

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

Wednesday October 22nd, 2014

VU 567

**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Annika Wolters (President), Jaleesa Smiley (VP Academics), Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP Activities), Chelsea Ghant (VP BusOps), Cristina Rodriguez (VP Diversity), Sarah Kohout (VP Governmental Affairs), and Zach Dugovich (VP Student Life)

**Advisor(s):** Eric Alexander (Advisor, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement/ Director of Viking Union Facilities)

**Guest(s):** Matthew Swisher (Veterans Outreach Center Coordinator), Sara Richards (AS Women's Center Vagina Memoir Facilitator)

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-14-F-16** Approval of the Gender- Targeted Vagina Memoirs Open Call proposal. *Passed*

**ASB-14-F-17** Approve Committee Appointments. *Passed*

*Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from October 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 will take place at the next Board of Directors meeting.

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**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Ghant wanted to move Outdoor Center Job Description from an Information Item to Consent Items because the changes are minor and it had already been passed by the Personnel Committee and didn't necessarily need to be passed by the Board.

Alcantar Soto wanted to remove Gabriel Ibanzo from the committee appointments under Activities Council because he was already appointed at the last Board meeting.

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

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

A. Veterans Outreach Center Targeted Event Proposal (10 Minutes) Doc. 1 Rodriguez

Swisher said this is a proposal for a veteran targeted overnight kayaking trip. The veteran community has had trouble in the past reaching out to their own and he thinks starting from the foundation of the veteran community with smaller groups, they may be able to have more success to build the community up and have a stronger influence on campus. His proposal on would start on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and it would be the first of its kind. It would be a Guided kayaking trip to Lummi Island and then spend the night on a camping trip and then kayak back the next morning. He is working with the Outdoor Center (OC) who has offered to pay a majority of the large fees and has worked hard to help them rent a van and trying to lower the costs for the 6-9 people they are looking to have on this trip. Ghant asked how much the event going to be in total from the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC). Swisher said about \$180-200. The reason why it is unsure at

this point is because it'll be \$20 a ticket per person who participates until they fill up the 9 spaces they won't know for sure. After the rental of the van it will alter the price which will fall on the participants or the Veterans Outreach Center. Ghant asked if he was requesting funds or if it's coming out of the VOC budget. Swisher said it will come out of the VOC budget. Ghant said because the proposal is late November on the water what are other options if this can't happen because of weather conditions. Swisher said what they would have to do is a river rafting trip or just another camping trip somewhere else that would limit the impacts of the weather. It is the Pacific Northwest so there is going to be rain regardless it will just be altering to the plan but still going on a trip. Alcantar Soto said this it's a targeted event. She asked what happens if a non-veteran wants to participate. Swisher said if that occurred he will have to explain why they are trying to target the veteran community one being that they are limited on spaces veterans and they are trying to build the community itself and the funding for this event will partially be coming out of the VOC so the funding should be used to better the veteran community. Since this is the first of its kind and they are trying to make this grow, there is a good chance they can expand it to people outside the community in the future but for now they have to start small. Kohout asked if they are planning on renting out both the AS vehicles because the largest AS Vehicle only allows eight (8) people. Swisher said that the OC has helped them in renting a twelve (12) passenger vehicle. This is another issue on why he doesn't have an exact amount yet because he will be working with the OC to figure out how much will come out of their budget and how much will come out of his budget in the VOC and how much will come from the participants themselves. Wolters said Swisher stated already why this event is necessary to be targeted. She would like to see it more clearly in the proposal for next time when it becomes an action item. The question she has is around people being responsible for their own purchasing meals, she wondered if there would be an area for them to purchase meals when they are on the trip? Swisher said as far as he knows after speaking to the OC, everyone would bring their own meal for the afternoon, then everyone would pitch in for the dinner meal, family style where everyone shared together and then again the next morning but it would be clearly stated in the guidelines that the participants will be responsible for their own meals. Wolters said the only obstacle listed was the weather, were there other obstacles that may occur? Swisher said besides weather the participants would be kayaking in open water so they would all need safety training beforehand which they will connect with the OC about that. Ghant said she likes the proposal. Because they are partnering with the OC when it comes to funds. Because it's a targeted event and it's coming from student dollars, it would be nice to have a budget sheet for the next time even if he isn't requesting funds. He is saying approximately \$180 but it may fluctuate Swisher said he will provide one for next time although it won't be accurate until everything is figured out.

## V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Gender-Targeted Vagina Memoirs Open Call Proposal (10 Minutes) Doc. 2 Rodriguez

Rodriguez said this is for the proposal for Gender- Targeted Vagina Memoir Open Call and Sara Richards the Vagina Memoir Coordinator has come representing this event again. This is not a funds request it is just for a gender targeted open call for the event. Kohout asked if there have been any changes to the documents from the last meeting. Rodriguez said no because there were no changes that were talked about at the last meeting.

