

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 12th, 2015 OM 340

**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)

**Guest(s):** Josie Ellison (AS Communications Director), Lauren Sires (AS Assistant Director for Marketing and Assessment), Katrina Haffner (Student at Large), Kurt Willis (Assistant Director of University Residences Business and Information), Jeff Bates (Publicity Center Coordinator), Matt Smith (AS Assessment Coordinator)

## MOTIONS

- ASB-15-W-** Approve to allocate \$13,043 from reserves to purchase 11 IMAC computers for the PC and AS Review. *Passed.*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the SPAC recommendation for the publicity center with the amendments as followed: #2 a joint effort between the Communications Office and the AS Review and the Publicity Center through the SPAC process. The second amendment would be combining paragraphs #2 and #4. *Passed.*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the International Divestment, and Sanctions Taskforce Charge and Charter. *Passed.*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the WWU Housing and Dining system proposed rates. *Passed.*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve Committee Appointments. *Passed.*
- ASB-15-W-** Approve the reclassification of the Assistant Vote Coordinator Position. *Passed.*

*Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.*

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

##### A. VU Gallery SPAC Recommendations

Ghant said they have 4 recommendations total. The first is to identify and utilize methods of data collection and analysis which will more accurately determine the demographics of the VU Gallery's Patronage. They have been some troubles collecting demographics that use the VU Gallery and they are proposing they purchase a tablet specifically of the VU Gallery to collect that data. The second recommendation is to gauge the response of the VU Gallery's patrons to exhibitions. They have been having troubles collecting information on what students would like to see at the gallery. They have a taste test at the beginning of the year but that is all. Their solution that they are proposing is to have a comment book in the VU gallery so people can write down in their comments. The third recommendation is to explore ways to acquire and implement more effective signage for the VU Gallery. The fourth recommendation is to be part of the Viking Union use of space conversations when they arise. The VU Gallery would like to be in that conversation because they feel tucked away and they don't want to get more tucked away when discussing changing spaces in the Viking Union. Sires said the VU Gallery doesn't get as much attention like the ROP Offices. So in term of figuring out who is going to the VU Gallery they don't have much to go off of. They have a pin board right now but it seems worthless. They don't have a way to get feedback from those entering the gallery. They have tablets that they use occasionally but they thought having one that could stay in the gallery would be more beneficial. As for the fourth recommendation they want to be part of the conversation before they get tucked away further. The VU Gallery use to be in a more trafficked space and now they are tucked away and don't get as many visitors. Smith said one of the biggest problem with assessment is sometimes they find that they have an insufficient way to conduct assessment. It could be hard to specifically collect data. This is trying to collect student feedback. He doesn't think the pin board is useless it shows that they are trying to get feedback. Wolters said she would like to hear more about their current collective data system. She personally has gone in and it's a quiet and reflective moment. To be asked to fill out her demographic on a tablet may subtract from her experience. She also thinks that the thumb tacks aren't useless but it could definitely be improved upon. Sires said the problem with the the thumb tacks is that she doesn't go and check it every day and collect the information and reset it. She doesn't know who is, so she doesn't think it's getting used by the VU Gallery effectively. The tablets could be an option but she sees how it could subtract from the experience. Jenn cook said they don't have to fill out the survey it would be an optional thing for folks who wanted to fill it out. They would be able to collect feedback that way. Smith said the nature of the pin board and given the constraints of the space, it was okay when it started and collects a couple of things like how they heard of the VU Gallery but other than that it isn't capable of collecting data on interest, responses, feedback, ages. Kohout said every time she goes in the VU Gallery she always puts in the dot but that means there may be other people who do that too. How much do tablets cost? And does AS Productions (ASP) have tablets already? Sires said it is the shared VU tablets because there is only 5 tablets. Kohout said maybe the entire office (ASP) could purchase a tablet instead of just the VU Gallery. Cook said her concern would be getting it back to the gallery after ASP takes it for an event. Who would be responsible for bringing the tablet back to the VU Gallery and having that consistency? Alcantar Soto suggested trying to use the tablets they already have. Then see if people use the tablets first and see how well it works before purchasing one. At the Taste Test event in the beginning

