

Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday March 5th, 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): Nidia Hernandez (AS Outdoor Center Marketing Coordinator), Chris Miller (DOS IT Manager), Jeff Bates (Publicity Center Coordinator).

MOTIONS

ASB-15-W-20 Approve International Divestment Boycott Sanctions taskforce to action item. *NOT Passed.*

ASB-15-W-21 Approve Resolution Repeal, Concerning the Resolution Regarding International Divestment, Boycott and Sanctions to be an Information Item that will be discussed in the Spring Quarter. *Passed*

ASB-15-W-22 Approve to move this to an action item. *Passed*

ASB-15-W-23 Approve the deadline extension of AS Initiatives until Tuesday March 10th at 8am. *Passed*

ASB-15-W-24 Approve the Outdoor Center Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Job Description Changes. *Passed*

ASB-15-W-25 Approve the REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator Job Description changes subject to Budget Committee. *Passed*

ASB-15-W-26 Approve all Consent Items. *Passed*

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alcantar Soto would like to move Information Item Board A to Action Item- International Divestment Boycott Sanctions taskforce.

Second: Smiley Vote: 3-0-4 Action: not passed. This item will remain an Information Item.

Wolters said that she would like the move the Resolution Repeal, Concerning the Resolution Regarding International Divestment, Boycott and Sanctions to be an Information Item that will be

discussed in the spring as it is finals week and dead week and to plan accordingly.

Motion ASB-15-S- Kohout

Approve Resolution Repeal, Concerning the Resolution Regarding International Divestment, Boycott and Sanctions to be an Information Item that will be discussed in the Spring Quarter.

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

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

Sarah said after participating in last week's informational meeting she recognizes that it is easy to get into this issue talking about discrimination and as a Palestinian herself, she has experiences this year and she understands discomfort and uneasiness can foster a feeling is isolation. However it is important to point out that Western Washington University is obligated to protect its students under a federal mandate as dictated by the civil rights act of 1964. It is also important to point out that the safety of students is currently instilled in the values and regulations and within the AS Mandate and both will stay in place regardless to the decision of this resolution. As a student here and a member of a minority group, she condemns and will not stand for any form of discrimination around campus. SUPER and herself welcomes any collaboration among various communities that foster an inclusive welcoming environment. To put this into context, they are discussing whether this resolution should be repealed or not, in regards to its obstructions views or education.

McNeal said currently there are students form the AS sitting on Faculty Senate that are having a discussion about creating an environment that is more equitable and inclusive of students in a wide variety of backgrounds. This is sparking a request that to include something about classroom climates on evaluation sheets. Repealing this resolution is contradictory to this very goal. Last week former AS Board member Josie Ellison voiced their concerns regarding to two components of the original resolution, specifically their involvement in what was said to be a pro-Israel organization and what was said to be a biased because of this involvement. This statement assumes any pro-Israel organization and while at the same time supporting one country or identity based feature could not and would not be also be pro-any other country or identity based feature. This statement also suggested that that because its organization or members is pro-one place or persons, it and they must be biased against someone else or persons or place. SUPER members suggested that repealing this resolution would allow them to education those individual(s) who may not know anything or enough about a particular international situation through boycotts, divestments or the creation of sanctions. She is a profession of Cognitive Neuroscience and when she wants to educate her students, she does by providing them empirical data and evaluating the data, and discussing the data and then letting them make up their own opinions instead of suggesting divestment, boycotts or sanctions. AS President Wolters will be doing something today not for herself, but for future AS Boards. They may be able to hold a neutral stance on these topics but future Boards may not do the same. This resolution provides neutrality of the AS and that the political agendas of the few do not become that of the many and are not forced onto anyone. Last week Dugovich said student safety is his upmost concern and when he ran for the position, he said that he wants to serve the students, ensure they get their needs, and that they have the best experience possible at the university. The best university experience is that students feel comfortable and accepted on campus whether that be emotionally, physically or socially. In supporting the repeal of this resolution Dugovich could potentially be putting those who put him into office at risk at Western Washington University. McNeal was impressed by Alcantar Soto's honesty last week which is one of the most important thing being in academics does, is saying I don't know and that she needs to know more. Her suggestion to create a taskforce would allow the time necessary to gain valuable information regarding the outcomes of repealing or maintaining this resolution. However if repealing the resolution today, what would the role of the taskforce be? She suggests tabling any request for an

appeal, which they have already done, until the taskforce has done its work and has provided that information to the AS. This would allow to them to have time to really digest all of this information.

