

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

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Anna Ellermeier (President), Mario Orallo-Molinaro (VP Activities), Travis Peters (VP Bus Ops), Deng Duot (VP Diversity), Iris Maute-Gibson (VP Governmental Affairs) and Sara Richards (VP Student Life) *Late:* Fabiola Arvizu

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

MOTIONS

ASB-11-F-48 Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 22nd and 29th. *Passed*

ASB-11-F-49 Allocate \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Reserve to the Viqueen Lodge well and sanitation system account with the stipulation that the task of developing a clearer vision and outcomes for Viqueen Lodge go under the direction of the AS President and Director of VU Facilities. They are to report back to the Board before the end of the spring quarter or before any other Viqueen related requests come to the Board. *Passed*

ASB-11-F-50 Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-11-F-48 by Maute-Gibson

Approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 22nd and 29th.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Viqueen Lodge Water System Project (20 minutes) Peters Doc. 1

Peters said that the usage breakdown reflects the number of times the facility was used, not the number of students who visited lodge. Jim Schuster and some folks within the administration are hoping to expand the facilities enough that the space could be used by more groups and even for classes (e.g. writing workshop or an art class). Once funds are secured, they will define this more clearly. Richards asked if they looked into purchasing a boat, because transportation out there is a significant expense associated with using the lodge. Schuster said dockage, fuel, insurance and maintenance as well as a having certified skipper would be very expensive and it is more cost effective to use existing charters. Peters wants to clarify that these are not negative feelings towards the lodge, just bigger questions. He thinks that Viqueen is unique and that faculty, students and staff have responded to positively. He is more thinking about how or why the AS invests, when they should pull back from an investment, what are warning signs that an investment is no longer meeting the needs of students, how are the returns that students get being measured, is our investing matching the desire from students and is there a better way to spend these student dollars. He realizes that the AS is a third of a partnership, but it is still partially their funding.

Fabiola Arvizu joined the meeting.

Peters wondered if students know the lodge is available and if it is accessible. Peters didn't use the lodge before this year and if the costs had not been paid for by the AS he would not have

visited. It cost \$574 to transport the Board round trip to Viqueen (\$82 round trip per person). He thinks that \$50,000 is a lot of money and they should ask these hard questions. After reflecting on this he recommends approving this proposal because it is a good investment and opportunity to partner with the university and Viking Union. He wants to be very intentional with their plans, come up with outcomes and try to decide how to best serve the students. Maute-Gibson appreciated the questions that Peters asked himself. She constantly tries to keep in mind who they are serving. She thinks it is important to educate students on how to travel out there; she often travels there by kayak for free. Maute-Gibson said that there are a lot of students who have visited, but there could be a lot of repeat visitors to the lodge. She wants to reach out to people that have not attended. She thinks that it is important to keep the lodge rustic as part of the experience. She thinks they should possibly invest more in getting people out there, instead of making the area perfect. Schuster will be putting together a task force over the coming year.

MOTION ASB-11-F-49 by Peters

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Legislative Agenda *(25 minutes)* Maute-Gibson Doc. 2

Maute-Gibson appreciated the Board's feedback during the work session. There is a bit of a time crunch to get this done before Lobby Day. The documents still need some work, but she wanted the Board to begin looking at them. AS Legislative Agendas have changed from long to short over the years depending on what people thought was best. Last year the agenda was one page and focused on financial aid. The proposed agenda for this year includes value statements and a few quotes from students. She thinks that this can be an entire packet or can be distributed in smaller parts for targeted information. She wanted the Agenda to be more values based and has included guiding principles which state what students need and then clarify how to achieve those goals. The priority legislative agenda is often used as the main agenda. Most of the facts and spreadsheets are from the Washington Student Association but some of them will be changed. There are a few numbers that she is still working on getting. The DREAM Act has moved into the priority agenda, even though it is not financially based, it is a strong barrier to higher education. The next document used to be the long-term legislative agenda. The last legislative policy session was five years ago and she thinks it is important that in the interim they remind the legislators that they are more than just policy. She is reaching out to many groups to try to get their story e.g. Disability Resource Center, Disability Outreach Center, the Residence Hall Association and the transportation office. Maute-Gibson reminded the Board that Legislative Affairs Council has more rights in interpretation. The Board has ownership over document creation. Over break she will be working with a student from the Publicity Center to make the agenda more presentable. Arvizu clarified that geographic background meant where someone lived and would include DREAM Act students. Bull asked about fee autonomy. Maute-Gibson said that there are states that have complete student fee autonomy, i.e. students would be able to make the final decisions. At Western currently the authority for everything goes to the Board of Trustees. They spoke at LAC about the fact that the university

