

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 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), Deng de Duot (VP Diversity), Patrick Stickney (VP Governmental Affairs) and Katie Savinski (VP Student Life)

**Student Senate Representative:** Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

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

**Guest(s):** Housing & Dining: Kurt Willis; AS Communications: Mason Luvera, Mario Orallo-Molinario, Angelica Robinson, Jamie Hoover; AS KVIK: Robert Bojorquez; AS ROP: Brandi Ball, Elana Cohen; AS ESP: Nina Olivier; Student Senate: Bill Campbell, Matthew Hilliard; Students for Renewable Energy: Neil Baungard, Edward Ury; Stephen Bellrichard, Polly Woodbury, Glen Tokola

## MOTIONS

- ASB-13-W-27** Approve the minutes of Thursday, February 21, 2013. *Passed*
- ASB-13-W-28** Approve the allocation of \$6,000 in the form of an underwrite from the Combined Fund Balance [FXXCOM-ASBACB] for the Associated Students Communications Office LipDub Project. *Passed*
- ASB-13-W-29** Approve the Vice President for Diversity Job Description changing the oversight language to match the VP for Activities with the stipulation that it return to the Board with further details on job duties by the end of spring quarter 2013. *Passed*
- ASB-13-W-30** Approve Consent Item A with the change to the new budget authority section as passed for the Board Job Descriptions last week. *Passed*
- ASB-13-W-31** Approve Consent Item B. *Passed*

Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION ASB-13-W-27 by Celis*

Approve the minutes of Thursday, February 21, 2013.

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

## II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Campbell said that last year the students passed a Higher One initiative. Right now one of the largest education lobby firms in the nation is lobbying congress and bringing an initiative forward that restricts the fees that companies can put on programs like Western. They are using this initiative as one of the larger pushes; they are soliciting feedback from universities. Celis said that a representative from the government accountability office will be on campus next week. He and Sara Richards who were on the Higher One Task Force will be meeting with them to get student feedback. There will also be meeting with the students and administrators.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Lip Dub

Roberts said that this is the new and improved lip dub proposal with budget amendments. The amount has increased to \$6,000 and is being requested from reserves instead of the operational budget. Celis said that he appreciates that the project would be funded by AS, but he would like to see more collaboration and outreach with others. Duot dittoed. Roberts said that there has been some collaboration with university communications and other areas are in support of the project but do not have the resources to fund it. She said that it will be a smoother process if the AS funds it. Orallo-Molinario said he asked others to help fund it, but that they were not

able to. He said that people seemed really in support and that there was effort, just not ability for monetary support. Stickney said that he is thrilled with this project. Glemaker is really excited for this project. He said that if they use AS funding, then the AS is really taking control of the project. Stickney dittoed. Glemaker said that he is really thrilled and that this is well put together. Savinski dittoed. Duot said that he had concerns, but that he supports this project.

*MOTION ASB-13-W-28 by Roberts*

Approve the allocation of \$6,000 in the form of an underwrite from the Combined Fund Balance [FXXCOM-ASBACB] for the Associated Students Communications Office LipDub Project.

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

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**A. Divestment Initiative**

Majkut provided context on the initiative process to help frame conversations. There are three documents that serve as guidance in this process, that is the AS Charter (this is the primary document which is the grant from the university to the Associated Students in terms of rights and responsibilities), AS Bylaws (the document that the Associated Students, the larger body, has agreed in terms of how the organization should run), and the AS Election Code (provides specific details and is passed by the Board). The documents are listed in order of priority. He said that this is a back and forth process; students submit initiatives to the board. At this point it becomes the property of the Board. The Board has responsibilities as laid out in the code and general responsibilities to represent students' interests. The Board will make a decision regarding the language to approve, modify or reject. He said that tonight's discussion is more relevant to the structure of the initiative proposal: are there legal conflicts- policies, laws, etc. or is it misleading- which could be inaccurate information or is language that the common voter wouldn't understand what they were voting for. He said that if the board approves or modifies, then the initiative goes back to the sponsor. The sponsor can then determine if they want to accept this and get petition signatures. Then it goes back to the Board to verify that the signatures are valid and it can be added to the ballot. He said the language of the ballot initiative and the explanatory paragraph, are included in the legalities and misleading issues. Baunsgard said that Students for Renewable Energy have been working on this divestment issue this entire year. He said that there has been a lot of advancement in talking with the administration and they are unsure if there is still a need for it. He said that the purpose of the initiative has changed since the administration supports the cause. Baunsgard said they would like to move forward with the initiative to get student support and educate students. Olivier asked the opinion of the Board on whether this would be a step forward with the administration. Stickney asked if the question was a declarative statement on behalf of the AS or if they would like the AS to pursue some kind of action. Victor and Duot dittoed. Baunsgard said that he is not sure what would be more effective. The Foundation is not responsible to anyone, so this is just a suggestion regardless. Stickney suggested saying the "AS supports the divestment by the foundation" or ask "should the AS advocate to the Board of Trustees and the Foundation that they should divest?" Duot said that probably no one will be against this and he feels it is important to have an initiative. Le said that he liked the language. He is concerned that if it has the support from the administration and then it doesn't pass the students, what would be the consequences. Celis dittoed. Celis wanted the group to think about the consequences if the students didn't pass it. He thinks it would be better as a declarative statement. Duot dittoed. Celis said that he has language to recommend. Glemaker emphasized that the initiatives are the property of the Board. Majkut said that others can still work with the Board on the language even though the Board owns it. Glemaker said that the language is not very clear in certain respects. Majkut wondered how voters would interpret the language. Ury said that he doubts students will vote against it. He said that the initiative will be very visible and that it will improve Western's reputation. He said that Western might be the first public school to divest and that it will bring a lot of attention to the school. Ury said that even though the