Patricia said she is a representative of MECHA and she will be reading the solidarity statement with Palestine. During the 19th National MECHA conference in 2012, they took a firm stance against the military occupation settlement in Palestine during the conference. The members endorsed the call for international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions on Israel. Therefore MECHA stands in solidarity Students For Justice in Palestine and demand for the liberation of all Palestinians whose current state of occupation of stationed military is hindering their life and pursuit of happiness. Recent Israeli attacked Palestinians killing up to 80 civilians including women and small children. They do not condone or the violation individuals human rights. War is detrimental to all parties involved including financial resources that could be better spent. It is expensive in other forms like human life. No one can speak about any subject without knowing the history behind it and this is no exceptions. With that said, please keep that in mind when hearing this and please inform yourself before making any decisions. They extend their support to the people of Palestine and during their struggle since 1948. They have asked chapters in high schools and universities across the nation to also stand in solidarity. This issue is no longer a Israel and Palestinian issue but a human rights issue and an environmental issue and global issue that must end now.

Francisco said he is the co-chair of MECHA and last weekend was their regional meeting with the state universities. One of the speakers grew up in the GAZA strip till about 4 years ago and he wanted to educate them. They felt it it was their responsibility to support SUPER and to be there. He wanted to express their support for SUPER and the repeal of this document.

McKenna said BDS is involved in this resolution and they felt it was important to distinguish between campus activism and discriminatory practices. For example divestment has historically been used as a tool for expression of people with marginalized identities and their allies therefore they would like to point out the intentions of Boycotting, Divesting and or Sanctioning as it as absurd to characterize a grassroots student led political expression as targeting a nation of origin, ethnic identity or nationality or other identity markers. The US Department of Education states that near expression of political viewpoints does not stand alone is not a violation of a title 6, a mandate under Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national of origin or programs receiving federal financial assistant because some find it offensive. That being said she asks that WWU adheres to its already established Bi-Laws of civil rights and the first amendment protection and will not the expression through this resolution that is misleading of the true intentions of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions.

Aleyda said she was here at the last meeting and she wanted to say that in the past couple years through MECHA they have done a lot of work through boycotting and a lot of protesting in red square which is thanks to their freedom of speech. They know that everyone supports the same idea, to have this resolution restricts their choice of whether they can support this movement or not because it is basically saying they can't support in any way. She thinks as a citizen of a marginalized community she thinks it is important for them to have a voice and the university to have voice and support whatever they want to support.

Aleia said as they mentioned earlier, their concern with this resolution lies within their restriction on campus. Student and faculty have their right to voice their objections to a countries policies just as the right they have to show support. For example student voicing criticism with the South African policies were just as protected under federal law as much as students showing support for those policies. This resolution, in restricting Western's freedom students from political and social speech in the form of divestment or other forms does not uphold the Universities requirement to adhere to the first amendment of the constitution.

