

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

VU 460

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Colin Watrin (President), Benjamin Brockman (VP Bus Ops), Ramon Rinonos-Diaz (VP Academics), Alisha Beck (VP Activities), Bernard Ikegwuoha (VP Diversity), Byron Starkey (VP Governmental Affairs) and Jamin Agosti (VP Student Life)

Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

Guest(s): Brittany Otter, AS Resource & Outreach Programs Director

MOTIONS

ASB-10-SUM-01 Approve the minutes of Wednesday, June 2, 2010. *Passed*

ASB-10-SUM-02 Approve Consent Items A-F. *Passed*

Colin Watrin, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-10-SUM-01 by Beck

Approve the minutes of Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- Remove Information Item Board B.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS – Board

A. Inter-club Council Charge & Charter

Beck Doc. 1

Beck said that Inter-club Council has been meeting for a few years but has never been an official council. Watrin was working on this last year. The only changes are under voting: “Decision making consensus may be used in the process: and under Rules: “the committee may adopt rules by a consensus decision of the seated members.” Brockman asked why the members from clubs were 1-2 representatives. Watrin said that they wanted to the Council to be able to meet with 1 rep, but didn’t want to discourage interested students. The goal is for reps to report back to the clubs in their area. Ikegwuoha wonders what would happen if there is not a representative for an area. Watrin said that this occasionally happens in other committees and they just try to get someone seated as soon as possible. Agosti dittoed. Beck clarified that her position and the Club Coordinator will serve as Co-Chairs. Rinonos-Diaz suggested adding the meeting section from Doc. 2 because it is more detailed. Majkut said that he would encourage the advisor to do a workshop about consensus decision making because people are not familiar with this model. This item will be an Action Item at the next Board Meeting.

C. Summerstart Funding Request

Brockman Doc.3

There will be 8 sessions of Summerstart for incoming freshman. Brockman said the AS would like to take this opportunity to get incoming students accustomed to what the AS is and get them involved. As part of the outreach they would like to show the movie “Goonies” at each of the 8 sessions. This is a request for funding for the movie \$1,200.02 and \$975 to VU Event Services for set up and Building Manager Staff time. They are requesting a total of \$2,175.02. He would like to take these funds out of VU Operational Enhancement, which currently has \$15,000. Rinonos-Diaz wondered why this was not built in to the budget because it is something they do every year.

Majkut was not certain why it didn't get included this year, but Watrin said that they will take this into account during budgeting next year. Two years ago the AS sponsored a movie and social in Fairhaven Courtyard, where there were tables with info about the AS. Last year it was in Nash. This year the AS requested that the event be brought to the Viking Union to help students will get familiar with the building that houses the AS. Watrin feels that it is a chance to reach almost every incoming student when there are not any other events happening. ASP Films will be staffing the event and doing the legwork, the Board is just providing the funding. New Student Services is providing food. Rinonos-Diaz said that perhaps they should add a little cushion to the budget, since the number is so specific. This item will be an Action Item at the next AS Board Meeting.

D. Supplemental Funding Restructure

Brockman Doc.4

There is currently \$15,000 in Supplemental Funding. Last year Management Council (MC) heard any funding requests and would approve a high percentage of the requests. This proposal is to split the funding into different accounts \$5,000 AS Productions, \$5,000 Resource & Outreach Programs, \$2,000 Environmental & Sustainability Programs. These funds would be distributed by the Directors of those areas. \$3,000 would be left in the account for MC to decide on allocations to other areas. Brockman feels that this will save time for all of the people who serve on MC and allow them to use their time to discuss other items that would benefit the organization. Rinonos-Diaz asked if people can request from area specific supplemental funds and from MC. Brockman said that they could, but the proposal would need to be brought forward by the Director. Starkey expressed concern about only leaving \$3,000 in the account in MC because it is the first year for the Representation & Engagement Programs. Ikegwuoha feels that they should leave the funding in one area. Agosti dittoed. Brockman said that this request was based on research about supplemental funding and the amounts that they have spent. Agosti doesn't understand why areas did not include enough funds in their budgets to cover all of their expenses. Agosti thinks that they should figure out how much money MC would need to distribute and then decide how much the other areas need. Majkut said that the program offices are theoretically allocated enough to create programs and that Supplemental Funding is available for programs that are unusual. Majkut thinks that it is dangerous to make it just another funding source. It is the office's decision how to use the money that they have in their budgets. The AS Board used to approve supplemental, but the Board realized that they were spending a lot of time on requests, so they moved it down to MC. This is really doing the same thing, MC is moving it down to the Director level, but they are keeping some money at the MC level because there are new offices that do not have a lot of history and it is unknown what their financial needs might be. Rinonos-Diaz would like to see the three directors working together on a standard request form. Watrin would like to see the numbers on Supplemental Funding over the years, the draft requirements from the ROP and would like to look at what other areas request funding for this area. Watrin likes the intent of this idea, but is concerned about it just becoming another funding source. Ikegwuoha would like to look at the demands that are put on MC. This item will be an Action Item next week.

