

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

Thursday, May 22, 2014

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**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Carly Roberts (President), Josie Ellison (VP Academics), Jarred Tyson (VP Activities), Morgan Burke (VP BusOps), Mayra Guizar (VP Diversity), Kaylee Galloway (VP Governmental Affairs), and Robby Eckroth (VP Student Life)

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

**Guest(s):** Child Development Center: Patricia Ashby; Representation & Engagement Programs: Patrick Eckroth, Sarah Kohout, Graham Marmion; AS Business Office: Taylor Franks; Elect VP for Activities: Giselle Alcántar Soto; Western Front: Brian Traverso

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-14-S-38** Approve the minutes of May 8, 2014. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-39** See the Student Senate Proposal as an immediate action item. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-40** Suspend the operation of the Student Senate for the 2014-15 school year with the stipulation that a timeline be presented by the end of summer quarter to the AS Board of Directors. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-41** Move Direct Membership with the United States Student Association to immediate action. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-42** Approve the resolution regarding direct membership with the United States Student Association. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-43** Concurrence with the \$4 per quarter increase for the Student Recreation Fee. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-44** Concurrence with the \$13 per quarter increase for the Health Services Fee. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-45** Ratify the hiring of AS Personnel Director –Hannah Brock, AS Personnel Assistant Director 1- Rebecca LaMarche, and AS Personnel Assistant Director 2-Yuliya Rybalka. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-46** Approve the 2014-2015 AS Scholarship Recipients. *Passed*
- ASB-14-S-47** Approve the Student Trustee Recommendations to be sent forward to the Governor. *Passed*

*Carly Roberts, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION ASB-14-S-38 by Galloway*

Approve the minutes of May 8, 2014.

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

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA-** Tuition Increases and Rainy Day Reserves Allocation to Other Business; Move Action Items Guests after Info Items as no one came to speak.

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

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

- A. Child Development Fee Increase *(20 minutes)* Doc. 1 Burke  
Facilities & Services reviewed this and felt that it was an appropriate increase. Patricia Ashby, Child Development Center (CDC) Director, has worked there 7 years and this is only the second increase in her time here. The increase allows for the hiring of highly trained staff which has been mandated by new regulatory requirements, which is why staffing is such a large part of the budget. Students are paying \$3.15 per hour for care. There has been no negative feedback from students because they know they are getting a good deal. She has heard a few comments from faculty and staff about mild frustration with an increase. Last year the CDC asked for a 14% increase to cover the cost of the newly required staff. Over the summer

the university gave \$50,000 to help with the new staff member, which covered most of the costs, but not all. With this funding, they denied the CDC the opportunity of increasing the fee because of so many other increases in fees. This did put them in a deficit and they had to tap into their reserves for \$23,000. This fee increase also covers the salary increases for staff, which is wonderful because they have been working without an increase for 5 years. Burke said that the CDC is almost always at capacity, there is usually a waitlist. The increase is across the Board, which Burke likes in terms of equality. Roberts thinks it is unfortunate that they have to raise the rates, but is completely appropriate. Roberts said that the CDC is a vital service, but also a beautiful piece of what makes the campus vibrant and contributes to the whole campus community. She lived in Fairhaven for a while and enjoyed walking by the smiling children. She thanked Ashby for the thorough and justified document and for all of her work with the children.