administration is in support, he feels it is important to have the student initiative so that students can unite together behind this issue. He said that this is a huge student movement; Western has the chance to lead the way and to set precedent for public universities nationwide.

#### B. Communications Office Institutionalization

Roberts said this is the institutionalization of the Communications Office. She said that this has been a pilot program and that the funding was from the reserves. She said that there is some minor language issues, but they will be changed. Stickney said that it is good to institutionalize the office but he has one concern about the role of the communications office as spokesperson for the AS. He said he disagrees that the President has the final say because he feels it should be the whole Board. Glemaker said that the doc was written and passed last year. Glemaker said the request is different than the proposed motion because it includes moving the PR position to four quarters. He said that he loves the future projects listed. Stickney and Savinski dittoed. Glemaker said that there is some language to be cleaned up; he will work with Roberts on this. Majkut said that the Communications Office has a sense of the AS Communicating with students about how they are served, where their funds go, etc. He sees that marketing is mentioned a lot and feels it is different than just communications. He said that the marketing component tends to be time-consuming and takes over. Le spoke to the Personnel Director, and new four quarter positions requested would not be implemented until after next summer to respect the current process. He said that jobs open Saturday and that this proposal has not been passed yet and then it would have to go back to the Personnel Committee. Duot said that he would like to see the Communications Office work closely the AS Board. Orallo-Molinario said that the work load of the Communications Director with regards to summer start is tremendous. He said that the extra help is much needed during the summer and waiting might not be the wisest choice. He said that it could even be presented as an evolving job description. Roberts supported Orallo-Molinario and said that the Communications Office should play a larger role in fall development. She understood the reasoning to put it off, which was to respect the process. As the supervisor of the office, Roberts emphasized the importance of the position. She said that there are options to respect the process but then to also consider the Communications Office. Luvera said the news cycle never sleeps and it is a challenge to remain connected to the media when there is no one else there during the summer. He said that the office is really stepping up and that the needs are more continual and making the PR position four quarters is important to help bolster forward momentum for the office.

#### C. Housing & Dining Rates

Savinski said that every year, the Board considers the dining rates for the next year. Kurt Willis said that this process starts in winter quarter and concludes with the April Trustees meeting where the rates are voted on. Willis said that Housing and Dining is self-sustaining, however as part of the university, issues at the state legislature that affect students also trickle into the housing and dining. They have to work with these issues as they happen, usually over the summer. He is proposing a 3% increase in the room and board rate package. He said that there is some push back, but that he has been working with the university. He said sequestration has already affected Housing and Dining. He said they invested in build America bonds, this was a good idea, but there is a chance that up to 8% of the subsidy they get from these bonds will be taken away. That is a \$14,000 hit that could happen. At that point they would scramble make allowances to cover that cost. He said the increase is roughly a \$1 a day increase for students living on campus, Birnam Wood is a bit less. He said that he also included rate comparisons to other universities in the documents. He said that comparisons can be challenging because rooms vary etc. He is pleased about the 3% because it addresses pressures from inflation, but isn't up the 4% increase they predicted. Stickney said that the university has been trying to get the renovation for Carver Gym through the state capital plan. Willis said that if the capital plan goes through then they will start the project, if not then housing is out the planning funds. Glemaker clarified that all of the funding, including funding for capital projects comes from