Bett said they keep hearing about why they should repeal this resolution and they keep thinking how it is going to affect them and the people they go to school with. It happens in a month or next year, someone decides to bring something to campus saying they should boycott something based on a nation of origin and then those students will feel targeted. They are thinking long term but they will still be here. Maybe it isn't others intention to have that happen but it happens and it happens at other schools and they don't understand why people think that Westerns student body is any different than that and how the average student would be more education and would stop from making a statement like that. Because students do go out and make those statements and when they do say something about Boycott, for example against Israel. People think Israel equals Jews which equals bad, and sadly that happens. It happens at other schools, there is no denying that. They could prevent that, and there are so many situations that they could prevent it. It doesn't stop anyone from free speech and they've seen it since this resolution has been in place. They have seen about 6 Israel speakers and clubs standing for both sides of the issue and people in red square talking about the issues. They aren't saying don't support Palestinians, they could do it in a positive way. The students are nervous about it, and it is unfortunate and they are hearing from people who say they are uncomfortable about it but it's coming from people who won't be uncomfortable about it when those situations happen. Maybe this isn't going to be the relevant issue next year, but it could be on something else of nation of origin. Why not prevent that and stride for a positive education about issues and people can make their own decisions without others making such a strong statement that effects so many people.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. SPAC Recommendations for Publicity Center and VU gallery

Ghant said they started in late fall for the SPAC process. They talked about how they can access their roles. They aren't Budget Committee or Personnel Committee. They talked about the Board respecting the SPAC process. They gave feedback to each office. She is a non-voting member on this committee. There are 9 recommendations for the PC. One of those proposals was voted on last week and the other is a separate proposal. They were wanting to change the Mission Statement to "The Publicity Center provides high quality and personalized promotional services, products and support to the Associated Students organization and students of Western Washington University. We offer excellence in graphic design, print and electronic media, and distribution services while providing unique educational opportunities and leadership experience to student employees." The second recommendation is to improve the AS Strategic Communications. That is to help explore opportunities to improve and better support AS marketing and public relations efforts. This would mainly be between the AS Communication Office and the AS Review and Publicity Center structure. The third recommendation would be address issue of late projects and put forth ideas for improving project timeline-compression problems. The fourth recommendation would be utilize the expertise of the PC to promote student fee-funded initiatives. Recommendation five was approved last year to match the correct pay with the lead graphic designer. The sixth recommendation would be for encourage AS offices to limit departmental rebranding to the AS Assessment Process. There was some uneasiness with this and the rebranding may be worked on more in summer. The seventh recommendation is to improve internal assessment of the Publicity Center. This would be working with the VU manager of Assessment, training and Special Projects to develop and implement rubrics for measuring customer satisfaction, production efficiency, and other performance indicators. The eighth recommendation is its own separate proposal for replaces the current PC hardware with Apple IMacs. The last recommendation is to improve digital workflow and AS promotions with a video wall. This would be a project that would provide significant opportunities for students to develop interesting and engaging graphics and this idea has

been discussed with VU IT and proof of a concept has been completed at this time. Bates said he wanted to make the recommendation number 8 for new Apple iMacs, this is specifically for graphic computers. They are currently using dell's right now. Any questions about these? Kohout said how does it compare to the SPAC evaluation done last year? Bates said last years was not very visionary and they said to go back and come up with a visionary document. He think the 2 year process of it was a strain but it was actually pretty nice. Kohout said with the communication office, how much have the current employees been consulted about it? Bates said they have been in contact quite a bit. The rebranding is so that it gets put on the Assessment schedule. Many offices ask individually ask to get their office rebranded. There are always situation where the office changes its name or uses and that could be changed in between the SPAC process. They are offering this up because it takes a significant amount of time from the PC office to rebrand offices. They would like to have those couple years to look at it on a strategic way. Smiley said she had a question about recommendation number 4 to utilize the expertise of the PC to promote student fee funded initiatives. She was wondering if the student tech fee would be included in that process. Bates said he would yield to the Board for that because he is unaware of the fee structure and how much control they have over each of the fees. It is his understanding that if the Board is funding a big project they would have some hand in advising that process for advertising that. Smiley said thank you. Alcantar Soto said under one of the recommendations it said that there will be clear communication to all AS employees but it is her understanding that clubs often times are part of the slow down, and she only sees it part of number 7 recommendation. Is it a significant impact? Bates said they haven't seen it so much this year. It is smoothing out a bit, that's why they said to assess it and then they can re-address it. Alcantar Soto said she would love to have any changes for the turnaround time. Bates said if they ever change it they send an email to the whole AS about the changes. Alcantar Soto said she was trying to find the mission statement was because they proposed a new one and it would be nice to see the old one. Bates said it isn't in there but it talked about the print shop that they use to have and no longer have. They haven't offered offset printing in years. It was basic things not structural.

