

# Western Washington University Associated Students Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Thursday February 19th, 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):** Patrick Eckroth (REP Director), Jeff Bates (Publicity Center Program Coordinator), Alysa Kiperztok (Student at Large), Carly Roberts (Student Trustee, 2013-2014 AS President), Keira Alkema (Student at Large), Emily Seynaeve (Student at Large), Adrian (Student at Large).

## MOTIONS

**ASB-15-W-13** Approve to amend the consent resolution third whereas “sober” would change to “unimpaired”. In the 4<sup>th</sup> where as “has” changed to “have”. Third where as “verbal or primary means of communications” will be added and the First be it resolved changing “other interested offices” to “relevant offices”. *Passed*

**ASB-15-W-14** Approve Student Staff Development Fund. *Passed*

**ASB-15-W-15** Approve all Consent Items. *Passed*

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

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ghant said she would like to move the PC Lead Graphic Designer Job Description to Information Items with Guest as they have a guest attending the meeting on behalf of the item. Approved.

Rodriguez said she would like to remove Queer Experience Targeted Event Board Proposal from the agenda, as it no longer needs to go through the AS Board. Approved.

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

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\*

A. Resolution Repeal, Concerning the Resolution Regarding International Divestment, Boycott, and Sanctions

Wolters said this is a resolution that was passed last year at the second to last meeting. She feels that this was not enough time to review this resolution properly. This is an item that the following board should have look at and continued the work instead of rushing the process. She has printed out the minutes from those meetings and highlighted a few points she would like to point out. One being “there not be enough time to review this, due more research and be careful with the wording of the document, this may be best to let the next board do due diligence with” and these are the words she couldn’t agree more with.

She isn't proposing any alternative, the proposal is just to repeal the original resolution. She would like the AS WWU to be able to take stances on subjects if the student body wants to. She summarized her proposal by saying, "This proposal has its heart in the right place, and there are many true statements in the resolution. However, if a situation abroad is neither peaceful nor environmental, refusing to take a stance on said situation is neither promoting global welfare, nor is it valuing a "holistic and multi-faceted approach to complex issues." South African social rights activist, Desmond Tutu said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." Wolters has invited guests to this meeting as well as last year's AS Board members to discuss this resolution. Wolters only sees Carly Roberts, 2013-2014 AS President and invites her to speak. Roberts said that she was a sponsor on this resolution last year. The other sponsor on this document was the Vice President for Diversity at that time which was Mayra Guizar. Roberts is here for context on how the resolution came to be and of course she has opinions on the matter but she would like to reserve those for a later date to upkeep the integrity of the process. Roberts said the resolution says the AS will not take position based on a product or organization based on the nation of origin. That does not mean the AS can't take positions on international conflict it simply means the AS won't make a blanket statement, saying things such as "the AS will not make any purchases from Nicaragua." Roberts shared how the document went through the process because the minutes don't really reflect the process it took well. What happened was that Alysa Kiperztok came to her with a draft resolution from an organization she had been working with that did specifically mention the Israeli Palestinian conflict. Roberts did not think it was appropriate nor did they have time in the year to get a resolution about that specific conflict. Roberts did see a need for some proactive documentation. She had observed other student body presidents, having painful processes where student bodies were discussing the Israeli Palestinian conflict and other international conflicts Roberts said she isn't saying those conversations shouldn't happen, but they were happening in a way that students were not feeling safe on campus based on their national affiliation. She didn't want to see that at Western and she wanted to provide a platform for Boards that come afterwards could use to approach the issue. She is excited that this conversation is happening because that means this resolution is doing what it was made to do, which was add a layer of nuance to the discussion on international divestment on the perspective of student government. This document was made to reaffirm the values of the university and of our student government organization and it discourages discrimination and encourages a deep thought provoking conversation regarding international conflicts and the way a student government can get involved in that. It was not made to limit anyone's freedom of speech and that was very intentional about that. Roberts said the questions Wolters brought up earlier about the process and the quote highlighted. This document said it was passed 6-0-0 but she went back and reviewed the minutes and it was passed 7-0-0. It was moved intentionally so that all seven board members could be there and attend. The document came as information item then an action item in the following meeting. There were hours of work were put into it in between that so that they could make sure to reference existing documents. The bulk of this document is referencing the strategic plan and the mission and vision statement of the University. Roberts would also like to point out that decisions like these are made right up until the final board meetings for example the Ethnic Student Center getting funding from the AS Reserves for the center's expansion. Wolters said while board members do make decisions, it is up to that board whether to tackle a certain issue and whether there is the appropriate amount of time. Not everyone here went to the United States Student Association conference this summer but the Congress spent 5 hours discussing an issue much like this. After a lengthy conversation which was painful and very heated they devoted a task force to look at this issue for a year before they made a decision. That's why she believes this document was done hastily or taking the proper care to explore this issue, educate student body about this, and having other student input on this issue. She feels they did an injustice to future boards and student body representatives saying "they will not take any positions at all". Wolters wanted to reiterate that she is not proposing for any amendments or substitutions to this document she would just like to see it gone. Roberts wanted to ask about the cover document because it was mentioned about a specific issue, and she wanted to make it very clear that the resolution was intentionally separated from the Israeli Palestinian conflict and it was written to apply to