B. AS Budget *(will be info next week as well)* (30 minutes) Doc. 4 Burke

Burke said that the first document is the budget breakdown with the allocation summary and increases/decreases that were authorized. In the Budget Allocation Report it describes the allocations and reasoning. Burke, Taylor Franks, Raquel Wilson, Kevin Majkut and three students at large sit on the Budget Committee and they approved this. Burke made some notes about things that needed to be changed in track changes from the document that Budget Committee approved. It is hard to follow the document because there are track changes, next week they will put it into simple markup format. Taylor Franks, AS Business Director, said that Budget Committee looked at operational needs versus wants. They also tried to ensure that student dollars benefited Western as a whole and not just small groups of people. There were 88 budgets, two were combined and two were discontinued as not being funded by the AS. They grew the operational budget by \$93,000, which is a 4% increase and makes the total budget 2.6 million. 19 budgets were decreased- however only 1 of these were not requests from the office, 37 budgets were increased, 32 budgets were funded at a carry forward level. The mandatory salary increases were the main focus of the budget committee this year because they required increases in many areas. Ellison thanked the students involved in this, especially Franks and Burke for the extensive amount of work they put into this. Unanimous dittos. Tyson thinks it was good to get descriptions on some areas in the excel form, he would like Activities Council to have a description. Burke said that for context there were 12 versions of this document. Franks will put in more descriptions next year. Franks said that the decreased budget was the Late Night Budget, which had an excess amount of money at the end of the year this year. Budget Committee decreased the allocation by \$1,000 so they wouldn't have so many left at the end of the year. Roberts wanted to ensure that Special Events had completed both late night events. Franks confirmed that they had. Burke said that instead of BC approving programming increases, they will need to be requested from Operating Enhancement. Burke would like to start the process budgeting earlier, with training in the fall and the budget would be approved by the committee in the winter and approved by the Board in spring. Burke said that there are a few grants missing from the form, this will be corrected for next week and she will ensure they review when the grants end. Galloway said on page 12 it looks like the Local Liaison was stricken. Burke said that it moved from the grant into the Operational Budget and that is why it was removed from the grant section. Roberts wanted to speak about the grants process. She was able to get a report for the Discretionary Reserves area. Roberts feels that they went a little far with funding of grants, she suggested creating a policy for Discretionary Reserve Grants. Burke said that they have a Reserves Policy and they should look at what a healthy reserves level is. There are three different types of reserves: general, discretionary, and designated. She feels they should look at the numbers and see what is sustainable. Burke feels that they need to look at whether they are artificially

inflating the Operational Budget with grants. Galloway would like a work session on this topic.

C. Student Senate (15 minutes) Doc. 5 Galloway

Roberts left this as an information item because she didn't feel that the timeline was specific enough. She reminded everyone that diversity of thought, opinions, and perspectives is something that makes them strong, so it is ok if they disagree about things. She said that the Board could vote it into action if they feel it necessary, this also applies to the next item.

Galloway feels that they have had plenty of conversations about this, she would like to respect the autonomy of next year's Board in making these decisions. Tyson & Ellison dittoed. Kohout doesn't think that it would be difficult to complete this as she continues her training. Galloway thinks that what she worked on during the summer was streamlining processes and institutionalizing things that are set now which will allow Kohout more time during the summer to work on this project. 3 dittoes. She feels this is realistic and Kohout has the background to move forward and collaborate with others. Roberts would like a clearly established timeline for the conceptual work before a decision is made. Roberts thinks the first step is to establish a need for the Student Senate. She doesn't feel that this document reflects the stumbling blocks that happened this year. Kohout said that she witnessed many of these stumbling blocks. She wants to take the summer to do thorough research and then make decisions. Galloway & Tyson dittoed. Ellison thinks that the problems weren't so much the calendar, but were communication issues.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-39 by Galloway*

See the Student Senate Proposal as an immediate action item.

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

Ellison would like to add presenting a timeline at the end of summer to the Board. Burke doesn't think that the Senate was a purposeful use of student dollars and based on the research that was done this past year, they do need to go through this process and do deep research. More information is needed to optimize use of student fee dollars.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-40 by Ellison*

Suspend the operation of the Student Senate for the 2014-15 school year with the stipulation that a timeline be presented by the end of summer quarter to the AS Board of Directors.

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

D. Direct Membership with the United States Student Association (30 minutes) Doc. 6 Galloway

Roberts feels that committing the Western Student voice to and allowing another organization to speak on behalf of Western Students deserves more scrutiny and that is why this is coming as info again.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-41 by Ellison*

Move Direct Membership with the United States Student Association to immediate action.

Second: Galloway                      Vote: 6 - 1 - 0                      Action: Passed

Ellison wanted to suggest a potential title change to the Kaylee Galloway Resolution Regarding Direct Membership with the United States Student Association. Eckroth feels this is unnecessary event though he really appreciates Galloway's work on this. Guizar said that as one of the students who developed the Diversity Is Rally she doesn't feel the rally would have been possible without USSA. The West Coast Organizer developed the poster for the event overnight. There are still benefits and organizing happening because of connections made at the rally. The rally has encouraged faculty and staff to put these conversations at the forefront.