Housing & Dining; he thinks this is impressive. Glemaker asked why the room and board penalty fees for students are increasing 10%. Willis said that the fees have to do with contract breakage fees if students leave early, fees for fumigating if there is a hidden pet in the room, etc. This is just bringing the budget up to the actuals so the individual fees are not increasing. Glemaker said that "other" section is increasing 8% and he would like some more explanation there. Willis said printing, travel and training are things that come out of that budget. There were some errors in cell formulas so it gives the appearance of an increase. International Housing is hoping to internationalize the university more. That would mean carving out a program and support for those students. Vicky Hamlin the Vice Provost for International Programs has developed a program that Housing & Dining will be supporting. Duot asked why the increase is at 3%. Willis said part of this is due to the capital plan. They do this in a pay as you go plan, so about 2% is for capital changes and 1% for inflation. Willis said that the Trustees were warned that there might be a 4-5% increase over the next 15 years. The 3% increase came in lower than this because they are trying to keep the costs lower for the students. At Western there is also a situation where people are not required to live on campus. They are sensitive to the fact that if students are unhappy they could vote with their feet and not live in the residence halls, which would be an issue. The Institutional Charge includes charges for using campus property and Green Coats. The institutional building rate is going up .5%. Savinski said there was a dedicated and passionate group of students who worked on this and she is proud of the 3%. Celis and Le dittoed. However, she realized that any increase is difficult.

#### D. Student Senate Reform Proposal

Celis said that the Board has discussed this item in detail in work sessions. Roberts thinks that this is really well put together and she feels that this is exactly what needs to happen to create a healthy, effective and sustainable Senate for the next year. Celis said this is step 1 and then they will be creating the job description through the proper channels. Hilliard thinks that it will be successful in what it is attempting to do, but feels that the Senate would be a good group to handle this. Celis feels that they need to be able to set up the infrastructure and clear goals before they could bring it to a student vote. If they want to create student jobs for the Senators they need to figure out all of the details. Correa was concerned at first because he felt that by not putting it into practice, it would be hard to tell if it would be successful. However from the chair perspective, it is hard to run the Senate and also think about reform. Many Senators were for this reform and some were concerned. Campbell said that his personal concern is not having an end deadline. He feels that this risks the end of the Senate. He feels that something has to happen in the spring next year for elections, or they are potentially putting the Senate off for two years. They also risk saying the Senate isn't needed at all and then there are no Senators there to stand up for themselves. Campbell has a concern about having this vote when there is an initiative on the table as well. Duot thinks that they should come together and work on this reform of the Senate. Glemaker said that this doesn't eliminate the Senate; it puts a priority on reform by hiring someone to do research on Senate structures. Glemaker said that there have been open work sessions and this has been discussed for quite a while. Stickney said that this is a separate issue from the initiative. They have been working on it already and the Board just heard of the initiative two days ago. Stickney thinks that they should consider these separately. He feels that it is good to take time to work out the details for funding, locations, etc. Roberts said that the initiative is still uncertain, but this is something that requires action and she feels that they should not delay on this. Campbell is the chair of the Senate reform subcommittee. They have met three times and he feels that the initiative he is bringing came out of these meetings. Campbell said that there have been advertised work sessions, but he also finds it insulting that the Board did not tell the Senate sub-committee about these discussions. Majkut said that in the intent it talks about a referendum, he is not sure that this is required, but if it is the intention then it should be in the final motion. He also thinks that the hiring of a Senate Reform person really depends on if there is an initiative on the ballot. He thinks that if the

initiative is passed the job might be different in terms of setting up for the process to happen in the next election. Stickney said that the intention behind not requiring a referendum was to not bind next year's Board on any type of action. He personally thinks they should do a referendum but doesn't want to lock them in; it is listed in the intent as a suggestion. Savinski said that it is a valid concern that there might not be a Senate for two years, she thought of it a few days ago. She feels that because there is a want to strengthen the Senate and because reform went into the Governmental Affairs job description that they can make deadlines so that they don't end up in a situation like that, if it is decided that the Senate is a valuable body. She feels that the Board is encouraging this process to occur because they don't want the Senate to disappear; they want to strengthen and empower the Senate. 5 dittoes. She thinks it is an important process to go through and is far different than the initiative. Campbell said he doesn't think this is a bad idea, but he believes they are already at the point where decisions can be made about the Senate and the direction. He has thought of a compromise, and with the initiative he is trying to force conversation on this. He asks that this not be an Action Item next week. Glemaker said that there is urgency with this because hiring begins this weekend. He encourages discussions to happen around this. Glemaker said in terms of transparency, the Board has been vocal about Senate reform since the currently seated board members campaign last spring. They made some changes over the summer to the Senate in terms of representation. They also made it one of their priority goals which were submitted to the Board of Trustees as public documents and it has been a topic of discussion throughout the year. Celis as advisor has made sure that the Senate voices are heard. He invited the Senators to attend the next meeting.