any international conflict. She thinks it would be beneficial to separate the two from this process and talk about how they should deal with any conflict on this campus. Wolters said they will keep that recommendation in mind however boycott sanctions and divestment may apply to all different types of situations. Rodriguez said although it should be separated she doesn't think it is anyone's fault to relate it to some of the events that are currently happening. It's relevant to associate it to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. Kohout said didn't this resolution come up because of that specific conflict? Roberts said as it says in the minutes the presenting issue was the Israeli Palestinian conflict. Rather than getting into the conversation of what the AS should do about that conflict, they said "what can they do to set up the future boards for success in handling these types of discussions." They wanted to provide a framework that reaffirmed the values of the University and their organization and protected the rights of all students, preserved the ability for the student government body to take a stance on this issue and others that may arise, while protecting the rights and safety of those who may be from nations of origin. Keira Alkema said she has been here for 4 years and she is the president of the international affairs association and she doesn't speak on behalf of the organization now. It's not only applicable to certain conflicts that they've been discussing today but other places that are the targets for sanctions of the united states such as Russian and Iran and it's important to think about The implications of resolution of this nature. In her view sanctions are not very productive. When a situation focuses on sanctions it doesn't have human interest and wellbeing at heart. She doesn't think divestment, sanctions, boycotts on anything due to the nation of origin should occur. She doesn't think this is where this university should focus their discussion. She is interested in respectful dialog. She thinks this resolution applies to many different conflicts and is a way to guide to have respectful debates about international affairs which she would like to see more of in the future. Emily Seynaeve she is part of a club on campus and she is not speaking on behalf of the club. She is a Jewish student on campus. Western is supposed to be a diverse campus that is safe and inclusive for students of different backgrounds. This resolution that was passed last year was a huge step forward on protecting marginalized minorities on this campus. The anti-Israeli groups that come to campus are spreading an anti-Semitism environment and they are actively creating a hostile environment for Jewish students. She agrees that the AS should support diverse group with various perspectives but they cannot ignore the safety issues that comes furthering people based on their national identity or nation of origin. Earlier this February anti-Israel activists at the University of California Davis, heckled Jewish students immediately after the decision to divest from companies doing business in Israel, as a result people spray painted swastikas on the Jewish fraternity house. By supporting these groups and having them come to campus, they are making the perfect opportunity for anti-Semitism to occur on campus. This resolution is not hurting anyone and it's not discriminating against anyone. No one is stopping students from coming together on their own and discussing intentional issues. By repealing this resolution you are discriminating against students and making them feel unsafe on campus just based on their national identity and a student who feels unsafe is not part of an inclusive community. This repeal would do more harm than good. And she really urges to keep the safety of students and wellbeing of minority groups in mind when going on this issue. Do more research and get more facts together and different opinions but while the AS Board does so, please keep the resolution in place. Everyone's safety is very important. Alysa Kipersztok said she is a third year student and she is part of the group that brought together this resolution. When she accepted her admission at WWU she made the decision to come to this university not only academics and multitude of opportunities it presented but because she felt safe. She felt safe to accept her. She felt secure to express her identity as an individual and it's a place that will accept her for her multicultural perspective. Although her experience is not the case on all colleges experience. For the past three years she has watched campuses across the country suffer in result of boycott sanction and divestments places on companies and products based on their nation of origin by their universities. It tears her apart to see students, some who are near and dear to her, be threatened verbally and emotionally and harassed publicly or behind computer screens. Made feel unsafe by their fellow students and faculty members in spaces that are intended for inclusiveness, critical thinking and diversity of opinions. While she was trying to make sense of this, it occurred to her Western is capable of proactively protecting the nation based identities and affiliations of their students and that is where the resolution is born. It's important to her that students are aware of current events