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

- A. University Planning & Resource Council- Michael Renne (ACC 09-10)
- B. Academic Coordinating Commission- Morgan Holmgren (09-10 ASVP Gov),
Michael Renne (ACC 09-10)
- C. Honors Program Board- Morgan Schurr (recommended by current HB)
- D. Sehome Hill Arboretum Board- Neil Baungard
- E. Green Energy Fee Task Force- Matthew Moroney (SRE), Iris Maute-Gibson (RHA),
Green Fee Task Force- Spring '10), Lindsey Beecher (Environmental Studies)
- F. Cold Beverage Contract- Michael Vierla (AS Budget Committee 09-10)

The Board discussed whether there was a need for additional information about students that are being appointed. Currently applicants are reviewed and selected by the Board Member in charge of appointing for that committee. Majkut said that any conversations about a specific person should

be held during Executive Session. This is different than comments such as: there are too many students from similar areas or a student serving on too many committees.

MOTION ASB-10-SUM-02 by Starkey

Approve Consent Items A-F.

Second: Starkey

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AS COMMITTEE MOTIONS

XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT- The Student Senate is not in session during the summer.

XII. BOARD REPORTS

VP for Business & Operations

Benjamin Brockman reported that he is meeting with AS Directors, reading a book on strengths based training to prepare for fall training and trying to get up to date on AS Policies.

VP for Academic Affairs

Ramon Rinonos-Diaz reported that he has been working on the Student Tech Fee Operational Guidelines, looking at Strategic Plans and options for the Green Fee Operational Guidelines.

VP for Student Life

Jamin Agosti reported that met with Athletics to reform a relationship with the AS. He is looking into developing online broadcasting of games with KVIK & ATUS. He encourages Board Members to attend the Athletics BBQ on September 21st. The Green Fee Task Force will be meeting soon. The Website is moving along and the Board task force will be meeting with them about their progress in the coming weeks. Agosti has been talking with people about AS Marketing. The Board expressed interest in participating and would like to have a worksession.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Byron Starkey reported that he is meeting with City Council Members to help establish good relations and speak about the Rental Housing Liscensing Resolution. He is met with Sherry Burke and Jane Vroman about University Decision Packages. Watrin and Starkey are attending the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Ellensburg. The Alternative Transportation Fee Committee is waiting for the WTA Budget Cuts announcement before deciding WWU's response. There might be an issue with combining the Western Card & Bus Pass; he will keep the Board informed.

VP for Activities

Alisha Beck has been working on the Charge and Charter documents for this meeting. She met about Club Kickoff to decide on a speaker. There will be a meeting to discuss Western Leadership Advantage's involvement with Project Leadership. She is meeting with Lisa Rosenberg and Casey Hayden about his transition to Activities Council Advisor.

VP for Diversity

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that he will attend a retreat with Michael Vendiola, Ted Pratt and Renee Collins about the Ethnic Student Center. He is looking at space allocation in the ESC. He has met with Shar Sarte-Prince the new chair for the Minority Employment Council about their processes this year. He is creating a better process for the ESC Steering floating Co-chairs.

President

Colin Watrin reported that he has been working on the Summerstart and Transitions programs. He believes the Board will be participating in the Info Fairs and the VU Amazing Race. He has been meeting with Board Members and administrators. He has been working on the Dining Contract and Cold Beverage Contract.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS-

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:19 P.M.