

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

Wednesday, April 24, 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):** Josie Ellison, Mayra Guizar, Kaylee Galloway

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-13-S-16** Approve the recommendation made by the Alternative Transportation Fee committee to increase the Alternative Transportation Fee by 5% in fiscal year '14. *Passed*
- ASB-13-S-17** Approve the AS Vice President for Diversity Job Description with the stipulation that the changes to the AS Board Responsibilities section will be included in all Board Job Descriptions. *Passed*
- ASB-13-S-18** Approve the LAC Legislative Stances with the change to item ii of changing "in principle" to " , especially increases which serve as deterrents to students who would otherwise contribute to a vibrant campus community." *Passed*
- ASB-13-S-19** Approve the Student Trustee Candidates Heather Flaherty, Evan Fowler, and Megan Schrupp. *Passed*
- ASB-13-S-20** Approve Consent Item C. Committee Appointments. *Passed*
- ASB-13-S-21** Approve the AS Board Assistant Job Descriptions. *Passed*

Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA-** add Consent Item D. AS Board Assistants as Doc. 5.

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

- A. Alternative Transportation Fee Increase (15 minutes) Savinski Doc. 1  
Savinski said they spoke extensively on this last week and she hasn't heard any concerns.

*MOTION ASB-13-S-16 by Roberts*

Approve the recommendation made by the Alternative Transportation Fee committee to increase the Alternative Transportation Fee by 5% in fiscal year '14.

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

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

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

- A. AS VP for Diversity Job Description (20 minutes) Roberts Doc. 2  
Roberts said that changes since last week have been highlighted in grey. There were changes made to the Board Responsibilities and this will be changed in all Board job descriptions. Duot thinks that the changes to the document were good. He was in a meeting with a student last week and that is why he is not at the meeting where they revised his job description. Glemaker said that working with the Center for International Studies is important as they move towards internationalizing the university. The Center for Law, Diversity and Justice hopes that there continues to be a strong connection. Le asked about the research on adding this position to the Personnel Committee. Monger was unable to find a time that this position had served on the

committee, but two years ago a general Board Member was added. Savinski suggested "VP for Diversity or designee" because sometimes there is not interest or availability. Duot dittoed. Roberts said that the reasoning behind it was the connection to the Personnel Office training. Glemaker thinks that it is implicit that if a Board Member can't fulfill a job duty they would find a designee. Savinski said that the two areas this position works with the Personnel Office on doesn't really relate to the committee. Glemaker thinks that it is important to have the VP for Diversity involved in any disciplinary decisions that may be made by PC.

*MOTION ASB-13-S-17 by Roberts*

Approve the AS Vice President for Diversity Job Description with the stipulation that the changes to the AS Board Responsibilities section will be included in all Board Job Descriptions.

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

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

### A. AS Federal Agenda

*(15 minutes)*      Stickney Doc. 3

Stickney said the only change was to bring the Student Loan Forgiveness Act and took out the point to introduce legislation that has been introduced. Stickney would like to strike the first paragraph of the letter because it is outdated now. The comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill includes policy points about the DREAM Act, but he is looking into whether this is something that the AS should support. Le would like to change it to the correct date and fix the margins. Roberts said on page 3 should be "Current Bills". Glemaker doesn't understand the statement "and the spirit of community building which is fostered when recent graduates are not blocked from taking public service jobs because of financial obstacles." Stickney said the bill would increase incentives for going into public service jobs by assisting with student loan debt. Duot asked why the letter said school "must be accessible" and later it says "should". He thinks they should use "must" in both cases. Stickney is not sure that they are connected, but will consider this over the next week.

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

### A. LAC Legislative Stances

*(10 minutes)*      Stickney Doc. 4

Stickney said the Legislative Affairs Council Rules of Operations includes presenting legislative stances to the Board for ratification. These stances were approved on Friday. The first stance says that the students support faculty and if there is a tuition increase the funds should go to a faculty increase. The students oppose the mandatory funding for STEM without offering additional funding to cover the \$5.93 million. There was a similar decision package to the state to ask for funding for STEM, but this asks for money from other areas in the university. Celis feels this would be a mandated rebasing at the university; this is the funding they requested from the state. Basically the state said it was a good idea and then told the university to find the funding. Roberts feels that immediate rebasing would affect the students who are already at the university in their chosen field. Celis said they do see enrollment growing in these programs and are looking for support. Celis would like to see more information on the justification for why the AS opposes the International Student tuition increase, other than just the AS opposes tuition increases. Stickney said that currently the funds from International Students goes into the general fund. Duot said that International Students already pay twice what in-state students pay. Glemaker said they should strike "in principle" and put something like " , especially increases which serve as deterrents to students who would otherwise contribute to a vibrant campus community." Glemaker clarified that this language will just be used during lobbying efforts, but the document be presented serves to guide the language being used in meetings with legislators and other legislative conversations. Roberts would like to put into the records that the AS supports funding areas with increased interest, but not funding them in this way. Celis feels that funding for STEM should happen if there are additional state funds. Stickney dittoed. Stickney feels that the benefits of a holistic university experience shouldn't suffer in favor of producing students in certain areas.