and international affair however it is the responsibility of the university to insure that dialog regarding foreign conflict remains respectful and the security of students are prioritized in conversations that could arise. This resolution was mindfully crafted to avoid the destruction of student's freedom of speech and instead creates a framework for those discussions. As a student who truly values and benefits for Westerns culture of inclusiveness she urges the AS Board of Directors to uphold this resolution. Emily Seynaeve said to Alysa Kipersztok that she is not one student. She is part of a large community and it is said that if one member is suffering, they all are suffering and although they all can't be there today, they are representing an entire community and if it gets repealed they will come back and keep fighting making sure those voices are heard. Adrian said she is glad that they repeated said that this isn't based off of one conflict but it's about divesting any kind area of the world based on nation of origin but she personally feels repealing this is targeted at the Israeli Palestinian conflict which she would like to address today. She came here not as a Jew or a Zionist but as a student who believes in peace worldwide and she believes working together towards a mutual goal without condemning or silencing any voices is really important and very valuable. The BDS movement of any kind, specifically the Israeli Palestinian conflict does not allow for that type of collaboration and it really puts students against each other and really forces them to polarize their views about this subject which does not allow collaboration on this matter. It really glorifies one side of the spectrum and delegitimizes the other end. In her opinion that does not reflect the open minded ness this campuses offers. The proposal to repealing the BDS Resolution states that this kind of legislation forces students into neutrality but she does not think this is the case because she is has seen the many pro-Israeli people brought to this campus by Fairhaven by the anthropology department and it is very clear that the Palestinian side of the conflict has a presence on campus. Although this resolution has been passed all year, she does not think voices are being silenced. If anything the voice of the Israeli people aren't being represented and acknowledged especially through their faculty. She does not think the appropriation of the quote Wolters about neutrality use was good because by saying we have to take BDS to this campus in order to not stand on the side of the oppressor. To her that is a blatant biased because that is saying Israeli is the oppressor in this situation and she thinks everyone should do more research on this topic to make sure they are well informed. She thinks that the real goal in repealing this resolution is not to free students from neutrality but encourage hatred of a certain side. In this case specifically the Israeli side which many of WWU's students religiously, culturally, politically, ideology identify with and that's n attach on the character of the students. Dugovich asked if there have been many resolutions in the pass which restricts AS board like this. Roberts said resolutions are passed regularly and one is two years ago the board passed a War on Women which the title may not be exact. Resolutions are for the AS Board to take stances on behalf of the students. Dugovich said an issue this serious he wonders why they would not put this up for a referendum. Roberts said this was brought up within the last couple weeks of the year, they didn't have the opportunity to bring it up as a referendum. The student who brought this to the Board last year wanted to pursue this as a referendum. Alcantar Soto said what would the referendum ask? Dugovich said should the AS WWU not take position in advocating divestment from boycott of sanctions of seizing of collaboration of products organizations or companies due to their nation of origin. Alcantar Soto said she sees that being problematic. Because they are asking due to their nation of origin. They'll be asking if it is okay to take positon because of the nation of origin and nothing else. Dugovich said aren't they doing that right now with this resolution? Wolters said if it comes to a referendum they will do due diligence in the appropriate process in the future. They can vote and discuss those issues at that time. Josie Ellison, 2013-2014 AS Vice President for Academic Affairs said she believe they could have given this more time. Although it was written to be a neutral solution to a conflict at the time. She definitely remembers having the discussion about how quickly it went to the Board and it felt hasty. It went Information Action item the same day it was passed same day because it was originally brought as a divestment resolution. It had a completely different resolution passed. It was not written with BDS in mind and not any specific conflict. Only one or the other. This isn't proposing an alternative it's simply removing it. Dugovich brought up a good point that there are very few resolutions that restrict the AS Board from taking stances on things because the student body changes. There are few resolution that extends more than the one year. Roberts said it was not moved Information Item to Action item on June

