

Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Thursday February 12th, 2015 OM 340

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Annika Wolters (President), Jaleesa Smiley (VP Academics), Chelsea Ghant (VP BusOps), Cristina Rodriguez (VP Diversity), and Sarah Kohout (VP Governmental Affairs)

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Allie Moore (Sexual Awareness Center Coordinator), Kendra Thomas (AS Local Liaison), Heather Heffelmire (AS Legislative Liaison).

MOTIONS

- ASB-15-W-** Approval for AS WWU to officially endorse SB5732 which would mandate WA police officers to wear body cameras. *Passed*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the AS WWU Local Agenda. *Passed*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the AS WWU Environmental Agenda. *Passed*
- ASB-15-W-** Approval of the KUGS job Description Changes. *Passed*

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Kohout said she would like to move Support for SB5732 to an action item with guests and to move it to be the first item they discuss because the guest has a meeting they have to get to. Approved.

Ghant said she would like to move the PC Lead Graphic Designer Job Description Change off this week's meeting and onto next week's meeting to have Jeff Bates the Publicity Center Coordinator in attendance to speak about this proposal. Approved.

Rodriguez would like to table the VP for Activities Job Description until next week. Approved.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Consent Resolution

Rodriguez said Allie Moore the Sexual Awareness Center Coordinator has been working on this. Moore said sexual assault is a big issue on their campus and it isn't talked about much. This document would give the AS an official stance on what Consent is, and how to use a positive consent culture on campus to prevent

sexual assault. It would prioritize programming to address consent and sexual assault prevention on the campus. It would be the AS's definition of Consent. It would help create programming to help prevent sexual assault. It would increase partnership between the AS and WWU Administration. It would also allow students to lead in this conversation instead of the administration. Rodriguez said she supports this and she remembers the Coordinator last year working on this and it's finally being brought to the board. She think it's great that the amount of work has been put into this and she fully supports this document.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Support for SB5732

Heather Heffelmire said thank you for being accommodating. What this bill does is mandate police officers in WA wear body cameras. In an age where police violence is getting out of hand and black and brown bodies are being killed almost on the daily, she thinks this is important. This is a conversation that should really be have. With everything happening in the news for example the Ferguson or Mike Brown or anyone that they've lost, they would think that people in Olympia would be discussing this but that isn't the case, there is almost zero conversations about this taking place. Body cameras is not going to solve everything but it would provide some accountability and it is a start of a really important conversation that needs to be had. They aren't unique in Washington state with this police brutality. There have been a lot of instances where police brutality has been seen. She thinks this is something they should support and this would give her the ability to officially lobby for this down in Olympia on behalf of the students of WWU. They would be standing with a lot of students who put a lot of work into this. She really urges them all to endorse this. Kohout said this was passed through Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) last night. Smiley said this is great and she thinks they should definitely endorse it because not only does it allow Heffelmire to lobby on this issue, but it allows them as students to lobby on it. This would line up perfectly with the ESC lobby day that is happening Monday.

MOTION ASB-15-W- By Ghant

Approval for AS WWU to officially endorse SB5732 which would mandate WA police officers to wear body cameras.

Second: Smiley Vote: 5-0-0

A. ASWWU Local Agenda

Kendra Thomas the AS Local Liaison said this document hasn't changed since last week and she is opened to any new questions or comments.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Kohout

Approve the AS WWU Local Agenda

Second: Ghant Vote: 5-0-0 Action: passed.

B. ASWWU Environmental Agenda

Kohout said that Sadie Normoyle the Environmental and Sustainability Programs Director, has been working really hard on this document and has adding more information from last meeting. It is still one agenda which is for the lobby day that is coming up next week. The two major things they would lobby on are carbon pollution accountability and oil transportation safety.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Kohout

Approval of the ASWWU Environmental Agenda.

Second: Rodriguez Vote: 4-0-1 Action: Passed

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. Student Staff Development Fund Policy Change

B.

