

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

Thursday, January 17, 2013

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Ethan Glemaker (President), Victor Celis (VP Academics), Carly C Roberts (VP Activities), Hung Le (VP Bus Ops), and Katie Savinski (VP Student Life)
Absent: Deng de Duot (VP Diversity), Patrick Stickney (VP Governmental Affairs)

Student Senate Representative: Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

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

Guest(s): Cait Huntsman, Cady Wahlbrink (Western Front)

MOTIONS

ASB-13-W-1 Approve the minutes of November 28th and December 5, 2012. *Passed*
ASB-13-W-2 Consent Item A. *Passed*
ASB-13-W-3 Approve Consent Item B. *Passed*

Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-13-W-1 by Celis

Approve the minutes of November 28th and December 5, 2012.

Second: Savinski Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- add Ethan Glemaker & Hung Le to Services & Activities appointments for the AS under Consent Item A. Their job descriptions require attendance, but the charge for the committee doesn't specify.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Vote Staff

(10 minutes)

Le Doc. 1

Le said that this was approved by Personnel Committee (PC) at the end of fall quarter and the minutes are included in the document. The request is in three parts: approving the position, approving the funding and appointing Caitlin Huntsmen to the position. PC felt this was a necessary position to ensure the legacy of the work that Huntsmen did during the Voter Registration Drive. They would like her to return because she ran the process earlier and would be most qualified for the position. Celis would like to see a better explanation of the need for the position. Huntsmen said that there was a lot of kerfuffle during the drive. It took a lot of energy and time to figure out a system. If she was able to make agreements, while people still remember what happened, it would be easier for people in future years. Majkut, Dr. Coughlin, Stickney and Glemaker met to discuss the institutionalization of Voter Registration within the university process. There was an issue in Oregon where the legislature passed a bill saying that the university had to collaborate with students to create ongoing contracts about how voter registration will happen. This is what they are talking about creating. For example, they would work with University Residences about access to the Residence Halls. There was an interest on the part of Stickney, Glemaker and the Washington Student Association in creating these agreements. Huntsmen would like to meet with New Student Services about Summerstart, she was unable to attend this year because she was hired too late. Celis is concerned with the length of the appointment because it seems to be longer than necessary; he feels it could possibly be done in one quarter. Huntsmen said she was honestly working more than 30 hours per week during the drive. She would be working with university and outside organizations and would like to complete a training manual and legacy document. Huntsmen said that she wouldn't use any hours unless she was working, she will be working very closely with the Representation and Engagement Programs. Celis feels that the job description focuses more on the need of the office, than the position. He is worried about the position working on

other administrative work and losing focus on the position. Glemaker said that the WSA is trying to focus on Voter Institutionalization; Western would be leading the group. These agreements are being created to ensure the longevity of the program. Glemaker was going to suggest more hours for the position because there needs to be communication with so many people. Savinski had the same concern, it was explained to her that it is an average of 5 hours per week. Majkut feels that the position will be pretty variable based on other office's availability. Also the reality is that people might need to consult with their staff, so this explains the length. Majkut said that because this isn't an ongoing position they could take out some of the REP office responsibilities. Huntsmen said that what she will be able to accomplish is dependent on what resources she is given. If she has more hours she could work with other organizations, such as the Oregon universities. She will work whatever hours the Board decides and she will use that time to strengthen the program. Glemaker asked Le to work with Huntsmen and McCardle to see what office responsibilities are applicable.

- B. GEF Small Grant Pilot Proposal (15 minutes) Savinski Doc. 2
 Regan Clover, Green Energy Fee (GEF) Grant Program Coordinator and the previous GEF Education Coordinator Mike Gore attended a conference. They were able to network with universities with programs similar to Western. They discovered that several universities had a small project fund. Savinski said currently the funds are used for projects that cost thousands of dollars. This will make the Green Energy Fee more accessible and will work as a marketing tool. Savinski said that they wouldn't take proposals for large scale projects during this pilot year because the workload would be higher due to higher turnover in small projects. There would still be funding allocated to the projects that are currently in the concept stage. This was recommended by the GEF Committee. Le was concerned about the students who are paying fees would want to see their funds used this year. Savinski said that there is a large amount of money in the fund. They are hoping to utilize more funding and have faster results by doing the smaller projects. Celis said that he is paying fees now but the larger projects that get funded won't be realized until after he graduates.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

A. Committee Appointments

<u>Activities Council</u>			
Morgan Heetbrink		Theatre Arts	Senior
<u>Campus Dining Committee</u>			
David Trapp		Fairhaven: Energy, Agriculture, & Climate Change	Junior
<u>Counseling Health, and Wellness Services Committee</u>			
Briana Fitzpatrick		Undisclosed	Senior (ROP rep)
<u>Graduate Council</u>			
Christine Dulaney		Political Science	2 nd Yr. Grad
<u>International Programs Advisory Council</u>			
James Salazar		Undisclosed	Freshman
<u>Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award Committee</u>			
Alice Tian		Manufacturing & Supply Chain Mgmt	Senior
<u>Services and Activities Fee Committee</u>			
Ethan Glemaker	AS	English Lit/Fairhaven	Senior
Hung Le	AS	Business	Senior

Marlayna Geary	Athletics	Accounting	Senior
Christian Casolary	DRAC	Music Education	Senior
Jesse Barnett	DRAC	Economics & Political Science	Senior
Rob Pedicone	Campus Rec	Recreation	Senior

Student Academic Grievance Board

Carlee Wilson	English - Creative Writing	Junior
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**Cassidy Klein is no longer on Graduate Council and Amy Darst is no longer on ACC.*

MOTION ASB-13-W-2 by Roberts

Consent Item A.