Ghant said they will not be viewing the VU Gallery SPAC documents yet.

B. AS Initiative Deadline Extensions

Wolters said there is not a printed document for this but she has the deadline as it was. She will yield to Katrina Heffner. Heffner said there wasn't any advertisement for the initiative deadlines and she has two friends who would like to have an initiative to the Election and she would like to request an extension so they can get it in. Wolters said she didn't see a lot of outreach about this. In her opinion it would be helpful for Monday to be a better deadline.

MOTION ASB-15-S- *by Kohout*

Approve to move this to an action item.

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

Dugovich said concerning about student outreach, would Monday be feasible. If they have to collect 5% of student signature. Kohout said this would be the deadline for the language to the Board, not the signatures. Dugovich said okay so the signatures wouldn't be due then? Kohout said no. Alcantar Soto said that she would propose it to Tuesday and Board documents aren't due till Tuesday.

MOTION: ASB-15-W- *by Alcantar Soto*

Approve the deadline extension of AS Initiatives until Tuesday March 10th at 8am.

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

C. Police Accountability Resolution

Wolters said this is a dialog and a discussion and the Board meeting session may be a little more formal that they had anticipated but please don't feel intimidated. Please speak freely. There are some draft language that she wrote up and she is not asking for anyone to agree to that language she just wants folks to come prepared knowing that she has been working on this document. It doesn't need to take the form as a resolution. Her desire is for them to work together on a document and at the end they would all be able to sign. This would be to improve the community relations between the students and community police. Introductions were given by the Board members. Malcom Oliver said he is glad to be there and have this connection. He is there as the chair of that advisor committee for the Bellingham community. It hasn't been a positive connection between people of color and police officers and they would like to change that. Introductions were given by the Police representatives. Wolters said she doesn't want to have that document as a concrete thing, she wanted to show folks she has been making an effort at this but it doesn't need to be directly influenced by the document she provided. it is not an information item currently, she would like it to be a discussion item today. There wasn't a whole lot of collaboration on this document but she has talked to Oliver with this. She wrote this by herself. He understands the level of concern that is going on nationally, they are very important issues, what he is concerned about, if they are going to focus on those issues, and they are going to come to an agreement and a statement, he hopes they consider the local situation as well. They have three very professional police organizations represented in the meeting today. He can't speak for others but his concern is that if they are going to comment on nationally based issues, they do it in a way that is constructive but is considerate of the law enforcement that is in that community because he believes that their community is very different. He has experienced in many agencies, he has met with chiefs from folks in WA DC and he knows this is a uniquely different situation and he does not want to damage the hard work that the men and woman have put into this community already. They are out on the street every day providing services and they don't want to have them feel that they don't have the support of their community. They see this as an opportunity that potentially the AS Board could set an example for other folks in the community. What he is experiencing is that people in the community that are critical but are not giving any solutions. Wolters said they would like to give the support that is needed and help work towards a solution. Smiley said one of her concern is being that the largest demographic of folks of color in this community is on Western's campus, what are the procedures or protocol for dealing with students on and off campus. Darin said They can start with on campus. It has been his intent for the past 2 years that they have a transparent police department and that is approachable. He has been consistent with his message to create an environment where they can come to them. They would like to have that relationship. They also recognize between law enforcement and the community is based on perception. Some of those things that they have done because they are dedicated to mutual trust, they have done training. Mandatory diversity training and they are striving to represent the community that they serve. They have done training on the LGBTQ community that is mandatory. Mandatory equal opportunity training. Community interaction goals, one being to have five (5) community positive encounters a day. People are really unapproachable in police cars, so they have to get out and be engaged. That is their goal and they are working with it. They are meeting with the ESC and Black Student Union (BSU). Any group that wants to work with them they are interested in working with them. This whole perception about police interacting with the campus community, there are some struggles with that too. He talks about his officers go out and walk and on bikes. As an officer, it is hard to break that barrier with so much mistrust from others. He may be on campus saying hello and good morning to folks and it shocks students because they feel like they must have done something wrong. They are trying to knock that barrier down. It is important as the AS Board to get that message out the student body to say that they are dialoging with the law enforcement body and they need to get their voices heard too so they can meet in the middle. Speaker: Off campus perspective, they have policies and procedures. It's not about race or ethnicity but it's about treating people like human beings and