Through mobilizing the students, they now have a place to put their energy around this information. She feels that many people have benefited from the USSA, even if they don't know it. The legacy that they are leaving will make things stronger in the future. Roberts has some issues with passing this at this time. She feels that there are a lot of "what ifs" at this point. They still need to make sure that the Board of Trustees approves the Legislative Action Fund (LAF) Fee Restructure. She knows that this is accounted for with the stipulation, but she feels that they need to approve things in order. She feels that when a membership commitment is made, the funds should be present for it. She feels that only the cost of membership is reflected in this document, not travel and other expenses. Roberts doesn't feel that they lose anything by waiting over the summer to join. Ellison feels that USSA empowers students in a way that the university will actually listen to. She has seen responses from the efforts that came from things that the USSA has helped do. It is necessary for Board of Trustees approval before this motion would become active. The additional costs for congress and Leg Con are already in the operational budget. She feels travel costs would be a small amount at least for the first few years. Once Western is more engrained in the organization, they might need to add travel. Tyson asked who in the AS would be obligated to participate in the USSA. Galloway said that the point person would be the Vice President for Governmental Affairs and they would work with the Representation & Engagement Programs and Western Votes, but there is no one is obligated to attend Board meetings, they could just call in. Galloway said that how much they want to engage in the organization will determine the costs. Tyson feels it is important that USSA activities are inclusive and reach out to more students who may not have any experience. He thinks they should avoid being biased towards people who are already involved. Ellison, Guizar & Eckroth dittoed. He would like it to be very accessible to students and advertised well. Burke dittoed. Galloway said there are a lot of indirect benefits for students. But the direct benefits would be students interacting with USSA for organizing trainings or conference attendance. She feels that they are increasing their representation and there will be many opportunities for increasing participation. The Legislative Affairs Council passed its first policy in regards to conferences such as the USSA where attendance is selective. For the USSA Congress delegation 8 students were funded and they have opened registration. They are trying this for the first time and are doing a blind application review. LAC is outreaching to students to let them know about registration. The council has been making a lot of efforts to try to provide equal opportunity. Tyson feels that if everyone is paying into the fee, then he would like to see the general student body more aware. Galloway said that they are really going to be focusing on the LAF and what the fee does for students. Guizar said that because it was the first year going to Congress it was hard to spread the news, but it will be a lot easier to let students know in the future. She also feels it is the same with the AS, every student pays into it, but they don't necessarily know what their money pays for or what the AS has to offer, education is a constant goal. Galloway said that the application that was created allows for sharing multiple aspects of what students can share or bring back to campus. Kohout said that they wouldn't have a direct member right away, it was voted on and was not passed. She thinks it is important to consider federal representation, and can't think of a better way to get representation. 4 dittoed. Also, it is budgeted to go to USSA events in the Operational Budget. They are still members of USSA through WSA until October. Patrick Eckroth said that LAC began discussing this item in October and have been discussing this since then. They discussed benefits/costs, operations, budget/fiscal organization, benefits of direct membership, quality of services, how students would benefit from direct membership, best way to represent and lower costs. LAC has discussed this for a long time and this is part of its purpose as a committee. He has concerns about the discussions that are happening now because they undermine the ways that the organization is structured. He read the section of the ByLaws delegating authority to LAC and feels it is undermining the authority of the LAC when they question it. In the minutes of 3-5-14 in a discussion about the Vote Coordinator "Roberts said that they have Personnel Committee for a reason and has discussed the

document thoroughly. Burke dittoed. Roberts thinks they should respect the decision that was made." He doesn't like the inconsistency of approval of items that are submitted from committees. Ellison said that many people have often said that they need to trust the subcommittees. Burke asked if there should be a stipulation that it is pending Board of Trustees approval. Majkut said that they are approving the resolution and that is included; it also includes administrative approval. Galloway did try to make the wording more concise and straight forward in the resolution. Roberts thanked Patrick Eckroth for bringing up things said in past meetings. She was under the impression that they would have a board member on USSA and is concerned that they will not. She said that this is a two way street because they are paying for representation, but she is concerned about giving an organization authority to speak on behalf of the students without direct input. She is concerned that they don't have someone obligated to go to meetings because she wonders what the USSA obligation then is to Western. Galloway said that after having attending three conferences and working closely with USSA staff members, it is fair to say that USSA advocated for things that are in accordance with AS WWU values, ideologies, passions, etc. She believes they are fighting for things that benefit all students including access to financial aid, voter rights & accessibility they also provide resources that will affect all students. She thinks that they are very compatible with this organization. Galloway said that USSA will have a contractual obligation with them and if necessary they can establish a memorandum of understanding. USSA is open and accepting of feedback. It is available and encouraged, and USSA is funded by organizations so it is in their best interest to listen. She stands by this decision whole heartedly. Kohout said that if they want to change the structure of USSA, then this is something they can work towards in the future. Roberts said that ultimately Western students need to be represented on the federal level and so she ultimately she does support joining USSA. She wants to recognize that she has been the lone dissenter in this conversation and she thinks that is an important role to play. This is why she has been comfortable playing that role, even though it has not been made very comfortable for her. She is disappointed with this, because even the smallest minority should feel comfortable voicing their opinion if it differs. She thinks that it is important to look at potential concerns with a big change like this and that is why she had so many questions. She hopes if there are lingering concerns or questions people will talk to her about it. Tyson really wants to stress that this should be made available to many students, including people who have never experienced this before and look into ways to get this out to the students. Roberts congratulated Galloway on another item checked off her list of goals for this year.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-42 by Ellison*