*MOTION ASB-13-S-18 by Celis*

Approve the LAC Legislative Stances with the change to item ii from “in principle” to “, especially increases which serve as deterrents to students who would otherwise contribute to a vibrant campus community.”

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

B. Student Trustee Recommendations to be sent forward to the Governor

Heather Flaherty	BS in Community Health Ed WWU, Business Administration	Graduate Student
Evan Fowler	Political Science, Finance, and Management and Information Systems	Senior
Megan Schrupp	English and Sociology	Junior

Glemaker, Savinski, an at-large student, and the current Student Trustee serve on this selection committee with Dean Pratt as advisor. These are the three people they recommend forwarding to the Governor for final selection.

*MOTION ASB-13-S-19 by Stickney*

Approve the Student Trustee Candidates Heather Flaherty, Evan Fowler, and Megan Schrupp.

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

C. Committee Appointments

AS Student Senate

Kehla Jefferson Champion      Sociology      Senior

*MOTION ASB-13-S-20 by Roberts*

Approve Consent Item C. Committee Appointments.

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

D. AS Board Assistant Job Descriptions

Le said that the main changes were increasing the hours for the assistants. This was done this year through a request from Operational Enhancement. Glemaker acknowledged the work of Personnel Committee on this item.

*MOTION ASB-13-S-21 by Savinski*

Approve the AS Board Assistant Job Descriptions.

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

**X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that there was no Senate meeting.

**XI. BOARD REPORTS**

**President**

Ethan Glemaker reported that the AS Productions office is releasing a statement about the Local Natives concert. He is excited that they got information out there if there are mixed feelings about the concert. They are excited to welcome the Local Natives to campus this weekend. He will be bringing a request from the International Studies department for funding.

**VP for Academic Affairs**

Victor Celis reported that Academic Coordinating Commission is seeing the Academic Honesty policy that he has been working on for two years. They have been looking at the policy that say that all final exams must happen during finals week. He has been asked to get student feedback on this topic. The Committee on Undergraduate Education has been doing a lot about reforming the GUR program at Western including setting a timeline and setting up a task force. The Student Technology Fee has been in the Western Front.

**VP for Activities**

Carly C Roberts reported that Activities Council had the most guests ever at the meeting Monday. There have been many funding requests for great activities coming up.

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

Hung Le reported that he needs additional support in completing the AS Budget. They are moving back the date for the budget to week 9 and will be seeking additional support for him. Personnel Committee is looking at adding a professionalism document and creating a legacy document for fall training. Le followed up on the Disability Outreach Center location move, and facilities came up with an idea to spend from next year's budget of \$25,000 the \$5-6,000 needed for the new door.

#### **VP for Diversity**

Deng de Duot reported that he attended the Black Student Union meeting last week during the Board meeting. He feels that there are conversations happening there that are very important and the Board should try to attend. ESC Steering is doing well and might end up with funding left at the end of the year. He feels that Nate Panelo is going a good job in this area. ESC President's Council has discussed how to make heritage dinners more accessible. The Diversity Achievement Award Committee is accepting applications. The African Caribbean Cultural Club will be holding their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner, he encouraged people to attend.

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

Patrick Stickney reported that he is looking at the Legislative Action Fund to see if there is funding to join the United States Student Association. Rick Larsen will be coming to campus to speak about college accountability and honor the Western Hockey Team on their national title.

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

Katie Savinski reported that Green Energy Fee met and they will not be increasing the fee this year. She is happy that they will be protecting student dollars. There will be focus groups in May to gather data about Men's Resiliency with the goal of increasing support to students on campus. Savinski and Glemaker have been meeting with Students for Sustainable Water to look at timelines for the rest of the Water Bottle Initiative.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Western Card Validation**

Savinski has been in many meetings about the Western Card validation dates. Currently the machine is broken and no one has been able to get validation stamps. They came to the conclusion that there is no one on campus who uses that date extensively. However, this date is often used to obtain discounts off campus. They were presented with many options and determined that the best option is to have a valid through date with an expected date of graduation plus a little wiggle room. Also they would not charge students extra for cards if they have to stay past that date. The committee doesn't want to give the perception that they are telling students when to graduate. Roberts said that students could still use the card after they graduated in the community, but not on campus. Roberts would like to make it 5 or 6 years out. Savinski said that transfer students would not need that much time and that is why they would calculate an average based on credits. Le said practically it makes sense to not do it every year. There are a good percentage of students who drop out in the first or second year. Savinski said that the only way to avoid it would be to issue a new card every year, or to stamp a date on it and they don't have the technology anymore. This wouldn't be an option for faculty or staff. They are thinking of doing an issue date for those cards. Duot thinks it is fine to make it 5-6 years but he thinks it might create pressure. Savinski said that they want to make sure students are benefitting from the card. They have had complaints from students and businesses in the community.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:03P.M.**