

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

Friday, January 7, 2011

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AS Board Officers: *Present:* Colin Watrin (President), Benjamin Brockman (VP Bus Ops), Ramon Rinonos-Diaz (VP Academics), Alisha Beck (VP Activities), Bernard Ikegwuoha (VP Diversity), Byron Starkey (VP Governmental Affairs) and Jamin Agosti (VP Student Life)
Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

MOTIONS

- ASB-11-W-01** Approve the minutes of November 17, 2010 and December 1, 2010. *Passed*
ASB-11-W-02 Approve \$1,500 from Operating Enhancement to FXXLAF for Lobby Day. *Passed*
ASB-11-W-03 Approve Consent Item A. *Passed*

Colin Watrin, AS President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-11-W-01 by Brockman

Approve the minutes of November 17, 2010 and December 1, 2010.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Lobby Day Funding Request

Starkey Doc. 1

Starkey said there is \$2,325 in the Legislative Affairs Budget to carry out activities for the whole year. Lobby Day itself is more expensive than this budget. Holmgren at the same time last year with Lobby Day had spent \$4,000. The position used about \$6,000 total. The Legislative Action Fund has only \$4,000 for the rest of the year. They are hoping to have two more trips to Olympia including one where Ikegwuoha and Starkey would take underrepresented groups to speak with legislators and this would cost up to \$2,000. Also, this is a program that the AS VP for Governmental Affairs is required to do for his position and Starkey feels that this should be funded by the AS. Brockman feels that the lobbying efforts are not working at this point and wonders if it is worth it to pay \$6,000 per year to the Washington Student Lobby. Starkey said that the WSA is invaluable at this point because of the amount of training that they are able to provide the AS Legislative Liaison and feels it is good to unite with other Washington Universities. Majkut said that the Board could ask for a cost/benefit analysis of lobbying efforts. Watrin said that the Board will continue to look at their relationship with the WSA and how lobbying efforts are going.

MOTION ASB-11-W-02 by Rinonos-Diaz

Approve \$1,500 from Operating Enhancement to FXXLAF for Lobby Day.

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

About the Budgeting Process: Brockman asked if he should bring back the Operating Enhancement requests to the Budget Committee or if he should bring them back to the Board to prioritize. Majkut thinks that the work of the Budget Committee is to construct the budget within the direction that the AS Board gives. He would encourage them not to give to many specific directions but more of priorities. He thinks that Brockman coming back to the Board in an informal way to get more direction about priorities. Rinonos-Diaz said that he feels the Board could suggest some things so that the Budget Committee can take them into account. He does think that they should check in with employees to find out if something is being underfunded, such as the Legislative Affairs budget last year. Ikegwuoha would like to see the committee come up with a plan to organize priorities and come up with recommendations. Majkut clarified if Ikegwuoha would like decision packages. Majkut said that there might not be a lot of additional resources, so if something is added, something would have to be reduced. Rinonos-Diaz would like a work session to discuss what the Board needs to see from the Budget Committee.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Committee Appointments

Activities Council:

Daniel Hagen	sophomore	psychology	(1)
Chelsea Billings	junior	elementary education	

AS Transportation Advisory Committee:

Victoria Boles	freshman		(2, senator)
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Student Senate:

Chelsea Billings	junior	elementary education	
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MOTION ASB-11-W-03 by Ikegwuoha

Approve Consent Item A.

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

X. AS FINANCIAL REPORT AND AS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MOTIONS

Bernard Ikegwuoha reported that the Black Student Union was approved \$3,090 for their heritage Dinner.

XI. STUDENT SENATE REPORT- the senate Chair was not present.

XII. BOARD REPORTS- will be given at the next Board Meeting.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Big Blue Bonus Book Raffle: Stephanie Cox will receive the \$50 Bookstore Gift Card.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 12:24 P.M.