of the year, does the VU Gallery collect data then? Sires said yes, a little a bit for demographics. It's hard with all of the surveys they try to do because their sample size isn't very big so it is hard to get a clear picture of the student body through those. Smith said buying a tablet isn't directly in this recommendation but it's down the road. This is to be implemented three years from now. They could go over tablet options after they have tested the tablets they already have. It's not directly right now. Ghant said she knows that the ESC has 4 IPods to collecting data. That may be a good solution as well. It's a lot smaller and it's a cheaper option as well. They could ask to borrow the ESC IPods when they aren't using them to try it out as well before they decide to make the purchase. Wolters said they do have those IPods which is a good idea. Smith asked when the ESC IPods approved by the board where they attended for the ESC or was it for potentially other parts of the AS. Wolters said she will find out and they can ask Nate Panelo the ESC Coordinator.

## B. Cannabis Initiative

Katrina Haffner said they want to sponsor an initiative that would ask the AS to get the school to support both industrial hemp and cannabis. Dugovich said he doesn't think associated student have any place for lobbying the legalization of marijuana. He think it is something that is not in their student's best interest. Haffner said the reason why they want to do this is because marijuana is becoming legalized in many states and it's already legal in Washington State. If it is still illegal under the federal law it could really hurt many people including students. Students are caught with it, they risk getting their financial aid taken away and other penalties. It would be under the universities best interest to advocate for schools and states what is best for their students instead of the federal government. Which is why they want to get cannabis legal on the federal level. Kohout asked Alexander if the AS were to take a stance, would it risk getting funding for financial aid because it is going against federal law. Alexander said they could form a resolution. He doesn't know if it would risk it and he can't answer that question at the moment as he doesn't know what the norms are for that. Haffner said it is an initiative that was slightly altered from last year and it was passed last year. Alcantar Soto asked what the differences between this year and last year. Haffner said it's the same language that they used last year, she corrected grammatical mistakes. There is nothing that is completely different from last year, solely grammatical. Kohout said on the initiative it says to push for it on the state and federal legislative agendas. The agendas are developed at the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC). They have to go through the Board to get approved but most of the work is done through LAC. This year they've already completed the agendas for this year and she wonders if this would be something to work with folks in LAC next year instead of the board. Haffner said the previous VP for Governmental Affairs brought that up last year as well. They believe this is a topic which is ongoing process especially with the snow balling effect of legalizing it on the state level. They believe that making an initiative is better for the long process, because once she graduates or someone else who works on this graduates they may not bring it up anymore. An initiative has the potential to be acted upon more in the future. Dugovich said would this mean they would have to have this on their legislative agenda? It would be binding? This would take precedents over other issues to students? He asks if this is more important than all the other issues they lobby for. Haffner said it's a difference of opinion. They can be more important

for some and not so much for others. She feels that it is important because it can negatively impact students. Alcantar Soto said she doesn't say they have to include this over other items. Dugovich said yes it would because there are no other documents saying they have to include anything on their agenda. Alcantar Soto said there are many items on their agenda. It wouldn't be the only thing on their agenda. She is worried about the stigma. Unfortunately it is negatively perceived by a lot of politicians. She was hoping to talk with her beforehand about this and Haffner doesn't have to answer but unfortunately it was her understanding that these have to be brought up by students and she became aware that Haffner is not a student currently. Haffner said technically she isn't for a student for Winter quarter. She wasn't enrolled for winter quarter but she was enrolled in fall and she is enrolled for spring quarter. Stigma or no Stigma she feels that this is a very important students are getting troubled by what the federal government is saying. They have to stop attending school because they are getting in so much trouble. She believes it is worth it. Kohout said how she is interpret it, it would have to be passed through LAC then the Board it would urge them to pass it. It doesn't seem biding to her, it would have them reach out to more and have someone on LAC write something out but it doesn't mean it would be on there. Because it is already legalized in the state of Washington, would it be important to state agenda? She doesn't see the reason why putting it on the State agenda would be helpful as it is already legalized. Haffner said that is probably just the language that was written last year. Dugovich said doesn't care about the stigma attached to it but the legislators they meet do care. But it is an initiative and it's about the student voice and the student's opinion so if they collect the signatures they'll see it up for vote. He doesn't think it's his place to prohibit it. Alcantar Soto said ditto.