#### E. Vagina Memoirs Facilitator

The Women's Center would like to renew the memoirs position and increase it to a full year position. They feel made the function of the memoirs better, improved communication and lowered stress levels. Le thinks that the Vagina Memoirs is an invaluable program for the AS and was really proud of the program. He wants to make sure that Western Students have the priority of attendance, however he thinks it should be free, so he is not sure how to achieve priority. He did suggest charging non-Western students. He likes the additional hours for spring, and has a solution on how to pay for this. He agrees with the volunteer facilitators having a stipend because the hours are so demanding. Duot thinks this is a good document, he feels this is an important position. He thinks they should look into having a larger space so that they can accommodate more people. But he feels that community members are still part of the community. Glemaker asked what the difference is between the coordinator and facilitators. Cohen said she is paid is because she does the logistical things in terms of working through the bureaucracy and the facilitators are there more for the cast, so the basic difference is their duties. Glemaker would like to have a proposed motion and budget code. Celis is still looking at the title coordinator in terms of calling it by the position classification, as typically happens. Cohen said there are a few other positions that have switched names as well, but as long as they are very clear on the job description then it is acceptable. The Coordinator language is used more for the general public because if they were called assistant coordinator people would ask to speak to the coordinator, but there isn't one. Celis clarified that typically there are 2 volunteer facilitators. Majkut is generally concerned about stipends and how to decide who receives a stipend. Currently the only position with a stipend is the Elections Coordinator, that is because of the very short term of position. He thinks they might be opening it up for more volunteers to have a stipend and this could be a large amount of people in the AS. Majkut wonders if they should change the AS classifications to 1, 2, 3, 4 and then the title could be what it needed to, but the pay and responsibility would be clear. Majkut said that emotional safety was a large reason why this position was created and there isn't information in here about these safety issues during this show. He thinks that having a position that works with this program is a good idea, but it is the allocation of resources that is a concern. Whenever they add a position, they need to think about what they might need to remove. He has concerns because there have been

2 positions added for the Women's Center in the last few years. Cohen said they want to do the stipend to increase accessibility, because it is so demanding to be a facilitator and a lower income person might not be able to support themselves. Majkut said that this is why AS positions are paid, to increase the options. Le said this is a rare program that they are looking to make a required event. Stickney dittoed. Le understands that this program benefits the community and family members, but if it is an AS program to benefit students then they need to be able to attend. Roberts thinks there is a way to work out a system and still honor the family members of the cast. She thinks that it is unfortunate that anyone would need to be turned away, but it should not be students over community members. Roberts said if they offer a stipend for the facilitators then it should be required that they are a student. Roberts said that now they have done program saturation she wondered if they had looked at reabsorbing it into the Women's Center. Cohen said they did look at this and decided the position was needed.

#### F. Cannabis Initiative

Hilliard feels that Western and Bellingham have provided state support for policies regarding Cannabis Sativa, even for personal use. There are currently federal bills being reviewed about industrialization. Hilliard would like to see the students support this in a declarative statement. Stickney said that they are not doing anything illegal by putting this on the ballot and thinks that the information is good. Campbell said his concern is what happens after the initiative is passed. He would like to know what Hilliard would like to happen. Hilliard would like to ask the Board if it is possible to change the wording to: "Shall the AS WWU strongly urge the AS Board to incorporate into the AS State and Federal Agendas support for passage and implementation of both state and federal policies that support the sustainable farming, production, processing, and sale of the plant, Cannabis sativa, as well as goods made from Cannabis sativa, for both personal and industrial use?" Glemaker said that they could work on the wording throughout the week. Celis said that is changing it from a declarative statement. Le dittoed. Majkut asked if the polices referenced mean supporting state and federal legislative action. He thinks there should be some clarification on this; he is unsure how it fits in the authorities. Majkut said that normally when the AS takes a stance they construct a resolution. Stickney suggested asking the Board to write a resolution as part of the question to the students. Campbell said that a declarative statement would make a resolution redundant because a resolution is the Board speaking on behalf of the students, but the students already spoke. If it is a recommendation then it could be a resolution or included in the legislative agendas. Celis agrees and said that in the Election Code Section 4 letter h it is a Statement of official position, so a resolution is not needed. Duot thinks that they should look at Initiative 502. Hilliard said that on the news yesterday the US Attorney General said they are in the last stage of reviewing I-502 and will have a statement in the next month.