Second: Celis Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

B. Childcare Voucher Award Recipient: Bethany Andrews, alternate: Sybil Sanchez

Le said that Andrews had a wonderful application and some very strong recommendation letters.

MOTION ASB-13-W-3 by Celis

Approve Consent Item B.

Second: Roberts Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that the Senate has lost some members due to time conflicts, they are looking into getting more members. They are looking at ways to keep members with time conflicts involved. They are thinking about having the Student Tech Fee Renewal as their issue of the quarter.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

President

Ethan Glemaker reported that the Cold Beverage Contract approved three speakers: one with Valarie Secrest, who specializes in Indigenous Diets/traditional foods and will be giving multiple presentations; one with Jackson Katz about men and violence prevention; and one with Mr. Pinkney an illustrator of children’s books to participate in the Children’s Literature Conference. He specializes in African American lit which will tie in nicely with Black History Month. The Dean of Fairhaven search was narrowed down to 11 people and will be conducting phone interviews next week. He gave Kudos to Ruta Nanivadekar for the AS Challenge program. Kudos to Stickney and Galloway on all of their work on Lobby day.

VP for Academic Affairs

Victor Celis reported that the Academic Coordinating Commission is reviewing all the new curriculum. The last meeting they had the Nursing program was presented by Woodring, it will be housed in the Human Services program. This will be going through Faculty Senate as well. Celis was proud of the Water Bottle presentation. The Election Code Review Committee will be having their last meeting on Friday. The code will be going to Senate for review and then come to the Board on February 7th. University Planning & Resource Council is preparing for the legislative session and reviewing operating budgets. Last week they had one of the two meetings for the Career Services Advisory Council. It was a large conversation about how to help students who are entering the job market. He learned a lot and met great people.

VP for Activities

Carly C Roberts reported that she is excited to get started with the Board Restructuring process. They will be starting with looking at their job descriptions. Roberts thinks that they should look more closely at each other’s job descriptions over the summer. She is meeting with DeMark to discuss the LEADS program and look at collaboration possibilities, since the AS does

contribute a large portion of their budget. Majkut said that there is also the multi-institutional study of leadership survey that about 100 universities across the country participate in. It looks like the main investigator for the report will be coming back to campus. Majkut suggested that they present to the Board. Activities Council had a large allocation \$3,200 for the DECA club to go to the regional conference in Spokane in February. The club has grown exponentially since they started two years ago. DECA was in 8 categories last year and won 7 of them.

VP for Business & Operations

Hung Le reported that he has been working hard with Drucksel Dorji on the Budget. Part of this process is to identify the Budget Authorities and what each budget is used for. They have a goal of approving a budget by week nine of spring quarter, the week before dead week. He is excited for Facilities & Services they are hoping to approve a project soon.

VP for Student Life

Katie Savinski reported that she has been working on the Green Energy Fee revamp, this was not her original intent, but feels it is going in a good direction. Next week she will be bringing some changes to the operational guidelines partially about maintenance costs. They are looking into this because it can affect buildings wanting to take on the projects because of the future costs. The Water Bottle Initiative was taken to Faculty Senate. Celis, Savinski and students for sustainable water reps will be meeting with deans to encourage them to sign on to water bottle free contract. They will also be working on signage. Savinski will not be able to attend RHA meetings because they meet during the Board Meetings. She will be submitting a written update to be read at the meetings. Savinski said that beginning next week they will be having candidates for the University Residences Director to campus. There will be opportunities to interact with the candidates.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Glemaker said that the Board won the Alumni Get Your Blue On goodie basket with their spirit.
- B. The Big Blue Bonus Book Raffle for a \$50 AS Bookstore Gift Certificate went to Carissa Mason.
- C. Glemaker said that this is a larger conversation, but he wants to start it. There is a proposal called 50/50 by 2020 coming from the Council of University Presidents of Washington to the legislature. The goal is to get university funding back up to 50% by 2020. If the legislature agrees to do this then the university will freeze tuition for every two years that the agreement is active. Glemaker said that they have to make a decision about the AS stance on this. Glemaker is in discussions with other university AS Presidents to see what they are thinking about it. Glemaker said that an argument for it is looking at what is economically feasible. They are looking at what the legislature will actually give, is it a promising enough program. Glemaker said that an argument against this is that students have a unique ability to ask for what they need, and they need more than this. They don't necessarily want to ask for something that is economically feasible, they want to ask for what is necessary. WWUAS firmly believes that low tuition is the best form of financial aid. Glemaker thinks that freezing tuition is not a good idea. Glemaker thinks that they will reach 50/50 by continually increasing the cost of higher education and students will continue to pay more. Roberts needs more time to research it. Le dittoed. Glemaker said that a decision has to be made by Monday because legislatures will be asking them what they think about it while they are participating in Lobby Day. Celis said that he has heard a lot about it in other committees and it is hard for him to decide. Le thinks his first response is that realistically this is better than what they have now. Glemaker thinks that anything is better than what they have now. Roberts asked if there will be the opportunity to make sure that everyone is on the same page. Glemaker said that they will have to come to a decision on Sunday. He asked people to share their thoughts. Legislative Affairs Council is having a meeting to discuss this on Friday at 6 p.m. in Bond Hall 104.
- D. The Board will have a work session on Sunday at 11 am in HU 101

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:01 P.M.