Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
VU 567

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

Student Senate Representative: Kendall Bull, Chair
Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities
Guest(s): Victor Celis, Ethan Glemaker, Charlie Hagen (EDGE), Benjamin Brockman (AS Personnel Director), Angela Tsui (AS Business Director), Sasha Parsley (Women's Center)

MOTIONS

ASB-12-S-53 Approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 9th and 23rd. Passed

ASB-12-S-54 Approve the expenses described in Doc. 1 from the AS Bookstore Reserve to the AS Bookstore Operating with the exception of the two bag purchases under sustainability expenses. Passed

ASB-12-S-55 Approve the Viqueen Lodge Mission and Vision. Passed

ASB-12-S-56 Approve the AS Budget 2012-2013 with the stipulations that the ASP Admin increase from $63,610.11 to 69,830; funding fall staff development at $14,000, funding the WA DC Lobby Trip at $3,500- which would allow for two student representatives; including $2,712 for the AS Voter Education and Registration Coordinator and adding $500 to the Summer Program Budget. Passed

Anna Ellermeier, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-12-S-53 by Richards
Approve the minutes of May 9 and 23.
Second: Peters Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

Duot joined the meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Bookstore Request (15 minutes) Peters Doc. 1

Last week there was a question on the bags that are listed under sustainable expenses, currently there is money for the bags that they provide, but the new bags would be a significant increase. The money from the reserves will go into the operating budget to cover the costs of the new bags. Essentially they would be doing a pilot project to see how the new bags work out. Arvizu said that if this is to be a pilot because AS culture wise people don’t tend to say no to funding pilots once they are in place. She wonders if they could work this into the budget for future years. Peters said it would be ideal to just work this into their operating budget, but he is not sure if it will be possible because their budget is pretty tight. If they were to build it in to the office expenses then they might have less money to give back to the AS at the end of the year. Arvizu wondered if they have ever thought of charging for reusable bags to earn back some of the money. Majkut said that the bag ban goes into place August 1st and so the compostable bags would comply with this. Maute-Gibson said that it seems to diminish the value of the bag
ban when they are still using the same amount of bags. The company seems great but she is not sure if this really follows sustainable efforts. She feels like there could be some kind of benefit to bringing your own bag, because for now there is no benefit. Ellermeier is not sure if this is an appropriate use of the reserves. Majkut said this is the first time that they have used these reserves since it has been set up, the requests used to just come individually so there isn’t a lot of historical data on this. He thinks that giving it as a one-time pilot seems acceptable versus just having it be part of the operational expenses. Peters said that everything in this request is a one-time request, but the bags seem like something that might return another year as a request. Maute-Gibson thinks that they should fund everything, but she thinks that they should fund them to purchase fewer bags and focus on educating students on sustainability. Arvizu asked how they would pay for the bags if they don’t fund this. Majkut said that they might build it into the operating budget and then cut in other areas to compensate for this.

MOTION ASB-12-S-54  by Peters
Approve the expenses described in Doc. 1 from the AS Bookstore Reserve to the AS Bookstore Operating with the exception of the two bag purchases under sustainability expenses.
Second: Arvizu  Vote: 7 - 0 - 0  Action: Passed

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*
A. Viqueen Lodge Mission and Vision  (10 minutes)  Peters Doc. 2
Maute-Gibson loves the “impactful and memorable element of the western experience.” Brockman wants to call it the “AS Viqueen Lodge”. Ellermeier said that this would be a larger conversation with the Viking Union. Duot will follow up with Schuster on this.

MOTION ASB-12-S-55  by Richards
Approve the Viqueen Lodge Mission and Vision.
Second: Maute-Gibson  Vote: 7 - 0 - 0  Action: Passed