10th. It was presented as an Action Item and passed as an Action Item. Ellison said they were two very separate resolutions though. Wolters said this board won't be tackling any issues on BDS but she doesn't want to limit future boards. She still doesn't think they have time or effort to give this document the attention it deserves. She would like to see similar attention. Kohout said because of the process that they take with Information item to Action item it would take a month for the Board to be able to make any decisions in the future. Patrick Eckroth said wanted to thank the Board for getting outreach. He doesn't think there was much students involved last year and he appreciates the effort to collect those voices. Roberts said there has been great discussion and hopefully they can take a step back from the bureaucratic processes and listen to the voices that were shared today. Ellison said those bureaucratic are in place so they can hear more student voices. Wolters said it will be discussed in the future items.

Recess was called at 9:16am

Reconvened at 9:21am

#### B. REP Local Liaison Job Description

Ghant said they are reviewing the local liaison job description. Eckroth said Kendra Thomas the AS Local Liaison this year a couple other folks met to talk about how this position could change. He worked with Kohout and Dugovich as well to see how they both work on the together. They wanted to include Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) because that is already happening. They wanted to add one on ones with the AS VP for Student life because they found that a lot of student life issues relate to local issues such as transportation and health and safety, and student housing. They added in specific language of the committees they should be part of or aware of. Kohout said this position also changed its name from the Local Liaison. Eckroth said it is now the Local Issues Coordinator. She has found that in most of her meetings people don't know what her job means by the title because it is kind of ambiguous. It would allow for more options, not just a liaison but more active in the community. Wolters said she would like to local issues coordinator abbreviated to LIC and they already have the Legal Information Center which is referred to as the LIC. Kohout positions within the REP have never been called by their acronym. Alcantar Soto said these changes are good in her opinion, and thank you for his work and being proactive on this.

#### C. REP Outreach & Organizing Coordinator Job Description

Ghant said that this job description was also brought and passed through Personnel Committee. The formatting for this document isn't correct but that can be changed. Once these changes to documents are approved they will change. Kohout said this position is proposing to be expanded to four quarter position. This is not a new position, it's an expansion of the Vote Coordinator position which is a two quarter position right now. This will also help with the vote process with updating addresses and keeping that momentum throughout the year. After the Vote Coordinators position ends they see less organizing on campus. This person would work day to day in office hours out talking to students. WWU is now direct members of USSA and they don't have one contact person for it. They don't have membership through Washington Student Association (WSA) now either. They don't have the time and capacity for USSA campaigns because they are busy with their other jobs and are only able to do so much. The VP for Governmental Affairs position is only able to do so much. This job would allow to have actions on campus and be part of the WSA and USSA. It would also help with the Lobby day outreach efforts. It would help register for other lobby days that campus groups want to put on. They have seen the need for advocacy on campus and it should be matched with a position that can handle the responsibilities and duties of that. Eckroth said currently this position is being done by two people. Josie Ellison and Mayra Guizar and it is in neither of their job descriptions. It is really rough having a gap in the office. This position would take on more of an organizing role with USSA. They are lucky to have Board members on the USSA board or they