#### G. Real Food Initiative

Stickney thinks that it should explain what the Real Food Challenge is. Ury had new language but apparently the email didn't go through, but the basic question is the same. Celis said that the actual question doesn't include enough information about what the real food challenge is. Majkut said there can be some background wording in a limited capacity on the ballot. If there is not enough space they can attach more information. Ury said that there is a 100 word paragraph and then 5 items stipulated as to what it means to make the commitment. Roberts said that it is advisory, because the statement can't require President Shepard to sign anything. Savinski was concerned about push back on this because she has spoken with Aramark and they are in support of it. Ury said that Western is already better than most universities in the areas. The main issue is that local areas that use out of area ingredients don't count towards Real Food so Western thought that they were at 19.5% but the calculator has been updated and Western is actually at 15%. The university was hoping for 20% by 2012. Students for Sustainable Food has a goal of 30% by 2020 because of the proximity to local agriculture. Their hope is to shift money away from industrial farms to local farms. Dining Services in universities

is a huge multimillion dollar industry and the companies want to keep their contracts even if it costs them more to purchase Real Food, so the students as the client should ask for what they want. Savinski feels that there is already support for this, and thinks it could be easier to have a conversation directly with President Shepard. Ury thinks that taking this to a student vote is providing good data to say that students want this. He thinks that student should have a say in what is being served when they are required to have a meal plan if they are on campus.

#### H. Combination Initiatives

Campbell knows that some of these initiatives were surprises for the board. There are 47-50 students in a not-for-profit group undergoing incorporation called Students for Western Foundation that are in support of these. Initiative d. was requested by another student and Campbell is still iffy about sponsoring it especially after speaking with Roberts. Stickney asked about the history of multi-issue initiatives. Majkut doesn't believe that there have been multi-issue initiatives. Campbell thinks that changes to the bylaws have typically been grouped together. Majkut said that changes to the bylaws happened by referenda which are different than initiatives. Referenda are brought by the Board of Directors and are reviewed for content. Roberts asked what lead Campbell to bring initiative a. Campbell said that he campaigned on this and heard support from many including environmental majors. He knows that now the VP for Student Life handles this, but he feels that environmental concerns might not get the full attention they deserve. He thinks having someone specifically looking at these areas would be beneficial. Savinski said that the Student Life job description just underwent changes, these changes included adding oversight of the AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs for example. Sustainability is now included in the position description as well. Her concern is that there is an indication that not enough is being done, but she feels the changes made including communicating with environmental clubs already broaden the work that the AS has done on sustainability issues. She feels that it is a focus and there were things removed from the Student Life position to make more room for sustainability. She wonders where funding and space would come from if this passed. Celis has a concern about taking so much away from the Student Life that there might not be a reason for that position anymore. Savinski dittoed. Campbell said that he respects what is being done on campus, but believes that they can do more. Majkut said that if this went forward then it would create an 8th member Board. That would be the structure so they would reallocate the resources and it would certainly affect the Student Life position. If passed the Board would need to figure out funding and office space. Roberts respects where Campbell is coming from but thinks that the concept of finding things for VPs to do is not a way that they should be utilizing student funds. Savinski and Glemaker dittoed. Roberts believes that they could find ways to handle this with the current 7 member structure. However, Roberts feels that in terms of language the question is straightforward. Le feels that the spirit of what the initiative is asking for has already been done through changes that have just happened this year in terms of sustainability. He feels that the question and documents are not clear to the students that there is already someone in charge of this area. Majkut said that the change in succession from the VP for Diversity in Article 5 section 6 is a change that doesn't necessarily fit in with just adding a position via initiative. Campbell added this because he read the reasoning behind the VP for Diversity being third in line to be about their dealings with business aspects. He feels that the Environmental position would be business minded as well. He would be happy to include this in the explanation. Glemaker echoes what Majkut said about the succession because it isn't included in the ballot language. Glemaker said in initiative b under Senate reform the number of "directors" shall be 15 he thinks that it might mean "Senators". Campbell said this is not the most recent version and he must have submitted it by mistake. Roberts asked what the procedure is for receiving wrong wording. Glemaker said that the version they will use now is what was submitted, but they can make changes in between info and action. Glemaker said that the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of b. Senators would be appointed by departments. He understands that all students are appointed by the AS Board