B. AS Budget 2012-2013  (30 minutes)  Peters Doc. 3
Peters said that page 11 has all of the unresolved issues that need to be addressed. He would also like to add the two items that were addendums from the budget. AS Productions requested a revision because their hourly employees salaries were not calculated correctly. Casey Hayden has been out of the office and caught this at the last minute. The surplus dollars will change to $8,255.11 if this change was made. Duot would like to see $500 in the Building Unity Training. Tsui said the ESC student development budget was increased and she believes that the Building Unity has been included in this. Tsui said that she heard that they would like these funds to come out of the general ESC budgets. Peters said that they do have Operating Enhancement to pull from later in the year if funding is needed. There was a proposed amendment to add $500 for the ESC Building Unity which failed 1-6-0 and will not be included in the final budget. Discussion started on the AS Employee Training. Brockman said that at option A won’t change the surplus in the current draft of the budget. Charlie Hagen from the EDGE program is willing to work on the summer program. Richards supports option A. Arvizu asked if they would have room for the EDGE ropes course if they went to option B. Tsui thinks that this would be a significant increase to the program. Richards thinks that EDGE is one of the only departmental programs that they do, she thinks that they could save money by using a different facility for the retreat. Brockman said that option A is much more appropriate because there is inflation and they spent $15,000 on it this year. Tsui thinks that the Student Development Fund is available for use of EDGE. Richards has a concern about using the Rec Center for the retreat because people’s homes are too close and they would not have incentive to stay. Duot is leaning towards supporting option A. Maute-Gibson said that the EDGE doesn’t work for every office because there are some offices with one or two people.
She feels that if they have the large scale expectations of strengths quest and the EDGE this could be overwhelming. She thinks that keeping funding low could actually increase creativity, there could be trainings offered for by the Washington Student Association for example. There were complaints last year about the food, which was expensive and excellent and the place, which is beautiful so she thinks that so much work goes in to making people happy, but they are still unhappy. Spending more money on it is not necessarily going to help. An amendment to choose option B passed 4-3-0 and will be added to the final budget. Federal Lobby trip discussion: Maute-Gibson amended to fund at $3,500 which would allow two students to go on the Federal Trip. Orallo-Molinaro seconded. Majkut doesn’t think that this is illegal under the precepts of Legislative Action Fund to fund the lobbying trip out, but it does kind of go against how the Board has typically used the fund. In the past they used LAF to increase lobbying activities. The Board has delegated responsibility for spending from this money to the Legislative Affairs Council and said that it could be an option to refer this to the council next year. Maute-Gibson thinks that the LAF was passed by the Trustees which was to increase direct student representation. She doesn’t feel that they are going specifically to lobby for the federal agenda because many of their meetings are set up by the university administration and they are not working with the United States Student Association. She doesn’t think that they should use this to save money and tie the hands of Legislative Affairs Council. She does see a benefit in sending 3 people but there have been increases and this year’s trip cost $4,100. She feels they are only saving $600 if they don’t send the 3rd person. Tsui said that the discussion was about whether this was a trip that should be paid for out of the AS Budget and they were looking at where else this might get funding from. They are trying to save money overall. Maute-Gibson said that the AS Legislative Liaison job description includes this but if the Board decides to send two Board Members then this would be removed. Majkut said that if this is the direction of the Board, then it would make sense to remove it [the requirement go on the DC trip] from the job description as it follows the intent of the Board. The Board approved the $3,500 budget by acclamation. Tsui said that Voter Registration & Education position was not included because it hadn’t been approved by the Board and was not submitted so BC didn’t get to talk about it. Maute-Gibson amended the Budget to include funding the Voter Education position. Orallo-Molinaro seconded and the Board voted by acclamation. The surplus is now at $5,298. Casey Hayden submitted a request to increase the summer program by $500 to make the program manageable. He did not request the $1,000 decrease that BC decided upon. Peters amended the budget to include $500 more in the Summer Programs Budget. Orallo-Molinaro seconded and the Board voted by acclamation. Maute-Gibson moves to restore $500 to the Take Back the Night Budget. Orallo-Molinaro seconded. Parsley asked to maintain Take Back the Night at its current level. She said that an average keynote local speaker is $2,000-2,200 and at this rate the budget would only have $300-$500 left. Renting the PAC is $300 and it is $200 for the police, and there is the cost for publicity, brochures, banners, etc. With the $500 reduction they will not be able to afford a keynote speaker. Peters said that the message that BC received was that Chatburn suggested dollars be moved to the Women’s Center Admin Budget from this budget. Parsley said that they disagreed with Chatburn and they reviewed the budget again to see if there was room to reduce. There were miscommunications about them receiving this money back and that is why they did not attend last week. Tsui said that if it is not a good move to put the money in the admin. If they don’t think this is a good plan then they could move the funds back from the admin budget or they could just pay for some expenses from Take Back the Night from the admin budget. The Women’s Center has been frugal this year and took a decrease in the budget. They understand that they have added a new position but that was a response to personnel concerns. Maute-Gibson said that she went to Parsley to ask why this change had happened because she thinks this is an important program. She thinks that the speaker is a large part of the program and the speaker portion is the only portion that is open to all gender identities. She feels the comprehensive event is important and this would take away from the program. She is concerned about what the cut to the admin
would do without more information about this. Parsley said that the keynote speaker will also do workshops to give more opportunities to further process information. The motion to add $500 to the budget failed 2-5-0. Peters doesn’t feel that a motion is necessary for them to be able to shift funds from the WC Admin budget and there are alternatives including Operational Enhancement and Supplemental Funding. Parsley said this is a required program and she doesn’t understand not funding the program at the level necessary.