wouldn't have that type of connection. With the vote aspect of this job, this would help right after the vote aspect because this position would normally be terminated after the vote efforts. After the vote work they could be doing outreach for Viking Lobby Day. This position would be doing the marketing aspect for the REP office and doing some of the social media aspects. They could be the ones asking questions to folks attending how their experience was. Ghant said these are great changes and like the other job descriptions that were approved it would be up to Budget Committee to try and find the funding for this expansion. After that it would come back to the Board after that. She has talked to the Personnel Director on how this job would be posted In light of finding funding for the additional work. Alcantar Soto said this position would help with lobby days. How would it interact with the position they just approved to help with Viking Lobby Day? Kohout said this position wouldn't do any of the scheduling or phone calls of legislative which was most of that position. This position that is being proposed would do just the outreach for it. The Board Assistant for Viking Lobby Day position doesn't have enough hours to do so. Ellison said she thinks this position is incredibly important and that's coming from someone who is involved with USSA. It is sheer luck that they so many students on the USSA Board this year. There are a lot of schools that don't have people on the board. She would like to emphasis that her Guizar, herself, and Kohout is doing this job right now. She thinks they would see a lot more student involved on campus if there was one person working on it instead of it split up into tiny bits here and there. Ghant said the Board Assistant for Viking Lobby Day position was a pilot position. Kohout said it needs to be passed through LAC because it is out of that budget which they used every year. It would be a discretionary item. Ghant said will it be renewed? Kohout said it would be passed every year. Kohout said this position would be working with the residents halls. A previous Vote Coordinator was able to create a good program to have Western Votes at resident's halls. Since 2012 it hasn't been able to keep up with it because the committee meetings are usually at 7pm which is when a lot of other committees meet. They have about two or three Western Votes Rep's currently and now some of them are on LAC and that is a good step for students who want to develop as leaders. Ellison said there is a correction on the 7<sup>th</sup> bullet point where it says WUSSA instead of USSA. Kohout said she would love for people to double check the grammar on this before the next meeting.

#### D. PC Lead Graphic Design Job Description

Ghant said Stephen Ateser is the position right now. Jeff Bates the Publicity Center Coordinator is here to explain the changes to this position. Bates said two things they would like to see happen with this job description and the first would bring it in align with a coordinator level work they already do with the correct pay for it. The second portion would be to help strengthen the connection between the Communications office and the Publicity Centers office. In terms of bringing the Lead graphic designer, which is a great person to consult with in terms of branding issues that may occur. They would be involved with whenever they are doing a rebranding. If there were any major initiative that the Board decides to pass this position would be a consultant for that and help in the best possible way to help advertise for that. As far as reportage, it would no longer report to one of the account executives it would report directly to him because functionally that is how it makes most sense because they tend to look towards this position for leadership and works closely with Bates already. Kohout said what is being changed too? Bates said it is going from Assistant Coordinator to Coordinator because it is already working at the Coordinator level and Personnel Committee agreed as well. Kohout said has it gone budget committee? Bates said no it would have to. Ghant said in line with budget committee, this position is already working at the level the AS considers Coordinator level but is getting paid for Assistant Coordinator level. The figures for this change would be going from \$6,801 total which is about \$271 a month to \$7,428 and about \$296 twice a month. Ellison said in this proposal it says the lead designer is going to working with the rebranding, is that after talking to the Communications Office? Because it's already the job duties of the Communications Office. Ghant said this job description is within the SPAC recommendation as it stands. Alcantar Soto said this position would interact with the Board and the Communication

Office. Is it reflected in the job description? Bates said it's in the last part of the job description already position. Ghant said thank you to Bates with all the work and she wanted to reiterate that Personnel Committee thought it matched coordinator level as it stands.