Approve the Resolution Regarding Direct Membership with the United States Student Association.  
 Second: Guizar                      Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: Passed

## V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Rec Center Fee Increase Request

(15 minutes)      Doc. 2 Roberts

Roberts said this increase request is for \$4 per quarter, after many years of not requesting any increases, it will maintain the services that the Rec Center provides. Sound minds reside in sound bodies. Ellison expressed her support for reasoning behind these fee increase. However, she wanted to express her concern about fee increases in general because higher education is already very inaccessible for most students right now. Fee increases, even when necessary can limit access. She feels that these increases are the only solutions to provide resources for students right now. She is disappointed in the state legislature for their divestment from education and hopes that we can focus on increasing funding for higher education as a legislative item next year to try and remove some of the financial burdens students' experience. Unanimous dittos. Roberts said that the Services & Activities Fee Committee also approved a \$16 per quarter increase of the Services & Activities fee. This and all of the fees they are seeing today equals a \$99 per year increase for mandatory student fees, with \$3 opt out fees. Ellison said that the potential tuition increases are a 3% increase for non-resident undergrads and graduate resident students. Burke said it has been a

long time since the Rec Center received an increase and they have had to deal with underfunding in replacing and purchasing new equipment. Due to funding the new field they used reserves funds and these are now not at an appropriate level. They could ask for a higher increase and justify it, but are just asking for \$4. These recommendations get forwarded to the Board of Trustees at this point. Roberts does not believe that the Board of Trustees would pass a fee increase without the support of the students.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-43 by Burke*

Concurrence with the \$4 per quarter increase for the Student Recreation Fee.

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

B. Health Services Fee Increase Request (15 minutes)      Doc. 3 Roberts

Roberts said this fee supports both the Health Center, Prevention & Wellness, and Counseling Center and other services which provide vital services to ensure that students remain healthy enough to continue their education. She feels that these are important services for the campus. Ellison said that this request is in tandem with an operational request that is coming from Dr. Coughlin. These two together are trying to ensure that the area is operational and can serve student's needs. Roberts said that both student fees and the university are increasing funds in this area to cover expenses and expanding needs. Burke feels that this document is incredible and well justified. The fee increase would support a lot of the services that the fee contributes towards.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-44 by Burke*

Concurrence with the \$13 per quarter increase for the Health Services Fee.

Second: Guizar                      Vote: 6 - 1 - 0                      Action: Passed

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

A. Ratification of Personnel Office (5 minutes)      Burke

*Proposed Motion:* Ratify the hiring of AS Personnel Director –Hannah Brock, AS Personnel Assistant Director 1- Rebecca LaMarche, and AS Personnel Assistant Director 2-Yuliya Rybalka

Roberts said that the Board ratifies the Personnel Office employees because the Personnel Office is in charge of the hiring process. This is for transparency and accountability reasons. Eckroth said that Personnel Committee ratifies all AS employees, except for their office positions. Burke said that this supports the delegation process and trusting the process of the search committee. Alcántar Soto asked if they received additional documents to explain why they are the recommended candidates. Roberts said that it is more of a proactive process that provides a structure to ensure fairness in hiring. Burke thinks that moving forward there should be a document which explains why this is ratified separately.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-45 By Ellison*

Ratify the hiring of AS Personnel Director –Hannah Brock, AS Personnel Assistant Director 1- Rebecca LaMarche, and AS Personnel Assistant Director 2-Yuliya Rybalka.

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

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

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

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

A. Scholarship Recipients (5 minutes)      Doc. 7 Roberts

Roberts said that this is the list of recipients chosen by the Selection Committees which include Board Members. Roberts thanked people for shuffling responsibilities of the selection to accommodate people's needs. The applicants will be notified by next Wednesday.