### C. Substance Policy Initiative

Haffner said the Good Samaritan Law is in place for if someone is over dosing, the person can get medical attention without getting into legal trouble. Which is very beneficial because a lot of reason why people die is because they or their friends are afraid of legal status. Unfortunately on campus they don't have something like this. This initiative would be to talk to ResLife and see if they would be willing to implement a Good Samaritan law within their policies. The other half of this would be for the AS to urge the University and ResLife to create a compact substance guide. This would be for students to go to a certain reference point. Both have different policies regarded on that and it can get confusing. She has had too many people to find out what the substance policy is on campus. Wolters said she would like to make sure they don't already have one. She would like to request for it to be something called different because it has religious backgrounds. Haffner said something similar to what the Good Samaritan Law emphasizes. It doesn't have to have a title, it could just be a sentence or two. Wolters said a good example is at a party and if someone is overdosing, it is likely that their friends will want to clean up the mess before calling for help which could result in that person dying. Alcantar Soto said in this "this in no way promotes drug use". She was wondering the argument that this could promote drug use. Haffner said unfortunately there is a stigma attached to harm reduction. People have to accept people do use drugs whether they like it or not. They have to accept people are doing drugs, some believe they should

have 100% abstinence law. Cook said she saw this enacted on other universities and the way it was done at her previous university is that the person who was engaged in drugs still got in trouble, but the person who got called did not. Dugovich said he emailed Lenard Jones to see what they do currently on campus and he will hopefully hear back from him.

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

### **A. IMAC Proposal**

Ghant said they have seen this proposal last week. Allocated \$17,831 to replace 13 PC computers. They talked about whether 13 is really needed. By them using the Dell's they have now it creates an inefficiency, it causes staff frustration because they have frequent lock ups. The proposal hasn't changed from last year. This \$17,831 would be coming out of the reserves. Smiley said last time it was introduced there was a question about the specific amount of IMAC's they wanted. Does Bates have a number that they are wanting? Jeff Bates said about 11. Alcantar Soto said since they agreed on that number last meeting. The cost for 11 computers is \$26,334 dollars and with the money that will go towards replacements, the amount they are requesting would be \$8,503. Bates said it would be about \$6,000 less than the original request. Alcantar Soto said is the money that they are requesting and the funds reserved for replacing computers, go towards just the Mac's or the two Dell's that they aren't replacing with Mac's as well? Bates said yes it would be going towards replacing the Mac's as well as two additional Dell's that are non-graphic computers. Ghant said she is under the impression that all of the computer replacements would be out of reserves. Either way they would need to request money from the reserves. Alexander said VU IT has earmarked \$17,680 for replacement of PC's computers, the additional money is the balance of the increase costs. This would be the entire amount of the original amount to replace computers plus an additional amount. Alcantar Soto said the new request would be \$13,043? Bates said yes. Ghant said they've heard 11 computers, they've talked about 13 computers. She thinks the Dell's are the industry standard. How many are they looking at today? Bates said he is requesting 11 today. Alexander said he talked with Chris Miller about this about the numbers and how it all balance out. They did a lot of analysis to see how to best utilize it. The reduction came from that analysis. It came from good data analysis from Bates and Chris Miller. Kohout said to clarify how much money, is it \$13,043? Wolters said yes.

MOTION ASB-W-15 by Alcantar Soto

Approve to allocate \$13,043 from reserves to purchase 11 IMAC computers for the PC and AS Review.  
Second: Dugovich Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

### **B. Publicity Center SPAC**

Ghant said none of these have changed. One was to allocate dollars to IMacs and that just got approved. They are hoping to address the project timeline problem. Kohout said she is really interested in the recommendation about improving the AS Strategic Communications. Bates said it continues to be a significant issue with them. He feels like tightening the two would be best. An example is that an event on Friday and it is not on the AS Calendar but is on Western's events calendar and that got him thinking about what are they missing and how they can improve. Ellison said it was not proximity that they were talking about and not combining of the two so he is hesitant to use that language. The offices are better separate but they should be closer. A lot of the calendar events problems are coming from the transition to offices entering their own event on org sync. Hopefully have some trainings to help mitigate some of