## V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

### A. Consent Resolution

Rodriguez said this is the item they saw last week. There is minor changes to this document. They brought this to the Equal Opportunity Office and they had some minor changes. One of those changes is changing the word "Sober" to say "unimpaired" because it "sober" seemed too absolute because if someone has two glasses of wine, are they no longer able to consent and "unimpaired" is more reasonable language. Then they have a couple grammatical change. They will be changing the format as well. Wolters said there is a template which already provides it. Alcantar Soto said when it says "other interested offices" doesn't sit well with her. Some possibilities are "relevant" or "well intentioned" offices. Rodriguez said with other interested offices for example the Women's Center may want to take on some collaborative work it would be because they have interest in working with it. Alcantar Soto said she was thinking relevant or well intention office would be good. Dugovich said what if they want to have other groups that aren't relevant such as if the lacrosse group wanted to do something. Rodriguez said their intentions would add to their relevancy. Wolters said there is a spelling mistake where it says "students faulty and staff" and it should be "faculty". Alcantar Soto said it was just a suggestion and if they don't want to change it, they don't have to. Smiley said she had a question around the definition of consent around being "unimpaired" and giving a verbal yes or no. She wonders how they got that definition. Rodriguez said that "Unimpaired" was a recommendation from the Equal Opportunities office. The definition, she doesn't remember where they got it from but it was collaborated with many offices to get their opinions and was mainly maid from the coordinator from last year. Wolters said under this resolution even if someone said yes and they are unimpaired it wouldn't be considered consent. Alexander said consent is an agreement for the action, no is what is out what's out there. Someone doesn't have to give a no, they have to give a yes. Ellison said he had a question whether verbal is the only way to communicate. Wolters said there is a sentence that says nonverbal is not accepted unless previously agreed upon. Dugovich said he thinks it should be more than just verbal. Rodriguez said it would be addressed with that sentence. It would be situational and would be addressed and that's where this sentence would apply. Alexander said there are folks who can't verbalize because of abilities and disabilities and the wording is typically "clearly communicated". Kohout said folks who aren't able to. Smiley said whereas defined as a verbal or nonverbal yes. Ellison said nonverbal yes gets into tricky territory. What about verbal with its primary needs of communications.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Rodriguez

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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. Student Staff Development Fund Policy Change

Ghant said they saw this document last week. They had some questions and she brought it back to Personnel Committee to get those answered. They preferred to stick with the word “trainings” because conferences are a discrete type whereas trainings covers all types of professional development. Outdoor center may go to a training and the REP goes to a conference. It is an Umbrella term that would account for all types of opportunities. Another concern that was brought up last week was the time frame to be clearer and they added in that it must be submitted 4 weeks in advance of when funding is needed and added that there may be special circumstances. Kohout said she would again like to voice her concerns conferences. She thinks that term is more encompassing. Alcantar Soto said she is wondering why they can’t add professional development opportunities each time. Ghant said that’s why there is a line that says professional development opportunities hereinafter to as trainings. To have that umbrella term. Alcantar Soto said they could just call it development opportunities. Ghant said she thinks they need the word professional because it is an important term. Alcantar Soto said they can call it “PDO”s. Ghant said she doesn’t see someone being confused with the word trainings, they are trying to keep policies as clear and concise as possible. Kohout said she likes what Alcantar Soto said. Rodriguez said in Personnel Committee they were talking about how the ROP or REP may go to more conferences but other parts of the AS like the example brought up earlier, the Outdoor Center goes to mostly trainings and not conferences. Every office would have a different term. Lisa Rosenberg recommended that specific term.

MOTION ASB-15-W- By Dugovich  
 Approve Student Staff Development Fund.  
 Second: Ghant Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

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

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

#### A. WOOT Trip Leader Job Description

Ghant said that the WOOT trip leader job description has had minor changes by adding that they must attend mandatory training dates. They didn’t want to put dates on the actual job description because those change every year they decided to send out an email. In the job description it would say that the Mandatory dates are to be attended. Another change is adding the correct pay for each trip. There is no fiscal impact because they are currently getting paid this, it just needed to be added in the job description. Alcantar Soto said she would like to add to the mandatory training dates that will “be communicated via email”.

#### B. VP for Activities Job Description

Alcantar Soto said there are three minor changes. The first one is the VP for Activities will sit in on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and she will just be a resource there and asked if they felt it was okay and they thought it was great. Another change is to meet with the Director of Athletics at least twice per quarter. She is already doing that and she thinks that is a good thing to add to keep the connection between the AS and athletics. The last change is under the budget responsibilities. Earlier in the year they approved to combined club conference funding and academic conference funding and it is just being reflected in the job description.