might be more in line with shared governance. Bull thought that it met opting in or opting out of paying fees and is no longer concerned about this section. Duot thanked LAC for putting this together and feels this shows how committed they are to representing students. Maute-Gibson would like to incorporate some of Duot’s Diversity Goals. Currently the BOT has tuition setting authority for two years. This will come up during a budget session, so they were encouraged to keep this on the agenda and in the minds of legislators. Peters said that last year’s agenda was considerably shorter. He wonders if it is stronger to take a few points and really focus on them or have more information. Maute-Gibson said that her experience is that legislators don’t look at agendas for very long. She didn’t know if it was because it wasn’t effective or because it didn’t have new information on it. She spoke with a few legislators who felt that they already knew what was on it, she is looking at it more now as a resource. But she also thinks that they could just take the priority legislative agenda for lobbying efforts. She thinks it will be good to send the Legislative Agenda as a whole with the AS Legislative Liaison and let him feel out how much information to give legislators. Orallo-Molinaro wondered if they should include the 200 clubs with 2,000 students involved, because he feels this is impressive. Maute-Gibson will add this and would like to get club feedback as well. She said the Microsoft section is just a placeholder; she is working on creating something like this with AS numbers. She hopes that the changes to the agenda will also help students connect on a deeper level. This will be an Action Item at the next meeting.

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

A. Committee Appointments

ASTAC

Mohammad Shojaei	Manufacturing & Supply Chain Management	Junior
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LAC

Melisa Nelson	Political Science/Communications	Sophomore
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Parking Appeals Board

Nicholas Golob	Economics	Junior (Univ. Jud. App.)
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Student Senate

Ethan Glemaker	English Literature with Secondary Education Interest / Spanish	Junior (Trustee selection)
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S&A Fee

Lani Farley	Journalism: PR sequence & Communication	Senior (DRAC)
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Eve Smason-Marcus	Vocal Performance	Senior (DRAC)
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Marlayna Geary	Accounting	Junior (athletics)
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MOTION ASB-11-F-50 by Richards

Approve Consent Item A.

Second: Orallo-Molinaro Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Bull reported that they went to Pho last week and they are working on two resolution. He thinks that it is a great group of students

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President

Anna Ellermeier reported that this week was full of wrapping up things with Higher One. They gathered recommendations and will be meeting with the chief service representative to look at making changes. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday and Friday. There is a packed agenda. The Foundation Board will be meeting Thursday as well, if people have information they would like brought to those meetings, please contact her.

VP for Academic Affairs

Fabiola Arvizu reported that Academic Coordinating Commission meeting went long and she apologies for coming in to the meeting late. She is looking for people to serve on the Committee for Undergraduate Education and ACC. She will be taking her thesis class during that time and will not be able to consistently attend those meetings. Arvizu will also be here for about half of break working.

VP for Activities

Mario Orallo-Molinaro reported that he will be working over break and is looking forward to next quarter.

VP for Business & Operations

Travis Peters recognized Margaret Gegenhuber from reservations for being delightful to work with as reported by people outside the AS. There will be information going out to students about the 1089T student tax form. They will be putting out FAQ pages, this is an opt-in program to reduce paper use. It will also make the forms more accessible for parents who might have to include this in their taxes. There will be tabling at the beginning of the quarter to educate students. Recommendations for Higher One went in. The university changed their credit requirement to work because of enrollment requirements, changing demographics as people may need to enroll half time or less to complete their degrees, enrollment restrictions, and accommodating and being flexible for students. He feels this is in line with the reasons the AS suspected. Capital projects reserves was at no less than \$124,000. Now they are at about \$74,000.

VP for Diversity

Deng Duot reported that he had an opportunity meet with Derrick McComa the Residential Hall Director for Diversity and Inclusivity. They are designing diversity posters and working with Minority Employment Council. He is planning the Women of Color Empowerment Dinner. Fabiola Mora is the new ESC Academic Advisor with Student Outreach Services. The ESC website will be available soon and will be more representative of minority students. He is working with an intern on storing documents for future reference. He is working on realizing the TAP recommendations.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Legislative Agenda is a big project and she could really use feedback. The Representation and Engagement Programs is trying to get together a club coalition, she will work with Orallo-Molinaro on this. The Washington Student Association meeting is this weekend and they will be working on priorities on the agenda. She has heard a lot of passion around marriage equality. She will be around over break and encouraged emails.

VP for Student Life

Sara Richards reported that the Green Energy Fee committee approved a new application process. AS Transportation Advisory Committee passed a master plan and she will be planning a forum to get more student feedback. There is information about student and faculty meal rates. She is working with John Purdy on creating RA Appreciation week.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Winter Quarter Board Meetings will be Fridays at 3 p.m. in VU 567.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:50 P.M.