

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

Friday, January 27, 2012

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

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

Student Senate Representative: Kendall Bull, Student Senate Chair

Guest(s): Ethan Glemaker (Student Senator), Chelsea Thaw, AS Outback: Stephen Harvey, Riley Gabriel, Roby Ventres-Pake

MOTIONS

ASB-12-W-04 Approve the minutes of January 6th, 13th, 20th, 2012. *Passed*

ASB-12-W-05 Add the Ethnic Studies issue to be added as an Information Item. *Passed*

ASB-12-W-06 Approve \$6,200 for the ESC New Equipment from the Combined Fund. *Passed*

ASB-12-W-07 Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 6, 13, 20

MOTION ASB-12-W-4 by Maute-Gibson

Approve the minutes of January 6th, 13th, 20th, 2012.

Second: Maute-Gibson Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Ethnic Studies Ban in Arizona

Duot

MOTION ASB-12-W-5 by Duot

Add the Ethnic Studies issue to be added as an Information Item.

Second: Maute-Gibson Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Outback OELP Restructure Proposal (25 minutes) Peters Doc. 1

Roby Ventres-Pake said this proposal came out of ideas that began during the TAP process and continued during strategic planning. The main issue is that the farm is expected to work on the academic year calendar when farming doesn't happen that way. They are very understaffed during the summer. There is also a large burden on the Outback Coordinators, they would like to create a summer apprenticeship program. Ventres-Pake and Steve Harvey were hired in the spring and this was chaotic. Mid-June is the busiest time on the farm. While it makes sense for the organization in terms of hiring and training, farming-wise it doesn't make sense. The slowest time of the year is between fall and winter quarter, which is why they are requesting new employees to begin during that time. The Outback is a joint venture between Fairhaven and the AS. But Biology, Huxley, the Child Development Center and community members also use the farm. Maute-Gibson asked them to think of ideas to create the same sense of AS community if they are not hired at the same time. Ventres-Pake was able to meet with many of the past coordinators to get advice and find out their vision. All of them wanted to have some kind of a food share program. For a while there were no coordinators for the Outback. The AS providing these coordinators has really improved the Outback and they are now at a point where they can move forward with production. Arvizu asked what currently happens with the food that is produced now and how much does the Outback produce. Ventres-Pake said that food from the Educational Garden has basically gone home with the people who helped grow

it or is just given out to the students. There have been informal donations to the food bank. He thinks that having a program would help produce more, teach better, give a concrete demonstration of what food production looks like and allow for better tracking of food production. Majkut thinks that they raise a good point about the cycle of the farm but he will say that when they have tried to hire outside of the normal academic schedule, it has been problematic finding people who want to take a job mid-year that ends mid-year can be difficult. He doesn't know if now they cycle is a little different. Maybe the job could start in the fall, but he worries they might have the same dilemma. Ventres-Pake thinks that if January doesn't work they could try September. Majkut is also concerned about adding a production program to the work that already exists for the coordinators. He wonders if they should wait for this until they are able to hire a staff person. Majkut asked if the land use has been approved. Ventres-Pake feels pretty optimistic that this will get resolved soon. Majkut said that if the food bank donations can happen this would be a really wonderful thing. Maute-Gibson thinks it would be interesting to find out from other stakeholders what their visions are for the future. Richards requested a copy of the TAP report be emailed to the Board. Ellermeier had spoken with the Outback about partnering with the Dining Hall and advertising for the Outback and wondered where they were at this point. Duot dittoed. Ventres-Pake feels that it would not compliment the diversity of crops, because in order to produce the volume necessary for the Dining Halls they would need to grow a lot of one particular crop. He is still willing to look into this. Arvizu asked if they had spoken with faculty on campus about having dedicated full time employee who might have the ability to teach a class each quarter would get people involved in the physical and science aspects of farming. They have not at this time approached faculty. Ventres-Pake said that the motions were listed separately and in order of priorities, but the Board can vote on each of them separately. He doesn't think that there are funds at this point to make the fourth motion happen, but feels it is important to keep in the mind of the AS. John Tuxill, faculty advisor for the Outback said that Fairhaven is in support of all of the motions, particularly the fourth motion. He said that the new area on the south field would require additional management and labor, but it is a relatively small area. The primary work would be breaking ground, after that he feels that it would not be as much maintenance as other areas. In terms of the campus Master Plan there is agreement on the use of the land. In terms of the link with the food bank, they are growing a fair amount of produce and it will be good to use that for production. He does not think that this would be possible without the summer interns. He believes these will be more than just production and will be learning experiences too. Tuxill understands Majkut's concern about adding more work to the coordinator positions, but he feels that the summer positions should take a significant burden away to allow for this growth. In terms of potential links with the Dining Hall they have looked at ways to connect and he feels it is an issue with volume, seasonality, etc. It is still something that they can explore, but requires longer term conversations. Eric is a volunteer in the Outback. There is already a program where the foodbank goes out to farms and uses their foods. He thinks this could be relatively simple whereas dining services or CSAs would be a longer term goal.