#### C. Committee Appointments



Legislative Affairs Council

Makenzie Dunn      Freshman      undecided

MOTION ASB-15-W-

Approve all Consent Items.

Approve all consent items passed unanimously.

## **X. BOARD REPORTS**

### **President**

Annika Wolters reported that she attended the WSA meeting and it went well. They got locked out of the rental car for an hour and a half. Mahy general assembly. She has a meeting with the Students for Renewable Energy to discuss the letter to President Sheppard. She was reaching out to them to try and create better communication between them. As they have rejected climate friendly fund they are still seeking full divestment. She will be inviting the police to come and talk about the communication between police and students. She will be emailing the draft language for the resolution to the board members. She encourages responses on this resolution before bringing it to the Board.

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

Chelsea Ghant reported that they had a Management Council meeting and they updated people on vehicles. Budget committee with be sending out decision packages specifically asking for offices may need increases because they are heading into a tight budget year. She attended the UPRC and they talked about SCOT analysis. They don't have a budget to replace the computers and they saw that as a problem. She will be drafting the Vehicle Proposal shortly and they will see that soon. She had a meeting with Fred Collins, Eric Alexander, and Greg McBride and she is trying to condense the Vehicle Policy as well. She hopes to get this to everyone by the end of the quarter. She is really excited to get moving on that. They were going to have a budget work session and she would like to move it to next meeting and have Raquel Wilson the Finance Manager there as well.

### **VP for Academic Affairs**

Jaleesa Smiley reported that Integrity Task Force meeting was last Monday. They changed their name to the Academic Coalition for Integrity taskforce. They talked about how to engage the university and students on academic integrity. She will be reaching out to others students and gather students thoughts. She met with ACC and they had to go over 300 curriculum minutes. Faculty raised questions about eh extensive amount of time they spend on reading those minutes. Committee for Undergraduate Education (CUE) met this week this Thursday as well and they talked about the GUR Frame work. Concerns are raised by a faculty about the Revision of GUR's framework in related structural change. She also was concerned about the leadership, referring to the Chair of the committee so that was concerning. The Student Technology Fee is having their last meeting they are reviewing the last of the eight abstracts and they will be prioritizing the abstracts and sending out the proposals.

### **VP for Activities**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that they didn't have Activities Council. The Club Hub is in the middle of the club showcase and they will be handing out donuts. She went to DRAC this Tuesday. They are working on a policy for their reserves and they did find a new chair. She went to the Recreation Center Advisory Committee where they spoke up about the new changes with the Carver facility. She wanted to ask everyone how students would be effected if they were to not provide the towel service because the laundry machines will be needed more with Carver being down and with the changes PE students would come to the rec center with their towels.

### **VP for Diversity**

Cristina Rodrigues reported that ESC Lobby Day happened and she thinks it was successful. The BSU dinner happened as well. The QRC is having the drag show this Friday. She is working on sending a group of folks to a conference in Chicago and she will be proposing to get funding through multiple different funds including the Operation and Enhancement fund so they may see that request in the future.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Sarah Kohout reported that folks together for the USSA Grassroots Leg Conference. Monday she was down in Olympia helping with the two lobby days which went well. Wolters, Josie Ellison and herself attended the WSA meeting. It was the shortest meeting they've ever had. They talked about having an optional cap of 15,000 which would primarily effect UW and the graduate senate of UW. It would allow them to keep their two votes but only pay for one membership. This was to not limit the voice that Graduate Students have.

### **VP for Student Life**

Zach Dugovich reported that the GEF initiative is up for vote this year and he will be updating the initiative. They will be including it to pay for speakers to come to campus to talk about environmental issues. They haven't decided on increasing or decreasing the fee yet. They have been reaching out to students and see what they like. Environmental lobby day happened down in Olympia as well. The Environmental Club Summit and Environmental Racism event went well and kudos to Sadie Normoyle for her efforts. ASTEC master plan is done and it needs to be approved by the committee and they will see it within the next couple weeks.

## **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:36 a.m.*