*MOTION ASB-14-S-46 by Guizar*

Approve the 2014-2015 AS Scholarship Recipients.

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

- B. Student Trustee Recommendations to be sent forward to the Governor: (5 minutes) Burke Tyson is excited to see a graduate student, Ellison was also excited to see a Junior. Marmion was excited to see the AS President on the list as well.

Carly Roberts	Economics and Political Science	Senior	2015
Evan Chiles	Political Science, Chinese Language & Culture and Energy Economics	Junior	2016
Alyssa Kuchenreuther	Master of Business Administration	Graduate Student	2015

*MOTION ASB-14-S-47 by Burke*

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

Second: Ellison                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 1                      Action: Passed

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

**President**

Carly Roberts reported that she had an all-day meeting with the Foundation Governing Board last week, the official ask from the Board about divestment came, and they ended up devoting a lot of time to it. The Foundation is dedicated to thoroughly addressing divestment, taking many things into account, so that they are not making a rush decision based on pressure from students. The intention is that the Governing board will use their experience to grow funding to provide more scholarship support for students. The Governing Board members serve as volunteers and do not profit in any way. She has been pleased with the collaborative work with the AS Board. The foundation has a longer timeline because they only meet once a quarter. A listening session will occur on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with students about divestment, she is working with student clubs associated with this to ensure that their wants and needs are heard. They have also set aside time at their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to look at this. Shout out to Eckroth and Goodwin for their work on the process. Back to Bellingham was awesome! Shout out to Tyson and Alcántar Soto for making the Board look good in the video. She encourages everyone to provide feedback for the Alumni. Back to Bellingham is still growing and they want to ensure students have input into how the event grows. She had a meeting on Monday with President Shepard, Annika Wolters and students involved in divestment. She is proud that President Shepard listens directly to the students. President Shepard’s encourages everyone to participate in the 365 review. It is a way for everyone to review his performance as President of the University. It has been institutionalized through the Board of Trustees.

**VP for Academic Affairs**

Josie Ellison reported that Student Tech fee is done. There are some cool projects that will be funded. Committee on Undergraduate Education extended the deadline for Western Study on General Education and will turn in their report on General University Reform. It will be due on October 16 and there will be some people working on this over the summer. University and Planning Resources Council sent the operational budget to the board of trustees. Ellison shout out to Todd Haskel for speaking at the event.

**VP for Activities**

Jarred Tyson reported that AS Productions will be having Al Madrigal who is a correspondent with the Daily Show. AS Pop Music just announced the Lineup for Lawn Stock, which will be on June 1st. The Club hub received over 100 nominations for the club awards. LEADS had 25 people discussing leadership in an international setting and why community service is important. It was great to see students, faculty, and staff discuss this. On 17<sup>th</sup> there were three alumni to discuss these subjects. At AS Club recognition night, they won best committee, but he thinks that getting the student voice out there was the best thing. Shout out to Kohout and all involved in committees. Student publications council this week interviewed 8 people for editors

and chief. Departmentally Related Activities Council is getting rid of the Western View. They are trying to think of ways to redistribute the Western View and it could be something that the Board could look at next year. It was fun to speak at Back to Bellingham and he thinks it is important for the AS to be involved in Back to Bellingham. They also had 5 clubs perform in red square and 12 clubs on the Comm Lawn.

#### **VP for BusOps**

Morgan Burke reported that the Business office completed the budget. Kudos to Taylor Franks and Kaleb Ode for their work on it. The Personnel Office is wrapping up search committees. Facilities & Services had their last meeting and she sang the agenda. They recommended three proposals to the director of VU Facilities. Management Council will be meeting to look at program standards, specifically, targeted and semi targeted events. Services & Activities Fee budget was approved they will be reviewing summer allocations at the next meeting. They approved the increase of \$16 per quarter to accommodate the new requests. This was distributed among the groups they have been creating a better process and making sure that students have a strong voice in how fee money is allocated. Personnel Office is working on the Employment Policy and wrapping up plans for the Board Cruise. Kudos to Rybalka for all of her work on this. The Branding guide is coming to a close which should be coming to the Board. There is a policy that holds the guide accountable. Challenge Course policy is still being worked on. The last time it was updated was in 1988. The Bookstore Agreement will be coming in shortly and it will be a continuation from the previous agreement. This is the \$50,000 given for events.