of Directors and doesn't know if this is consistent with policies. Celis said that it is in the AS Charter that all students are appointed by the AS Board. Campbell said that the Senate would no longer be a committee under this. Glemaker would like to expand on what "qualified" means in terms of being appointed. Duot feels these documents should be reviewed with the proposal for the Student Senate Restructure. Roberts thinks that some of the ideas are really great, but this initiative is extensive and involved. The language of the question is straightforward, but the scope of what would actually happen if they voted to approve it is not clear. Savinski and Le dittoed. She doesn't think that the common student would understand the implications and major amount of changes included in the question and for this reason it has the potential to be misleading. If the Senate reform happens now they would hire a Student Senate reform employee, but if this initiative passes elections would happen the following year. Majkut doesn't think it is clear when things would go into effect. It might take a while to put this into place; there is a good chance it would take until the following year to implement. Stickney feels that there are value statements in initiative and wonders if this is misleading. He is unsure if all students would feel that this change increases representation. Majkut said that typically initiatives tend to be more declarative than value laden; it is up to the Board to decide if this is problematic. Majkut said that the AS is operating under a new Election Code and as things get refined then expectations change, so looking to the past might not be as helpful. Roberts thinks that to avoid being misleading things should be as neutral as possible and not up for as much interpretation. Campbell feels that this is not a value statement to say that increasing student representation, he thinks students can decide if it expands or not with their vote. Celis would like the information to be more direct about what this is reforming so that it is not misleading. Savinski dittoed. Celis wants to speak out against appointments because he feels it takes away from the shared governance model within the university. If they are allowing Deans to appoint the students this takes away from that, just as a faculty member would never let an administrator choose the faculty member to appoint because they might be able to sway votes. He feels the process outlined in the initiative goes against the AS Charter. Celis addressed the combined initiatives; he feels that by adding multiple things to the initiatives it is misleading in general. Savinski and Glemaker dittoed. The title of the WEST initiative is also an issue for him because he feels it is misleading. Celis feel that while they may tie together loosely, he feels the common student would not really understand. He believes that the four need to be presented individually. Le and Savinski dittoed. Campbell combined the items to make sure that all options were available. Stickney clarified that Campbell wrote this initiative but he feels that it was discussed at the Senate Reform sub-committee. Stickney said that these are very value laden terms; it is up to interpretation if the changes expand student representation or reform the Senate. He feels words like that should be saved for the campaign trail. He thinks that the question should talk about the actual changes being made. Glemaker said the initiatives were submitted on behalf of the Students for Western Foundation it doesn't even say that the Senate was involved. Glemaker said that previous language in the initiative actually means the current language. Glemaker explained that he had previously asked Campbell to choose which initiatives he would like to bring forward when Campbell originally submitted the language. In Glemaker's opinion the initiatives all being submitted together could mean that they all end up on the ballot and they would be conflicting. Glemaker would advocate for the language on b to be changed to "adjust student representation". Majkut said that he has concerns about forfeiting stipends, because it feels cumbersome. Glemaker dittoed. He thinks that when speaking about appointment by the Dean, he suggests maybe they should recommend to the Board. He used an example of the Services & Activities Committee where the advisors recommend for their area and appointments are then ratified by the Board. Majkut said that in section 5 a new section 10 the Board has the authority for the finances of the AS, not just the AS President. Hilliard likes Glemaker's language and feels it is clearer. He thinks that Senators should be chosen by election only. He wants to feel like he can trust everyone on campus, but is concerned about hidden motives and it is just best to separate so everyone has an equal voice. Savinski agrees with the

language Glemaker proposed, but she would still be more comfortable with the language in the question summarizing what the actual changes are. Celis dittoed. Savinski doesn't think people would say no to expand student representation, but students could say no to specific things that are included in the initiative. Campbell likes the changes and is willing to expand. Campbell said the process would be established by the Dean they could have elections or they could appoint. If this were to pass they could present options. Eventually it would all be elections, but the reason he is not saying this is because they don't have the resources yet to require elections of the Deans. Celis said his issue is with the equitability. 3 dittoes. He thinks if there are 8 different ways and someone is a double major, they would choose to represent the major with the easier process. He thinks the process needs to be within the AS. Roberts thinks that there are concerns about things being in conflict with the charter or the transparency of the language. For Roberts to feel that this is not misleading, she would need summaries for the process, or to take out some of the language.