that. They started having meetings with the PC folks regularly to help mitigate this. Wolters asked if there is a better word than combining. Bates said proximity is the closest they'll get to. He would like to leave it open. He would like to examine the best way to do it. He feels strongly that it would be better within the structure of the PC. It looks better working within the AS Review, printing Public Relations (PR) piece. It would provide then as a unified PR. They know about the events because they are doing posters for them, but they aren't the ones who do the PR's. He respects others opinions and other views though. Ellison asked if combining the offices would give both of them capacity to do that? Both are pretty busy right now, and he doesn't know if it would still allow for the outreach. It could be pretty hard to keep track of it and there is a lot of things that change after the poster is created. He isn't sure that if they combined the offices it would address that. Alcantar Soto said there is merit to both opinions. She was thinking to change that last sentence to look at this is a piece by the time SPAC looks at the Communication Office. Kohout said just because it works well for one office, it may not work well for the other offices. Wolters said she thinks the words "joint effort". The sentence says explore opportunities to combine the offices. It isn't a binding. Ghant asked what the amendments to the recommendation to the documents were. Wolters said she didn't propose an amendment.

MOTION ASB- W-15- by Wolters

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Second: Alcantar Soto Vote 7-0-0 Action: Passed

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

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

### **A. International Divestment, and Sanctions Taskforce**

Alcantar Soto said she created this taskforce is made to provide a space that is conducive of conversation to find a better solution than simply right or wrong. "This taskforce is charged with the critical exploration of the implications of maintaining or repealing the resolution concerning the International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions (ASB-14-S-65) by, seeking new possibilities that better address the matter at hand and advising the AS Board of Directors in the form of a final recommendation by the end of Spring Quarter 2015. She wants to make it clear that this is not meant to become an internal debate of which side is right and wrong. She will not tolerate any animosity towards each other. If anyone joins this task force she hopes they come with an open head and heart although she knows it is difficult to leave ones opinions to the side. But it is critical that they come into this with open minds and willingness to listen. It won't focus only on the Israeli and Palestinian. The biggest issue they are facing is that it is interpreted differently by many folks and they are stuck in the dichotomy between keeping it or repealing it. It is all part of the spectrum but it's probably going to be somewhere in the middle. It could be added to the resolution or amending it. She doesn't know the answer but she hopes this taskforce helps. And if in the end they can't come up with an answer, then they made a true effort rather than yes or no. Smiley said great start to addressing the problems that were raised but she would like to bring up the issue of membership. How do they assure it's

not a one sided debate going into this taskforce and for it to stay neutral. Alcantar Soto said the committee appointment process will still occur, and when they apply it will ask them why they want to be part of it. It's the only way they can maintain a wide range of opinions. Kohout said she still thinks that making sure other folks are on the taskforce is important because with the sentence or two they provide won't be enough evidence to decide. Ghant dittos. Alcantar Soto said if it is a real concern they can all look at the applications with her. Romano said that even though. Alcantar Soto could be approving them before hand, they will all finally have to come to the Board to be appointed. The Board will get the final decision regardless if Alcantar Soto is looking over the applications first. Ellison said he would recommend putting something on about club affiliation and national affiliation because they have seen that become an issue already. Alcantar Soto said there is a question about what they are involved with but they can make it clearer. Dugovich said it's going to have the same exact problems that they've had. He doesn't see anyway getting around that. But if she wants to take it on, he agrees. Alcantar Soto said she hopes they won't see that and she's made it clear it isn't the purpose of the taskforce. Taking off the high pressure of this meeting creates will allow for better more productive conversation. There is a possibility that this will not work out but she is willing to take that risk because it is important to at least try. Ghant said she applaud the efforts Alcantar Soto have taken. Alcantar Soto had mentioned earlier that she is looking for answers and Ghants' question is answers for what? For her to make a vote? Because students who have issue for the repeal she would assume have strong feeling about this and won't really waiver. Who is the taskforce for really for because it comes down to a vote? There are groups on campus that have this dialog already. Alcantar Soto said this isn't for her. She wants to provide space for better discussion for students. She really hopes this is for the entire board to make a better decision. She put on the charge and charter, in form of a final recommendation for the entire board in spring 2015. It's for exploration about what the real implications for one way or the other or another alternative to best fit the needs of students. Alexander said regardless of which way they vote, they have a lot of avenues of gaining information. He encourages them to get as much information as possible through as many avenues as possible. This could be one possibility. Kohout said she wants to explore as well is having a work session would about this session. Having a casual conversation at the work session, more of a back and forth, instead of a public forum where the Board is sitting quietly. Committee can still be pretty formal too. Alcantar Soto said she thinks they can do both. They can all attend the task force it all says another Board member should be part of it. It depends on the style of chairing a meeting. This could compare to a small taskforce would lower the level of pressure. She thinks it would be a different conversation. Rodriguez said she feels however it was drafted wasn't clear enough and not working. She likes the idea of a taskforce because then they have some kind of direction to go and being intentional. In regards to it being too formal, she chairs the Steering committee and it's not formal at all. It's not uncomfortable or anything. It has potential to still have great dialogue. She supports the idea of it because it shows that the board is being intentional in regards on how they should handle it. Smiley said she really like the idea of having a work session for all of them. She also likes the idea with working in conjunction with the taskforce. She likes the idea about a student centered taskforce on this issue instead of getting faculty involved because the dynamic was changed.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Alcantar Soto