*MOTION: ASB-14-F- by Kohout*

Approval of the Gender- Targeted Vagina Memoirs Open Call proposal.

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

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



## **X. BOARD REPORTS**

### AS President

Annika Wolters reported that she went to the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) conference at it went well. She has been sick and out of the office and she would like to say they did well without her. They have her utmost confidence in their ability to lead without her.

### VP for Business and Operations

Chelsea Ghant reported that management council's second meeting -went well. The bulk of that meeting was a debriefing session on fall staff development and that went well and they got a lot of good feedback. It was an information session for Hannah Brock the AS Personnel Director. Some things said in that meeting they gave a lot of recommendations back on the Brave's Kognito training and the Strengths Quest. They brains stormed to make the AS Information Fair more visible next year. Next time they will follow up on some of the Hospitality Policy.

### VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that she has been meeting with Molly Ware, Trula Nicholas and Josie Ellison. They came to the conclusion that they definitely want a Faculty and student dialog space. For faculty to learn the concerns from students experience. In the form on experiencing micro-aggression, misgendering which is misusing gender pronouns. Applying for the Inclusive Climate grant for \$3,000 on inclusive climate. They will know whether they got that in November. They want these spaces to be implemented in spring 2015. She did not attend the ESC conference but she attended Northwest Teachers for Social Justice conference which was down in Portland Oregon. They went over methods for elementary and middle school teacher administrative and community members to learn about issues of marginalized students and proper ways to implement those in their teaching. Coffee, Cookies, and Committees event is tomorrow. She encourages everyone to come and learn about committees.

### VP for Activities

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that next week AS Productions is having Shriek Week they will ve showing four (4) films in the Viking Union (VU). Activities council is in full swings, lots of clubs being created. Monday they will finally have their training session which they have been trying to have but they haven't had enough members but now they do. She is working with folks to get those dancing studios for clubs to use. She talked to Sara Wilson about the Bullseye emails and Wilson said there is nothing preventing them from using it from a tool three (3) times a quarter. But they need to be careful about it because they don't want to over-use it and have students not receptive to it. She had a chance to go into the VU gallery and it's awesome. She is working on the November calendar as well.

### VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodriguez reported that ESC clubs got together on Monday for cultural appropriation and what action they want to do about it collectively. They will have tabling on red square and communication lawn three days leading up to Halloween. They are teaming up with the Women's Center, the Social Issues Resource Center (SIRC), Sexual Awareness Center (SAC), and they will be talking about cultural appropriation, slut shaming, and the sexualization of costumes. They will

be talking to students and having constructive conversations and even with those who participate in approaching people when they do see offensive costumes instead of calling them out ask people critical questions to reflective and showing how they are being offensive. They are doing a photo campaign. Basically someone will pull up a picture on a tablet and show a picture of a culture that they don't want to see appropriated and a comment next to it. They will print out the posters to show during those three days they are tabling. She went to the ESC conference. She met up with Morgan Burke the AS Business Director about taking seven (7) students to the students of color. They will be hearing from her next week with her proposal.

#### VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that Representation and Engagement Programs office (REP). There is an event called Coffee, Cookies, and Committees is tomorrow. Rock the Vote event is next Thursday. City council president Cathy Lehman will be speaking at that event as well as other great speakers. Its free there is food at the event and it's a really great way to turn in your ballot. The Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) is meeting and they are currently drafting the legislative agenda which is the agenda they bring down to Olympia on Viking Lobby Day. They passed her budget for Legislative Action Fund (LAF) through LAC and tracking down the people who is assessing it correctly.

#### VP for Student Life

Zach Dugovich reported that he received an email back from Vice President Van Den Hul regarding the Late Night Shuttle and it will begin officially as a pilot beginning winter quarter and then they will see how it is going. After that they will look at it on a more permanent basis. Environmental health and safety next week and that's when they will be tackling Westerns smoking policy.

### **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Wolters campus launch party is this Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Western Foundation. She has received notice that the students for renewable energy will have a peaceful respectful protest with signs against profiting from resources that hurt the environment. She doesn't want anyone to be surprised and she is not worried about this but she wanted to let everyone know about it. Everyone can take it to their own account whether they support that protest.

Wolters had another topic to discuss about when they get invited to events it's really important to consider who they bring to make sure the relevant students have access to this event. If they could kindly consider rotating the plus one's to bring different students in the event that would be great. Smiley asked what other events geared towards other events such as faculty awards, presentations, who would be the appropriate people to bring in those cases. Wolters said she leaves it up to her for her best judgment but for that specific case Wolters would ask as many students as she could and if a student is very interested and it's their favorite professor getting an award they may be someone to invite.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm

*\* All agenda items are subject to immediate action*

*Note: Proposed motions show what is being requested. The actual motion passed may be different.*