Celis said initiative c would change the Bylaws but it wouldn't change the Election Code. Majkut clarified that the Bylaws would be the authority. Stickney said that there are also value statements within the Student voice. Majkut believes that this initiative is in conflict with the bylaws where the Board runs the affairs of the organization. It is questionable in terms of conflict with the Bylaws. This and the club initiative are problematic if they change policies that effect allocating funds through an elective process. The club system that allows for funds to be allocated through a voting process doesn't follow that law. The Southworth vs Wisconsin case deals with issues connected to this.

Glemaker said in Initiative "d" that the numbers are not consistent in the question and in the language of the content. Campbell said that the numbers were still being decided. Stickney asked if it is normal to put the number of aid in the bylaws. Majkut understands that Campbell would like to establish a minimum. Campbell will not be bringing initiative d forward unless the person who requested it comes forward. Campbell said that in looking at the Bylaws it sets up the way in which the amendments are changed. Vote by the board or by the membership of the student body if 5% comes then they can do what the Board of Directors can do. This can tell the Board of Directors how to vote, this is establishing another way to vote. Roberts said that she contacted Campbell because she was curious as to how this came about because she has not heard any complaints about how club funds are distributed. She would like to know if there is an issue. This year the Club Activities Office added a \$75 executive approval from the grants loans and underwrites; this gives access to more money than is being requested in the initiative. Club packages are valued at \$65 to do publicity for clubs and are available upon request. Roberts feels that this initiative take the organization back to a process that they changed because it wasn't working. In the past there was an opt-in for \$50 and the VP for Activities approved it. Consistently there was a lot of that funding left in the clubs accounts at the end of the year because it didn't get used. The new process is better than the old one. Clubs can access up to \$140 of funding initially. This doesn't waste funding because it has to be for a specific expenditure, but it is not a slow process. The Club Activities staff has been working hard to make funding more accessible and still use student funds responsibly. Savinski and Celis dittoed.

## **VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS** *(subject to immediate action)*

### **VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

#### A. VP for Diversity Job Description

Roberts said this is not complete, and that will be indicated on the description. It is up for approval to make it clear that oversight of the ROP will be included in the job description while students are considering running for the position.

#### *MOTION ASB-13-W-29 by Stickey*

Approve the Vice President for Diversity Job Description changing the oversight language to match the VP for Activities with the stipulation that it return to the Board with further details on job duties

by the end of spring quarter 2013.

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

### VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\*

#### A. Water Bottle Initiative Publicity Funding Request

Savinski said this would be showing deans that the AS will collaborate with departments on the water bottle issue. Celis said that there are faculty members who were told that the AS would coordinate with them. He thinks it is their responsibility to fund this publicity.

#### B. Assistant Hours

Le said that this is really a three part request to add some extra time for projects. Monger is requesting extra time for the Assistant for Representation to work on a comprehensive legacy document for Viking Lobby Day. Glemaker and Savinski dittoed. He thinks it is a healthy amount of time for the assistants for the rest of the year. Stickney and Savinski dittoed. Duot thinks they should give the assistants some love.

#### C. DREAM Act Resolution from Senate

Celis said that this item was passed last week at the Senate. Roberts thinks this is great. Initially she was thinking this might be redundant because it is already a resolution and is in the Legislative Agenda. If they do pass it she feels they should move the last paragraph into the motion. Duot dittoed. Stickney thinks that even though this has been a big priority and the Leg Liaison is the policy director for the DREAM Act, he still thinks it is important to pass it. He would like to keep the last paragraph because they want people to see they are sending it to everyone. Celis feels that they are strong advocates for the DREAM Act already; this is taking a stance when they already have a stance. If the Senate wants to be involved then they should take action on it. Celis said that they can send out a letter with the previous resolution and the legislative agenda. Celis supports the WA state DREAM Act but doesn't support voting on this resolution because it is redundant. Duot thinks it is important to advocate on behalf of the students. Glemaker said he is a very strong supporter of the DREAM Act, but there have been 2 resolutions passed. He would not be in favor of voting on this and having the motion fail, he would rather not vote on it. The Washington Student Association is sending out a letter and Western will sign it because the Board has already passed stances in support multiple times. Campbell said the Senate passed the resolution knowing that others had come before because they believe that there are things to add. Campbell has issue with the citations (partially because they are so left leaning) and some of the wording. Roberts asked to remove the "be it resolved" and send the motion or a memo with the names included as cc. She feels the paragraph at the end could be distracting. Duot thinks that they should work with Crowther on this. Roberts thinks that if they are going to cite, should keep in citations and make them neutral. Robinson feels anything they can do support this legislation is important. She feels it would be good to include how it affects economy, demographics and share personalize stories.