The Board took a 5 minute break and reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

Duot said it would be at the ESC Coordinator whose budget it would come out of, but there are funds to cover the Building Unity Training. Arvizu said that she understood that the Coordinator would like to increase the programming budget. Tsui said that if the concern is that there isn’t funding for Building Unity, she suggests moving it from programming or the retreat instead of adding more funds. Richards asked what the point would be of moving the funding. Tsui said that she would recommend moving it because the program wasn’t funded at all this year and it would be hard to see next year. Duot thinks that if there is a problem then the ESC could address it later. Arvizu is trying to see how this will affect the ESC because it is increasing their funding. Tsui suggested moving it from the retreat budget. Duot is not ok with moving funding from the retreat. Duot moved to move $500 from ESC Programming budget to the Building Unity Budget Maute-Gibson seconded. Amendment failed 1-6-0. Majkut recommends not moving the money because he feels that it is not clear what they are asking for and the ESC Staff can decide what to do later. Richards moved to move $500 from ESC Retreat budget to the Building Unity Budget Peters seconded. 0-6-1 amendment failed. Peters said the remaining surplus is $4,798. The Business Committee asked the Board to leave $5,000 for administrative adjustments. Peters asks that nothing else be changed. There are no remaining funds above $5,000 so the recommendations for percentage splits are not applicable. Richards asked why the Board summer program increased. Tsui said that the retreat happens at the tail end of the fiscal year so when reviewing budgets it looked like there were funds left, but it really had just not been spent yet. Maute-Gibson really appreciated the process and transparency of the budget process this year. Applause after the 2012-13 AS Budget passed.

MOTION ASB-12-S-56 by Orallo-Molinaro
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Second: Arvizu 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 reported that they passed the Student Senate Reform Agenda at the last meeting and it will be passed on to the Senate Chair for next year.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

VP for Activities
Mario Orallo-Molinaro thanked the Board and said that it has been one remarkable year and it is bittersweet to leave. They will always be in his heart and he thanked everyone for the process. He thanked Kevin Majkut for his support.
VP for Business & Operations
Travis Peters reported that earlier in the year there were a few things that were supposed to go to the Board and they were unable to complete these items by the end of the year. They will be passed on including: setting guidelines for computer usage and growing inventory, as well as the Business and Operations job description overload. He completed a self-study and will be passing on this information to the next Board.

VP for Governmental Affairs
Iris Maute-Gibson reported that she is working on a draft letter that will be done for the end of this week about the rental licensing agreement. The draft will be submitted to the next Board to continue that relationship. Rep. Lytton called last night and said that she really enjoyed working with all of the Board Members this year and thanked them again for the resolution.

VP for Student Life
Sara Richards reported that tomorrow there will be four funded Green Energy Fee projects.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Big Blue Bonus Book Raffle: Ben Kincade
B. Bill Tootell Resolution -

A Resolution Honoring Bill Tootell
June 2012

WHEREAS, Bill Tootell was hired August 4, 1992 as a Media Tech I and has worked for the Viking Union and the Associated Students for 20 years; and,
WHEREAS, Bill became Manager of VU Technical Services on January 15, 2001; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has led the AS through the installation of numerous iterations of Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office Suite and has trained the organization on how to use the programs; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has purchased approximately 500 desktop computers for the Viking Union and the Associated Students since 2000; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has been the “database guru” for Viking Union and the Associated Students; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has been primarily responsible for providing a LAN-based computing system for the Associated Students, which is as state-of-the-art as any other system on campus; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has provided tremendous support to the employees of the Viking Union and the Associated Students and made much of our work possible; and,
WHEREAS, Bill has worked collaboratively with many students and helped to make the Viking Union and the Associated Students an excellent experiential learning environment; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students Board of Directors extends our sincerest gratitude for all of the work that Bill Tootell has contributed to the Viking Union and the Associated Students over the last 20 years.
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the AS Board recognizes the tremendous and lasting impact that Bill’s work has had on the Associated Students, the Viking Union, and all of the people he has worked with.

Ellermeier said that Bill Tootell has been a tremendous asset to the AS and has dedicated 20 years to making this organization great. The Board is happy to honor him with this resolution. There was applause and cheering. Maute-Gibson said that Tootell, not Kevin Majkut, not Lisa Rosenberg, was the first person she cried to in the AS and she appreciated him.

C. Ellermeier thanked Cindy Monger for taking minutes at all of their meetings.
D. Passing of the Gavel to Ethan Glemaker, 2012-2013 AS President.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ETHAN GLEMAKER AT 7:15 P.M.

Note: Minutes approved by Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities and Ethan Glemaker, AS President 12-13.