## Approve the International Divestment, and Sanctions Taskforce Charge and Charter

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

### B. Annual Housing and Dining Budget

Kurt Willis said they look to the students for an affirmation that they support the concept of what they are doing. They are looking for a vote of an affirmation. Last week they went over the proposed room rates for next year. There is an interesting nuance to this, the bulk of it is room and board rates because of the house and dining system is structured it serves the dining serves to all campus and it has a part of the Viking Union portion, the facility. Embedded in that goes to the Viking Union Facilities. They can see what they are proposing this year from last year's proposal. The nonacademic building fee also it flows through the system. They just refinance their bonds. Those particular bonds have to do the renovations that the Viking Union did years ago, as well as some housing renovations done in the 2000's. The savings from that is being looked at now, and how they can use it. The Housing and Dining portion is also being turned over to Alexander to look on how they can improve the Viking Union. Wolters said this is a proposal for 3% increase. She asked if he could outline why the need for an increase. Is it because of inflation? Willis said it's a blend of things, inflation is a part of it. 70% is tide to items that go up. The state imposed a certain salary level and that affects a good amount of employees within the Housing and Dining Budget. There are program enhancements, they are adding some staff and a continued renovation plan, primarily up on the ridge. Kohout said she wanted to thank them for keeping the cost for housing and dining lower than the other universities. Willis said they are trying to best compare the standard room and meal plan because they are all different. Other universities choose to price the dorms that they've renovated higher. WWU has not chosen to do that that is just the philosophy. Wolters said there was an article on the western front that talked about the housing system is now changing the lottery system. How will that affect how students chose to live on campus. Willis said for incoming student's freshman and transfer, it won't change. For returning students it would go to the lottery system because the problem they have been facing is even if everyone submitted everything they needed to, to get housing, and they all did it the second it opened up, they still wouldn't have enough housing and some of them wouldn't have a place to live. It didn't feel right, they followed the rules but still didn't have a place to live on campus. It would mean some folks don't get in initially, but at least they will know. They usually get through most of the waitlist as well. Smiley said she wanted to know about tutoring services being offered. Willis said they have a concern about the percentage of students on academic warning. They house 92% of the freshman and that tutoring will be mostly shaped around Math 112 and Math 114 because they are huge hurdles. They will be hiring student tutors to do that. He doesn't know the metrics to measure that and he trusts they will be doing some assessment around that. Alcantar Soto said the increase by 3% for a double room is \$386 per year. That's a couple weeks of groceries to her. Will this affect students from choosing to live on campus? Willis said no, but he says that not lightly. History of rate increases it's been up to 8 or 9% increase. They don't have a live on requirement which a lot of Universities do, and still they house 92% of the freshman. That's not going to affect students coming to western or occupancy but they



don't take it lightly because it is an increase and no one wants to pay more. They work with financial aid and they are working with it. A good chunk of students are not using financial aid. Wolters said she finds it concerning that the rates have gone up every year. Additionally they already have tutoring services and she doesn't want there to be double up on services they already have. She is hesitant to charge students more. Kohout said she agrees that cost is important. She does want to throughout props for the math tutoring because she struggled with it her first year and she didn't go to the math tutoring center. If it was close to her dorm it would have been nicer. The increase is part of the tutoring and other things. Willis said yes it is a plethora of items. As they cut and shave things on other ends and they find efficiencies, they also are seeing what is needed. The 3% is not because of the tutoring alone, it is only one piece of it. Alcantar Soto said she would like to make sure there is good assessment to see how it is being utilized. This could ensure that it is really worth the cost to the students.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Dugovich

Approve the WWU Housing and Dining system proposed rates.