#### **VP for Diversity**

Mayra Guizar reported that she is feeling better. Low rider show was this weekend. The luau was this weekend they sold out early. Disability awareness week was last week. Stories Deployed was very impactful and so much work was put into it. The ESC is working on their end of the year events like the naked truth, commencements, and awards. Steering is getting down to the last of their funding. Presidents' Council last meeting was Monday. The Diversity Achievement Award will be decided soon. She has sat on the Diversity poster contest committee. The theme was diverse intersections, "how you connect". The winner was announced at Back to Bellingham and was given a \$350 bookstore gift certificate. Matt Smith and Guizar sent out reminders to discuss gender neutral restrooms as part of the internships.

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

Kaylee Galloway reported that LAC is working on USSA Congress Applications which will be due May 28<sup>th</sup>. Western Votes elected their new Executive Board. Her internship is going fabulously with Sarah Kohout. Has prepared the LAF presentation for the board of trustees. She will not be at the next Board Meeting.

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

Robby Eckroth reported that the large Green Energy project proposals are going to the GEF. He is excited for the internship with Zach Dugovich.

### **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. The next Board Meeting will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Documents will be due on Wednesday.
- B. Roberts received the numbers on late Wednesday for Reserves. One of the biggest needs is the space for the ESC in both location and size. There is an effort to locate funds for expansion and remodeling. She thinks it is important to give an amount of funds to this. Projects like these need money to get momentum. She will be bringing this next week. The Rainy Day Reserves currently have \$492,000. "5.a.ii. The Rainy Day reserve can provide funding for infrequent and unique opportunities to maintain or improve services and activities for

- students.” There are some additional constraints about how to approach this in a board meeting. It will be an item up until the end of the year. Her preliminary looks with Burke, Majkut, and Raquel Wilson show that a \$50,000 allocation will be comfortable. With remodeling there is a large costs. They want to leave the reserves healthy but also allocate.
- C. Tuition Increases – Roberts stated that the Board needs to have a position on the tuition increases. Ellison said the increases proposed are for undergraduate students who are not Washington residents before they started their education and for graduate students that are Washington state residents. Ellison stated that faculty contracts, student success and achievement, and teaching assistant compensation will be addressed in the Operating budget proposals, and that is why the university is proposing a tuition increase to fund these new programs. Ellison stated graduate students should be compensated fairly for their work in the classrooms, and the pay for assistantships hasn’t increased since 2009. She then mentioned that University Planning and Resources Council’s student success proposal brought by Eileen Coughlin was a part of the proposed increases. This proposal would increase funding for academic advising and other student services on campus, something students have worked hard for this year, and would work in collaboration with the proposed fee increase brought by Kunle Ojikutu. Ellison believes that the return on the tuition increase for the number of students is too low to be significant, and is worried that the students that would be receiving a tuition increase would be used to subsidize the in-state undergraduate students that cannot have a tuition increase because of the legislature. Roberts said that one of the reasons students are charged different tuition rates depending on resident status is because Washington resident students pay into higher education through taxes, and that non-resident students haven’t paid for their education in that way. Galloway would like this to be brought as a discussion item next week, and mentioned her frustrations at the University for considering a tuition increase because she believes it goes against the spirit of the state legislature’s decision to have a tuition freeze. She also feels that it is inappropriate for the university to be targeting students not protected by the legislatures ruling. Brian Traverso asked how many students are non-resident students. Ellison clarified around 10% of Western students are from out of state. Roberts said that when Universities accept more non-resident students as a way to increase money collected they do a disservice to the in-state students that the University was created to serve. Ellison added that by charging non-resident students more they also do them a disservice by making the cost for the same education proportionately higher just because of their non-resident status. Ellison will be bringing this as a document next week to provide support for Roberts at the next Board of Trustees meeting. Burke would like to be able to do more fiscal analysis on the proposed budget. Guizar asked when this document was made official. Ellison clarified that the budget has been worked on for a while, the budget itself was passed through University Planning and Resource Council the week before this board meeting. Ellison expressed frustration at the lack of transparency with the budget proposal before it reached the Board of Trustees level.
- D. Burke clarified that the Business Office sent an email to the offices about end of the year celebrations. She stated that it was to ensure offices did not spend student dollars on office parties. The End of the Year Banquet is a perfect opportunity for offices to celebrate. Eckroth stated that offices can feel free to have parties with their own money.

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:17 p.m.*