and only female people menstruate and have a need for menstrual products.

Campbell responded to Dorough and said that that is incorrect, there are people who identify as male at birth who menstruate, and are under the label of intersex. Campbell also added that at this stage, we are just approving the general idea of the grant.

Wang said that she would like to see that every building on campus has a gender-neutral bathroom with menstrual products. She said she is worried about vandalism and the upkeep and maintenance. She stated that she resents being called transphobic for not wanting to approve the grant.

MOTION SEJ-18-S-0 by *Winkelman*

Table “Free the Toiletries” until the next meeting and bring in the team to answer questions.

Second: N/A Vote: N/A Action: *N/A*

Riopelle and McBride cautioned the committee and wanted them to envision what it may feel like as a student to be asked to come and explain their abstract and speak for themselves. Winkelman withdrew her motion.

MOTION SEJ-18-S-6 by *Wang*

Approve “Free the Toiletries”.

Second: Winkelman Vote: 5-0-0 Action: *Passed*

b. Kay Ulanday Small Grant

The committee discerned that the grant passed via e-vote.

III. Discussion Items

a. Scheduling

Wang brought up the idea of having a 90-minute meeting every other week instead of a 60 minute weekly meeting. Riopelle suggested creating a stipend for members of SEJ. McBride and Wang suggested having a set time for SEJ instead of working with all members’ schedules to find a time.

Lee said that another survey will be sent out to find a better time for SEJ.

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:22am.