B. Ethnic Studies Ban in Arizona

Duot Doc. 3

Ethan Glemaker and Chelsea Thaw apologized for getting the information so late in so late, but they wanted to present a complete resolution. House Bill 2281 in Arizona is about the removal of the Mexican American courses and a book ban. They are hoping to get the university's support. Doc. 1 is something they are hoping to be passed. Doc. 2 they will be sending out to other areas seeking support. They are asking the Board for support with this resolution. February 1st is a nationwide day of action and there will be events on campus. Thaw said that this is not a class project; it is from the information that they learned in the class and felt that it was very important. Their real goal is to stand in solidarity with the students in Arizona. They feel that Woodring and Western's Mission Statements have

MOTION ASB-12-W-7 by Richards

Approve Consent Item A.

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

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Kendall Bull said that Senate looked at the ASTAC Master Plan and have some ideas for improvement. They picked the Issue of the Quarter. He is on a work study hiring committee.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President- no updates to report

VP for Academic Affairs

Fabiola Arvizu reported that the Student Tech Fee committee reviewed the first 6 out of 17 proposals requesting funds. They are coming up with questions to be asked during site visits where they visit each department requesting funds to ensure a through process. This year the STF has gotten unprecedented attention from the Western community--over 40 emails from students, faculty, and staff and a pretty popular VV forum. Most of it around the print quota system, but all of it has been very useful and making for an exciting quarter. She will be part of a First Year Interest focus group coming out of the VP for Undergraduate Education office and is looking for students who are interested in bettering the Western freshman experience. Please contact her if there are any students that might like to be part of the group!

VP for Activities

Mario Orallo-Molinaro thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart to everyone who attended and participated in the walk of life. He was very inspired and it meant a lot. The Lifestyle Advisors will be taking on this program for years to come.

VP for Business & Operations

Travis Peters reported that this was a big evaluation week he met with most of the directors and had very enriching discussion about how to continue to grow their working relationships throughout the remainder of their time in the AS. (Finishing this up early next week.) He worked on some of the items that came to the Board next week. He has been working with various directors to address some of the elements of the AS Employment Policy and Program Standards to strengthen the direction from these important documents.

VP for Diversity

Deng Duot reported that the Social Issues Resource Center is bringing a speaker February, 2nd at 7p.m. He is working with Robel Paguio on getting his position a computer. Lunar New Year is tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the VU Multipurpose Room.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that Chair Sequist has proposed to table indefinitely all of the policy bills for this year. They have bigger priorities as well and are ok with tabling the shared governance request. Legislative Affairs Council will be taking a stance on several bills that will be of interest to the board. She will be emailing stances to the board on Monday night and if they are concerned they can bring this to a Board Meeting. Viking Lobby Day was a huge success; thanks to everyone who participated. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend Elect Her, Saturday, February 4th from 10:30-4:20.

VP for Student Life

Sara Richards reported that since January 3rd the Green Energy Fee funded paper towel compost has composted 222 pounds of paper 25 days and this is a lot. He would like help in working with Personnel Office to increase AS hiring in the Residence Halls.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:14 P.M.