Ghant said Personnel Committee has made some changes to the Student Development Fund which they propose to change the title to the Student Staff Development Fund. Some of the changes they made were to add attendance at “professional development opportunities”. They added in a condition that all professional development opportunities hereinafter referred to as “trainings”. They changed that the funding requests under \$400 can be approved by the Personnel Director only. The last big change was that they must share a plan with the Personnel Director or Personnel Committee about how they plan to share the information they learn, back to the AS or the larger WWU student body. Other than that, it was just clarifying some minor wordings throughout the document. Kohout said she is hesitant to change the word from conferences to trainings and wonders if it has ever been used for trainings. Ghant said yes it has. It has been trainings or conferences. They are used interchangeably. Kohout said she prefers the word conference because people don’t pay for individual trainings. She has concerns about the “4 weeks” and she would like some clarity around that because sometimes with planning they don’t know 4 weeks in advance. For example with the LegCon conference, it opened up and they needed the funding sooner than 4 weeks for the early bird special and they didn’t know how much it was beforehand. Ghant said whenever the decision is needed. They allotted that time so that people have all their ducks in a row. Kohout said early registration is only open for 3 weeks sometimes and that wouldn’t give people enough time. Ghant said she will take that comment back. Kohout said how much is usually left over in this fund? Ghant said it really fluctuates based on the year and who is requesting money. This year was \$6,000 and quite a bit has been requested. She doesn’t want to estimate how much is left. She will get them that information for the next meeting. Alexander said sometimes trainings are done separately from conferences so they may want to leave it open. Ghant said they want to leave it as open as possible. Wolters said maybe they should say trainings/conferences. Ghant said yes, Personnel Committee wrestled with that a lot and she will definitely bring it back. Rodriguez said she thinks it was intended to be a blanket term. It wasn’t supposed to be directly focused on trainings. There are so many words that could be at play and Lisa Rosenberg said they should use trainings.

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

A. AS KUGS Job Description

Ghant said this is a minor change, it would be adding under the preferred qualification of “knowledge or willingness to learn the FCC regulations pertaining to broadcasting”. Ghant said when talking to Jamie Hoover the KUGS Manager, this is already in some of the job descriptions but she wants to make it more consistent with all job descriptions. Smiley asked what FCC stands for. Rodriguez said Federal Communication Commission. Alexander asked in the job description does it say that they have to abide by it. Ghant said she will look.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Ghant
Approve the KUGS job description changes.
Second: Rodriguez Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

X. BOARD REPORTS

President

Annika Wolters reported that she had a nice call with the legislative update with Kohout that morning. The theme of the day is Heffelmire is a rock star and everyone is talking about it. They are beginning the S and A fee process. Next week she will be bringing to the board a resolution, which is considering International Sanction Boycott and Divestment so she will be chatting with them all in their one on ones. She chatted with Students for Renewable Energy and they saw the wishing well however they do not accept that as an accomplishment. They are still pushing for full divestment and she supports their decision. She has asked Chief Cook and Chief Rasmussen to support SB5732 as well. She will be going on a ride along with Chief Rasmussen this Friday.

VP for Business and Operations

Chelsea Ghant reported that there are no clear avenue for requesting reserve dollars. It's a challenge to get the answers but she likes a challenge. Right now there are about \$206,000 discretionary fund, which means un-allocated funds. Hopefully next meeting, she would like to have a budget work session. She thinks its crucial that not only she understands but they all understand what is going on. They can break down the reserves so everyone understands. She will be meeting with Peg Goodwin, the Bookstore Manager and hopefully that will go well.

VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that Faculty Senate is now having their closed caucus groups to discuss classroom climate. This was brought on by Josie Ellison last year and it will continue into the summer. They also discussing issues around enrollment and the issues around institutional racisms. They wanted to highlight that this closed caucus is not to exclude students but let the faculty say everything that comes to their mind and not shifting their dynamics.

VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodrigues reported that the ROP is going well. The Environmental Racisms event is going to happen soon. The ESC lobby day is that Monday, they will be in Olympia Lobbying again. They have been discussing the ESC space needs, the conversation didn't go as she had thought but she thinks it is what was needed. She is looking forward to the next meetings.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that WSA has a meeting on Saturday and they will give everyone an update. There was some discussion about getting students down to Olympia to give testimonies. She has been working with Wolters for the Federal Lobby trip that will be happening in April.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:27 a.m.

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