treating them respectfully. As an agency they have a very strong representation for community policing but many folks who come to this community may come from a different areas where that is not the case. They make judgement based on the prior experience without considering they are in a different community and it may be done differently which it is. The Board as student leaders are there to show that it is different and it has to be recognized on both sides. He thinks that its about approachability and they try to do that without being too forward. Sometimes saying hello to someone may be a little too forward. He would challenge each of the Board member to go up to any police officer and ask them what their mission statement is. Every one of them should be able to tell you what it is. The mission statement isn't something that they put in a policy manual or on a wall, but it is what they live through out it. It is committed to community. They aren't committed to themselves, its to their community. They police this community how the community wants to be policed. All of their different group that the city of Bellingham has is responsive to the needs of the community. They have a very robust use of force guideline. The uses are checked in multiple ways. Ghant said thank you for your services. They had mention diversity trainings, can they please explain what that consists of? Darin said they have been to a lot of diversity trainings in his 25 years of services. Usually it is badly presented. It was put on by Nick Sanchez. It was really good, and it was because they all understand the concepts of harassment. They see everyone as an individual and everyone has a story to be told.

D. IMACs for Graphic Publishing

Ghant said this was recommendation number eight from the SPAC recommendations. She suggested that Bates create a proposal because it is a large fiscal implication. The original meeting she sat down with Lisa Rosenberg, Jeff Bates, Chris Miller and Raquel Wilson to talk about it. Every four years they renew the computers. This year instead of renewing them with dells they wanted to replace them with iMacs. How many are you requesting again? Miller said they had talked about 13 computers. Ghant said she talked about the price of that. The computer repair and replacement account there is \$29,939. Which is not enough to replace all 13 IMacs. There are documentation that breaks down all the figures. They should talk about how much they should really replace. Bates said this proposal is really addressing the graphic specific needs. Chris has been providing with great dells but there have been lots of problems. They have known for many years that Macs are better with graphics but they have been making do with what they have. But they are realizing that they are having a lot of downtime. They know they can be much more efficient with this. They talked about Chris Miller about the cost and other than that there are no costs with software, except digital signage. Chris did a really great analysis for them. It shows that the Publicity Center there are never more than four (4) machines in the design cave going at the same time and they have six (6) down there right now. He would be happy to have a reduction in the proposal based on that number. They can always put a dell down there. People come in all the time with their mac to use. Publicity Center data is on person machines that could crash. All four may not be used at the same time. They are ideally looking at getting 13 computers. They are more appropriately build for designed. Kohout said they are requesting 13 desktop? But there are only 6 graphics designers? Bates said there are other graphic workers who aren't in the cave. Alcantar Soto said there are 6 computers in the cave and 3 graphic designers for the AS Review, where are the others going? Bates said it would be 8 publicity center computers and 3 AS Review computers. AS review has the same issues. Alcantar Soto said so for sure 11 but hopefully 13? Ghant said the proposal is for 11 not 13? Bates said he would be okay with 11 as a pilot project. Dugovich said public relation aspect he is amazed they aren't already using iMac. They usually don't work well with PC's. He does wonder if 11 is the right amount. Alcantar Soto said is there an average that these computers are not being used? Bates said 2 or 3 within 24 hours. That's the same situation that the AS has a lot of the time because they are students in the same major. They all tend to flood