Second: Kohout Vote: 6-1-0. Action: Passed

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

A. Kohout moves to Child Development Center.

Ghant said this was brought to her by Patricia Ashby she has taken a leave of absence for three weeks now. There is a family that uses the Child Development Center (CDC). They are graduating this quarter but they still want to use the CDC for spring quarter at the student rate because It takes a while to get a job. Are there any policies in place or could they create. Alexander said it comes from the AS subsidies and student fees go towards that rate. It's a difficult dilemma because they feel for this student and their family, but are they, as a Board willing to put student fees, and those subsidies towards a nonstudent? There is no policy for this kind of thing and it could be that it's rarely been asked for. He thinks finding daycare midyear is harder than in the fall. Recent grad may not have the financial capacity to pay for daycare. There are a lot of different options, they could have a recent graduate policy that extends one or two quarters after they graduate at a lower cost but not quite the student fee level. They don't have a policy regarding any of this though. Kohout said she really appreciates that context but she would like to see a proposal and read it because she is a visual person. Looking at the cost difference between them, how many student. Dugovich dittos. Ghant said she was emailed this request, they don't have a proposal. Ashby has told her that they need an answer fairly quickly as the end of the quarter is almost there. Alcantar Soto said she sees the urgency in talking about this so they should have a discussion about it. Alexander said it complicates things because Ashby isn't here and Raquel is here to help create a document with Ghant. It was an email that a student family sent and she tried to get it in front of the board last week but they ran

out of time. Wolters said they will hear more about this when they have a document in front of them.

B. AS WWU Federal agenda.

Kohout said this agenda was drafted through Legislative Affairs Council and drafted this. This will be for Wolters, Dugovich and herself to lobby on. Some of these are also going to be on USSA's agenda so it is in line with USSA. Alcantar Soto said in the State of Emergency section should would suggest adding some statistics and numbers and data because it's more valued rather than experiences sadly. Kohout said she will reach out to Belina Sears who wrote this to see if she can add anything. The for profit accountability this is something that has been on their agenda this year and last year. They essentially pray on folks because they give them financial aid and then make it impossible for them to graduate leaving them with a ton of debt. This would help to diminish that. The Higher Education act is reauthorized every 5 or so years and it is a good opportunity for students to influence what they wanted to see in it. At the Federal level is about aid and the Pell Grant and making sure FAFSA is more accessible. Wolters said none of the public universities in Washington are considered non-for-profit which could default them into for-profit schools. Kohout said for-profit-universities are universities like University of Phoenix that are primarily for profit. She will look at last year's agenda to see the language they used. She thinks it's different because they are state funded. Dugovich said they are considered a public university. Kohout said it's probably a limit of how much profit they are making as well. Smiley said she wanted some clarification about the financial aid portion. It says Streamlining federal aid programs to have one grant, the Pell grant, one undergraduate loan, one graduate loan, and one parent loan. She wants to know more about that. Kohout said she didn't write it but she will ask more questions about that and bring it back to the Board next week. She thinks it to not have as many Sallie Mae loans floating around. Alexander said he recommends spelling out the acronyms.

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

A. Committee Appointments

Student Academic Grievance Board

Emma Opsal          Art History          Sophomore

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Kohout

Approve Committee Appointments

Second" Dugovich    Vote: 7-0-0    Action: Passed.

B. Reclassification of the Assistant Vote Coordinator Position.

Kohout said this was passed in Personnel Committee to get it at a coordinator position instead of the Assistant Coordinator, even if it doesn't get to a four quarter position expansion because they are already doing the coordinator level work. Ghant said they passed everything is subject to budget committee. Positions are already been posted, they are requesting even if budget

committee can't fund the four quarter expansion, they still want it to be at coordinator level pay because they do the coordinator level work. Kohout said it would be less than \$300 dollar increase.