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

#### A. Personnel Job Descriptions

Glemaker would like to see the track changes on job descriptions that come to the Board. 2 dittoes. Le said these were changed to results oriented and there were too many changes to indicate with track changes; none of the content was changed.

*MOTION ASB-13-W-30 by Stickney*

Approve Consent Item A with the change to the new budget authority section as passed for the Board Job Descriptions last week.

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

#### B. Committee Appointments

Carl H. Simpson Bridging Award Committee

Alice Tian                      Manufacturing and Supply Chain Mgmt.      Senior (RASC, Trustee)

Glen Tokola                      English Literature w/ Creative & Technical      Senior  
Supplements, Minor in Philosophy

*MOTION ASB-13-W-31 by Savinski*

Approve Consent Item B.

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

## X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that they talked about legacy documents and polling questions. The next meeting will be during spring quarter.

## XI. BOARD REPORTS

### President

Ethan Glemaker reported that the Men's Resiliency Taskforce has begun their focus group meetings with the residence halls. Attendance was bleak this week, but they are hoping for more involvement next week. A diversity strategic planning subcommittee of the President's Taskforce on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity will be meeting on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> to come up with action domains and a guiding belief statement for the larger taskforce. There is a Washington Student Association meeting in Olympia on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### VP for Academic Affairs

Victor Celis reported that the Student Technology Fee Renewal Committee has passed a fee recommendation that will be brought to the AS Board of Directors next week as a possible referendum for the AS Ballot. Celis is excited about all the work the committee has done and thanks the committee members for their participation. Academic Coordinating Committee has finished the majority of the curriculum approvals for next year, and they will begin looking at a variety of issues and policies that have been brought up by the committee, or others in the Western community, throughout next quarter. At the University Planning and Resource Council they reviewed the budget requests from the six divisions of the University. If anyone is interested in seeing those or talking about them, please talk to Celis soon.

### VP for Activities

Carly C Roberts reported that Activities Council recognized new AS Clubs: Grappling Martial Arts Club and The Fort Northwest. On Friday, Roberts traveled to the Microsoft Corporate Headquarters in Renton for a Western Foundation Governing Board meeting. Board members mentioned the 350.org movement and she requested to be kept in the loop as developments are made on campus.

### VP for Business & Operations

Hung Le reported that Facilities & Services will be voting on the raft requests this Tuesday. There was a small hiccup with the funding but they were able to work around it. Management Council will be hearing a standardized demographics list from the Assessment Director this Monday. They will vote to make some small changes to the program standards to match the mission statement of the several ROP offices. Once the changes go through Management Council Le will bring it to the AS Board. Budget Committee meeting #3 will be this Tuesday where he will present to them the Board's Budget Priorities as discussed in the work session. They are also sending back most budgets to the authorities on Monday to get more detail. The AS Offices are doing well and getting ready for hiring and spring training.

### VP for Diversity

Deng de Duot reported that he is working with MEChA regarding their trip to University California San Dingo. The topics at nationals are about issues affecting the Students and

communities; they will be talking about how they can work together at this difficult time where politics is playing a huge role in the way people live in decision making as well at school. He is working with African and Caribbean Club on their heritage dinner on how to find funding, picking a theme, etc. The Vietnamese Students Association will have their heritage dinner this weekend at Sehome Village High School. The President's Task Force of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity is talking about how to recruit and retain students and staff here at Western Washington University.

#### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Patrick Stickney reported that he is currently planning, with Western Votes, the Rally for Higher Ed for next Thursday, March 14th, from 12-2pm. He hopes the entire Board can attend the rally, which will be a mix between speakers and action, such as calling the legislature. As for rental safety, the rest of the City Council is waiting for an indication from the committee looking at rental safety as to how to proceed. In that vein, Stickney would like to extend a shout-out to Rachel Cochran for all of her work on this issue. She has been vital to all the progress that has been accomplished this year

#### **VP for Student Life**

Katie Savinski reported that seven small project applications came in for the Green Energy Fee totaling around \$10,000. The applications originated out of many different campus entities. Savinski said that was great news and she sees this pilot process being a strong success so far. She will be participating in a discussion with the Western Card Advisory group regarding a needed update to the expiration stamp technology. She will also be engaging in conversation with Dr. Eileen Coughlin and Athletic Director Lynda Goodrich on the logistics of Western being the host of the men's and women's NCAA Regional basketball tournament. She will report more information on this as it becomes available.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Turn in Board reports tomorrow by 3 pm.
- B. There will be a hard deadline for Board documents from now on as the process of collecting documents has been overly stressful the last few meetings.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:45 P.M.**