in at the same time. Alcantar Soto said she knows they have all the software, are there any additional costs for the IMac? Bates said no, they all go over to Macs with no additional cost. Kohout said if you don't think 11 is the amount, what would be good? Dugovich said less, but he has to go down to the PC and check. He doesn't think that having computers for every person. Bates said they wouldn't have it for every student. Alcantar Soto said are there going to be internships? Bates said they sometimes have internships, they would be getting credit for it. Wolters said what year or model the PC are using right now? How outdated are they? Miller said they are four years old, they are due to be replaced this year which is why the proposal is here. It is already in the budget to replace them with dell's. Ghant said they know there at \$29,939, could miller touch on it a little more? Miller said so the amount that is currently in there is designated for 1/5th of the inventory. The ones that were going to be replaced this time around was the PC, the ROP and the ESC printer. So that \$29,939 about \$17,000 would be for the PC.

E. Annual Housing and Dining Budget

Kurt Willis is the Associate Director of Housing and Dining Services and he is here to present the annual housing and dining 2015-2016 budget. Willis said this represents combination of his circle of life. This one pertaining to the budget to the housing and dining system. What is most important to the students is what the rates are going to be for the following year. The Housing and Dining System is a self-sustaining enterprise, the system doesn't receive any state funding from Olympia. There are three parts to the system, the residential housing, the dining component, and the facilities of the Viking Union. All three are part of a system that the Board of Trustees put together called the Housing and Dining System. The budget that they see contains all three aspects. They are aware of the program side. He wants to walk through what they have in the packet. The bottom line is there is a proposed 3% increase for next year's rates. So if anyone plans to live on campus next year, it will be 3% higher than it was this year. That includes the residence halls and Birnam Woods Apartments. The packet includes why they are proposing the rate increase. The packet also talks about the primary revenue streams and the out sources for those revenue streams. The influences that the face are numerous, which leads then to having an increase. The 3% wage increase proposal that the university has asked departments to incorporate into their budget as well as the response to the state market survey which is affecting a good amount of the classified staff. They have a plan in place to renovate their places. They will see that continue in Kappa which is going to happen April 1st. They debt finance through revenue bonds. They include in hear fairly high level budget so they can understand the inflows and the outflows. In addition they show the rates to their brother and sister schools, each school is different so they try their best to compare a double standard room and a standard meal plan but it's not always possible. He thinks they prices well and they are the value plan right now. The proof is right now, how their staff, their program and their facilities is and he thinks they are doing well. What he has shared with their input groups are some of the other enhancements going through this as well. One being higher level of academic concern by increasing some of the academic intervention with their staff and going forward they are going to be funding tutoring in the residence halls. This is a way for students to access the tutoring if accessing the tutoring center is an issue. They house about 92% of the freshman and if they can give them more access, they will. Dining services can take a certain percentage increase and with that they can enhance their programs. They will be extending their hours a little bit for brunch and adding additional food like fresh cut fruit next year. They share that cost with them. Inflation is a piece they can't avoid with the state cost of living. Of course the last piece is the renovation costs that they will continue to do and that's really what the 3% increase is going towards. What he is looking to do is bring this to them as an information item and ask for input and then finally he will come back next week to ask for a motion of affirmation on that proposal. He is available for question. Smiley said is really interested in the implementation of the tutoring services within the Residents Halls. She thinks that would be a really great idea and help so many students that don't access the tutoring center. Willis said they have done this in the past when it was needed for a couple of years

and then it faded off and the need has unfortunately presented itself again. He can't talk about the program itself because someone else is handling the actual program but he believes they will be working with Tina Loudon and the tutorial center to hire student tutors to expand what is happening in the library. It will have the same look and feel as the current model but the venue will be different which allows for more access.

Dugovich left the meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

B. Outdoor Center Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Job Description

Ghant said they have seen this document last week and there have been no changes to the document. Alcantar Soto asked if this was the document that Nidia Hernandez came and talked about. Ghant said Yes.