#### MOTION ASB-15-W-

Approve the reclassification of the Assistant Vote Coordinator Position.

Approve all consent items passed unanimously.

### **X. BOARD REPORTS**

#### **President**

Annika Wolters reported that rather impressive action put on by the Students for Renewable Energy. Since then they have emailed President Sheppard asking for a meeting. To which President Sheppard thought it would not be helpful and he referred them to her. She will be trying to support SRE to the best of her ability. Just as a reminder, the AS Board passed a resolution last year to urge for full divestment. Black Student Union (BSU) dinner was pretty awesome. She did talk to an advisor of a club which is on one particular side of the Divestment Boycott and Sanctions resolution. Advisor came trying to repeal it, then left saying they can't urge her to repeal it. She hopes that advisor will go back to their club and share their conversation. She was reasonably please with the conversation they had with the police last session. Malcom Oliver has already contacted her wanting the Board to meet with them at the Bellingham Police Department and they will find a time where most of the Board can make it.

#### **VP for Business and Operations**

Chelsea Ghant reported that she has finished the vehicle proposal. She met with Management Council and they approved it. They will be seeing the Hospitality Policy soon. As for rebranding logos, she asked Ellison to send an email to Management Council about an update about why the rebranding efforts are happening. For Budget Committee, decision packets are due today. Alcantar Soto is going to Business Committee to talk about restructuring the large event fund policy.

#### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Jaleesa Smiley reported that Academic Fee Committee met and had a 6 hour meeting. They discussed fee increases, decreases, and deletions and there are no significant fee increases. A fee that will be added is for the English department and they wanted to set a \$1 dollar per course to supplement for printing. They thought it was a reasonable fee to add. The Faculty Senate is meeting again and she gets to go back. Last week the Committee for Undergraduate Education (CUE) chair has resigned. He communicated it was for personal reason. He didn't feel that his work was being appreciated and that he was getting support from the larger administrative body. Actual feelings about the GUR process,

given by the report. That was not being addressed by the administration. They had a meeting last week to further solidify the next steps and in that meeting actual feelings came up about GUR process and recommendation process. There were feelings around that were not being address by the administration. So today they are having an action kind of like boycott where none of them are attending CUE and they are drafting a letter to Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) and the faculty senate president Spencer Anthony-Cahill and to the students through the AS Review or The Western Front. General education is a priority especially with the members in CUE and its to give students more information on what is really going on.

### **VP for Activities**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that activities council recognized three new clubs. She went to the Rec Center Advisory Committee meeting. Not thinking about the fee. TED X will be coming and they are putting on a big TED talk. And student prices are cheap for the size of the event.

### **VP for Diversity**

Cristina Rodrigues reported that she went with a bunch of folks to the UW campus to check out their student union. It was very modern architecture. They went to check out their AS. They got to look at the different designs. They had their own Ethnic Cultural Center. Their Queer Center was the size of the ESC. Steering Committee has been funding dinners lately and there are more funding for conferences.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Sarah Kohout reported that Senator Jay Inslee was here, it was a good visit. He has been visiting all the public universities. She has been planning some trips to Washington DC. They have 16 students from WWU going to the USSA Leg Con Conference. She has also been helping with the Federal Lobby trip. They capped the USSA dues in the recent meeting and they decided to cut a position. Rental safety and Mandatory Inspection passed Monday which is great. The policy cut off was yesterday, so that means that any bills that didn't get passed aren't alive anymore. Also she would like to remind everyone that AS Elections are happening.

### **VP for Student Life**

Zach Dugovich reported that students he's been meeting with the Green Energy Fee for the Referendum language. They are wanting to change the name to the Sustainable Action Fund because it doesn't go solely towards green energy. He removed himself from the meeting when they were talking about fee increases. When he returned they wanted to increase the fee. The fee is currently set for 70 cents per academic quarter per credit and tops out at 90 cents and they would like to move that to top out at \$1.40 per academic credit. They would also like to raise the not to exceed level of \$7 per quarter to \$10 a quarter. Earth day planning is going on and it will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Late night shuttle is going well. Alternative transportation talked about putting up signs on WTA within 10 minute walking distance saying that they could walk to campus within 10 minutes.

## **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:56 a.m.*