Kendal Bull, Student Senate Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm

S-12-S-01 Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. Passed

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION S-12-S-01 by McCardle
Approval of minutes of February 29th, 2012
Second: Brown Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

V. Action Items

VI. Discussion Items

A. Issue of the Quarter

Chair introduced the issue of the quarter discussion and said that it would be turned into a public forum. He mentioned that Fabiola was interested in having senate take on the student technology fee as issue of the quarter, but she was unable to make it to the day’s meeting because of a personal matter. McCardle mentioned that we did not table the issue last quarter, and suggested that senate do more tabling this quarter. Luvera brought up that Academic Technology Committee has been dealing with an issue around academic honesty and the residential network and there had been a lot of discussion about how the university should handle and police the issue. He thinks the issue would make for an interesting issue of the quarter. Yoo brought up the issue of the quarter could be better marketing for the senate. Glemaker questioned what senate was tabling about. Chair replied it would be marketing. McCardle wondered where tabling would be. Chair responded that it would be in Vendor’s row the following Wednesday from 1 to 3pm. McCardle suggested putting together a subcommittee for the forum that would work on the logistics side of putting on an event.
VII. Board Reports/Concerns

VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns

McCardle reported that SPAC had dissolved. However, he said that he would give a report for Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) as Savage was not in attendance. He reported that LAC voted to endorse bills that mirrored the federal agenda passed last quarter. Bills endorsed included the Dream Act, an anti-discrimination act and tuition bill, requiring tuition to be spent directly impacting the students instead of for the benefit of the university.

Glemaker reported that Student Trustee Selection committee met last quarter that is chaired by the AS President, Anna Ellermeier. He reported that they reviewed qualifications and requirements and then will begin reviewing applications soon.

Luvera reported Academic Technology Committee was discussing issues with piracy and file sharing and whether the university has the legal obligation of to intervene and invade students’ right to privacy. He said that he would report next week when they come to a decision.

Yoo reported that Election Board met the week prior and went over processes. He said there may or may not be action but is hoping that it will meet.

IV. Other Business:

Marissa mentioned that there were openings on a new committee, Parking and Transportation Advisory committee that was created by the Chief of WWU Police.

Chair mentioned that there would be a work session with the AS Board the following day at 1pm in VU 460. He highly encourages any senators to come.

Brown mentioned that Western Democrats’ club might bring a proposal to student senate the following week.

Yoo wanted to mention that this spring he really would like to see Senate increase its presence on campus. He would be interested in getting things together for senate. He expressed interest in printing little pamphlets or cards to give to students, so that students could submit their opinions and issues to a “senate drop box”. He mentioned that Senate could apply for a small grant to help with some of the costs if senate did not have the funds. Luvera added from the PR standpoint that the PR organization on campus take on clients from the University and that the Senate could utilize their services for promotional purposes. Lisa mentioned that the previous year’s senate created a promotions sub-committee and that it was something to look into for this year.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:30 P.M.