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Alcantar Soto

Approve the Outdoor Center Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Job Description Changes.

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

AS REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator Clarifications

Kohout said there was some confusion about the motion that was made last week on this document and she made the motion under the context that it wouldn't be going through budget committee but after doing some second thoughts and talking to Ghant, she would like to amend that motion.

MOTION ASB-15-W- By Ghant

Approve the REP Organizing and Outreach Coordinator Job Description changes subject to Budget Committee.

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. International Divestment, and Sanctions Taskforce Charge and Charter

Alcantar Soto said she knows there has been a lot of discussion about this resolution and she thinks they are making a mistake by making the conversation a lot simpler than it actually is. It is a lot more complex. She is very glad they moved it to an information item because the previous Board made the decision in two weeks and they would have made their decision in three weeks. The purpose of this taskforce would be to provide a space to have a conversation and to find a better solution than 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 by seeking new possibilities to address the matter at hand and by advising the AS Board of Directors in the form of a final recommendation by the end of Spring Quarter 2015. She has volunteered to be the chair of the committee because no one has expressed interest to do so. In the

charge and charter it says the vice chair will be the AS President or designee, both of which are non-voting. She would love to hear from everyone. She has put seven students at large, she didn't want it to get too big but she wanted to have space for a lot of voices to be heard. As of now they will meet bi-weekly and their decision will be by consensus unless that is not do-able and then it will be by majority vote. Ghant said she would like to move this discussion until next week when people are there who would potentially be interested in this task force. Alcantar Soto said she would like it to be an action item next week, because she wanted this item to be an action item this week. She feels like it being dead week and finals week, she wants the committee to start off right away in Spring quarter and if they don't move fast and start of Spring quarter with the members already on the taskforce it will slow down the process. Smiley said she thinks it is wise to have the conversation with just the Board members first as long as the input next week from the students will be taken into consideration as well. They don't get that chance to make those comments with a large group of students here. Kohout said she had a couple questions and concerns. She wonders what the recommendation would look like. She doesn't know if it would be as encompassing as they need it to be. Alcantar Soto said that is why she is bringing this to the Board. She envisioned it as a presentations at the last four Board meetings. It could also look like a weekly check in with the comment forum or the Board reports. Kohout said her other question is about the membership because she is afraid there will be specific separate groups, and she wonders how the membership will be handled and not let the issue at hand be altered. Alcantar Soto said that was a big concern of hers as well going into this and she would take that responsibility upon herself going into those meetings. In terms of how students would be picked but in the Orgsync form it would say "why are you interested in this" and she hopes to be able to pick a wide verity of opinions. Kohout said she still thinks even if that was her intention the conversation would divert to that. Alcantar Soto said she doesn't know that it won't do that, because there is a good possibility that it would just turn into a debate but if that is what happens then that is what happens and at least she tried. She just doesn't want to go through that conversation and not go through with this because they feel like it won't work. Wolters said she spoke to an individual yesterday, they were very clearly on one side, asking them not to repeal this resolution and when they spoke together and she explained how this resolution is a blanket statement for all international conflicts. That person left the conversation thinking perhaps there should be a different resolution solely working with the conflict they are talking about mostly. Kohout said they should look into different ways of how to get input and feedback. She thinks a work session would be really good as well. Alcantar Soto said she thinks that would be good as well. She thinks that the Taskforce would be a great place to start that conversation and enrich those conversation. Ghant said she really likes that idea and it would help get away from those foreign conflicts because they aren't as well adverse in those topics.

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

A. Committee Appointments

Student Academic Grievance Board
Taylor Fletter Senior English

Legislative Affairs Council
Makenzie Dunn Freshman undecided

MOTION ASB-15-W- by Kohout

Approve all Consent Items.
Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

X. BOARD REPORTS

No board reports were given at this meeting due to the length of the meeting.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Child Development Center Fees Ghant moved to table this discussion until next week.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:19 a.m.