

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2012

VU 567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Anna Ellermeier (President), Fabiola Arvizu (VP Academics), Mario Orallo-Molinario (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

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-12-W-01** Approve the 2011-2012 AS Legislative Agenda with the addition of “all new state buildings on college and university campuses” under the environmental section.  
*Passed*

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**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\***

AS Legislative Agenda

Maute-Gibson said that they have seen this in a work session and at the Board Meeting. She knows that this document is not going to represent the wishes of every single student on campus. Though there is a value in trying to make sure that every student voice is heard, they also need to take into consideration that there are students that are disproportionately affected by issues surrounding budget cuts, diversity and the environment. There are students on this campus who believe that believe the work study program that does not have a lot of value, but this has been a priority for the last several years. In passing this document the Board is saying that these are the values they stand for as representatives of the campus. They stand for these values to support the students who are disproportionately affected. They believe that for the institution to be successful and the higher education system to be successful, these things need to happen. Included in the document is a letter from the AS President and VP for Governmental Affairs discussing their values and the intent of the agenda. The priority Legislative Agenda has replaced the short versions that the Board has used in the past. The italicized writing is the overarching values, the bullet points are policy standpoints. They have added access and attainment focusing on the DREAM Act. The overarching values in the environmental area are taken from the Environmental Center Mission Statement. There are many reworked sections, but the completely new sections are student debt and supporting revenue packages. There are strong statements against the coal terminal and a letter from the auditor in support of ensuring student fee money is spent on student services. The Legislative Liaison will be presenting this document as a package and also using individual pages to support stances. Maute-Gibson will be presenting this document tomorrow at AS Training to help others lobby on behalf of students. She also hopes it represents what it means to be a student at Western right now. The graph under guiding principles has older data because the

national report card for higher education only happens every four years. Bull said that under revenue he wondered if they would support the half penny tax increase. Maute-Gibson said that it doesn't highlight any specific tax plans. Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) will be interpreting this document and deciding what revenue packets to support. Majkut said that the AS is not allowed to take positions on ballot issues. The AS can have a general statement on revenue but not on specific things on the ballots. Majkut will seek clarity from the Attorney General if a specific situation arises. Arvizu asked if the bullet points are mostly things that the AS has taken an active role in supporting. Maute-Gibson said that there are about half of them that are new, but the rest come from previous agendas. LAC worked with people within the university and the AS to revise, remove or create new bullet points. Under accountability & student representation they strengthened language on student fee autonomy and student representation on organizations that plan for the future of higher education. Quality Student Experience they added anti-bullying and harassment legislation. Under diversity they added making education affordable to underrepresented populations to ensure a larger diversity of students at WWU and allowing more active participation. Most of the environmental bullets have been changed and updated. She took some of the wording from the draft transportation master plan. They added evaluating of faculty through student review. Debt and revenue is completely new. The value statements are all also new. Arvizu feels that the first bullet under faculty seems more internal. Maute-Gibson said that there is legislation about how faculty/trustees are reviewed. This will be the document that will be given to each legislator on lobby day. The Legislative Liaison will primarily use the Washington Student Association Legislative Agenda but will be using this agenda if a request is narrow. Orallo-Molinario clarified that the Agenda will be available online. Richards requested that the front not be such a dark color because they will need to print so many. The quote on the second page doesn't have a graduation date, Maute-Gibson will add. Ellermeier requested a change to include "all new state buildings on college and university campuses" in the environmental section.

*MOTION ASB-12-W-1 by Orallo-Molinario*

Approve the 2011-2012 AS Legislative Agenda with the addition of "all new state buildings on college and university campuses" under the environmental section.

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

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

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

### **X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

#### **Student Senate Meeting Information**

Kendall Bull, AS Student Senate Chair said that they passed the proposal for AS Elections Instant Run-offs. He has concluded most of his research on other university's senates. Next Friday at 1p.m .in VU 714 there will be a meeting about how to reform the senate and other options.

### **XI. BOARD REPORTS**

#### **President**

Anna Ellermeier reported that she is looking forward to training tomorrow. The Board of Trustees meeting happened before break and they are available to listen to online.

#### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Fabiola Arvizu reported that university committee meetings will be picking up next week. She is prepping for the Student Tech Fee. Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and she will be

having one more training before starting these meetings. She is also working with the Representation & Engagement Programs Office to ensure representation on student committees.

### **VP for Activities**

Mario Orallo-Molinario reported that the first meeting of the quarter of Activities Council will be Monday. He is very excited to have a new sign and new layout in the "The Club Hub". They also rearranged the office to make it more accessible. The Walk of Life event is January 26<sup>th</sup> and he will have more details about this next week.

### **VP for Business & Operations**

Travis Peters reported that he has been wrapping up check-ins with offices going through the TAP Process. He is finishing up appointments for Budget Committee and has scheduling Management Council and Facilities & Services Council meetings. There are a lot of applications for the Assistant Vice President of Business & Financial Affairs and he feels that their outreach was very effective. He will be getting tips for AS Employment outreach.

### **VP for Diversity**

Deng Duot reported that training by Equal Opportunity Office for search committee for the new ESC Coordinator. There will be a Presidents Council meeting. There will be a welcoming event for Fabiola Mora, the new ESC Academic Advisor, from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tues, January 10th. There will be many ESC Events this quarter, he encourages attendance. Women-identified night at the Rec Center is on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Iris Maute-Gibson reported that tomorrow is the grass roots organizing and understanding your power as a student training. Legislative Affairs Council and Western Votes members will be joining the AS during training and she encourages people to be welcoming to them. Viking Lobby Day is next Sunday and Monday. WTA negotiations are going well and they will be closing in the next few weeks. They will bring this to the Alternative Transportation committee. Legislative Liaison talk time every night is at 11 p.m. he will start doing his legislative reports each week and she will pass this on to the Board. Mayor Kelly Linville said that she looks forward to working with the Board and is excited to connect with the students.

### **VP for Student Life**

Sara Richards reported that the paper towel composts and water bottle refill station that were funded through last year's Green Energy Fee are up and running. The solar panels will be finished by spring. Construction on the LED lights will be in the spring with hopes for better weather. She has been working with Athletics and all home basketball days will be "Green Games". They will be focusing on recycling and waste conservation. There will be a team directing people to recycle and go through the bins after the game. At half times they will have GEF project promotions. Transportation Advisory Committees' Master Plan will be presented to the students soon. The students who came to the Board about the waterbottles have completed their white paper. The AS is sharing their shuttles with Bellair to transport students and community members to games. The AS is providing service as backups and is being paid.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. The new Agenda and document deadline is noon on Wednesdays.
- B. There will be a new sign-up for agenda items and the process will be detailed in VU 504.
- C. Draft minutes will be posted online with the documents
- D. Two things that are coming up in terms of work are AS Scholarships and Board Job Descriptions.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 3:40 P.M.**