

Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 10^h, 2015 VU 567

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Emma Palumbo (Incoming Board Member, Patrick Eckroth (Incoming Board Member/ REP Director), Zach Dove (incoming board member), Julianna Jackson (IBDS Taskforce), McKenna (IBDS Taskforce), Israel Ríos (Incoming Board Member)

MOTIONS

- ASB-15-S-39** Approve outstanding minutes. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-40** Approve the Resolution Emphasizing Campus Safety Regarding Advocacy Work and the deletion of the last “whereas” and in the “Be it Resolved” section, removing the word “intentionally”. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-41** Approve the Sustainable Action Fund task force. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-42** Approve the 2015-2016 GEF budget. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-43** Approve the suspension of the Student Senate until the AS Structural Review committee makes their recommendations. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-44** Approve the carry forward of \$3,824 into the REP Administration Budget and to be in line with the WinWin Grant. *Passed*
- ASB-15-S-45** Approve Committee Appointments. *Passed*

Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ASB-15-S-39 by Kohout

Approve outstanding minutes.

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

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. International Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Taskforce Recommendations

Alcántar Soto said they saw this last week. They made changes to the second to last

“Whereas”. She thinks if there was a really important issue students have the right to bring it to a student vote. The only included one “Be it Resolved” and the original “Be it Resolved” had the 4 freedoms but they decided to have it as a “Whereas”. They may have had to change some documents or policies if they left it in and some of the members felt it was not necessary to have it in there so they changed it to a “whereas” statement. The “Be it Resolved” statement got reworded to say, “the ASWWU shall take action to foster dialogue in a safer environment and protect students, faculty, staff, or guests of AS sponsored events from individuals or groups that intentionally threaten or intimidate them based on their membership in a protected class (1) as stated in WAC 516-21- 110, along with the addition of political affiliation, gender identity, criminal record and documentation status.” They reworded the last be it resolved to be more objective by taking out the “prohibiting and removing” part because it was aggressive. This time it wasn’t consensus it was a lot of compromises. Alcántar Soto asked if anyone has any questions. Wolters had a couple questions. She was curious criminal record under the “be it Resolved”. She wondered if they used criminal records in the past. Dove said it would prohibit discriminating of the criminal record. Wolters said if they were bringing someone to campus shouldn’t they check? Dugovich said some people are discriminated against because of their past and this would protect against it. There of course people who do bad things and continue to. The AS should be able to see those type of things. Alcántar Soto said they are not included in WAC but it would be included to have those backgrounds. Wolters said have they recognized the 4 freedoms before? Should they put it in there? Alcántar Soto said she doesn’t know, they have the ability to make that change. Kohout said it doesn’t gain or lose anything by being in there. She would be curious of its purpose. It doesn’t make as much sense to her as the other ones. Alcántar Soto said she would like to committee to touch base on this one. Dugovich said either or, it doesn’t hurt to be in there either. It is fluff but it is good fluff. It’s in there because it is nice. Wolters said they are beautiful ideas, but she doesn’t know if it should go in this document. Alcántar Soto said the committee was going over the same thing, some felt it was needed. They changed it from be it resolved to a lesser. Rodriguez said they had a lot of discussion about it and restricting a lot of it. Wolters said it is their last meeting and she wants to make sure it isn’t going to go through the same process and the resolution they just repealed. Alcántar Soto said she has thought about that but she doesn’t think it is so because they dedicated a taskforce to this. They heard student voices and input and carried out what student’s changes. The changes where discussed in both meetings. She doesn’t see it as rushed and it was very intentional. There were two ASVP’s involved and they got input from other board members. She doesn’t feel like it is rushed at all. Dugovich dittoed. This is months in the making. Rodríguez said how everything went in march, this was the most responsible way to handle the situation. They put in a lot of intentional efforts and seeing all

the sides and ways to go about it. Alcántar Soto said the biggest critique about this is document is all of this is said somewhere else in other policies on campus. The purpose is to emphasis “on behalf of the As, we recognize these exist and we will work to uphold them” if there is a student on campus to feel unsafe, they have this. It won’t prohibit anyone from saying anything. Restating anything just to restate it and showing they uphold it is not unimportant. Wolters said in the “be it resolved”, “individual or groups that intentionally threated or intimidate them based on their membership” and asked how would they measure that? Alcántar Soto said they can’t. She tried to say it in a more objective way, they won’t be able to see the intentions. Dugovich said why don’t they remove the word “intentionally”? Alcántar Soto said it could go either way. Kohout said she would be okay with taking it out too. It could be a learning opportunity to say even if they weren’t doing it intentionally, this is the impact. Dugovich said if someone did something to really offend a group of students, they need to know from the AS that they did that. Paddock said whether intentionally or without it, wouldn’t it be up to the AS? Wolters how do they decide and who gets to decide? Alcántar Soto said if they take it out they could focus on the impact. They are alerted by the students when things happen. Students at large and the AS are the ones to be the ones to alert things happened. Often times the advisers are the ones to jump in and she is assuming that is what would happen then. Kohout said the person who gets to decide that is the person who is impacted by it and to judge it. It’s a good opportunity to have those discussions. Smiley said the last “whereas” and the 4 freedoms. It’s not sitting right with her. Isn’t it given as their constitutional rights? Dugovich said these are not in the constitution, this is a lot broader. Freedom of fear is a good example. Smiley said the four freedoms still don’t sit well. Dugovich asked if they are doing this because of who it came from not what it represents. Smiley said yes. Dugovich said if it doesn’t sit well with her, it doesn’t sit well with him. Jackson said she recognizes the FDR part of the four freedoms which is why they took that part out. The 4 freedoms were created by those world leaders that use the same ideas, without saying how FDR used them, but putting it in the document would be based on how the united nations does it and their recognitions. It would be in recognition of the universal rights for all people. What the international communities have recognized as those rights. Paddock said one thing they talked about was about how they were written. However it was written, the US didn’t sign on to it, so the US isn’t tide to it. Jackson said yes this was brought up, her point against it was just because the US officials failed to sign onto it, doesn’t mean they can’t sign onto it. Just because their leaders didn’t, why can’t they decide it is worth being recognized? The US not signing off doesn’t have to reflect how they act. Alexander said the perspective on the “be it resolved”. He wanted to remind them there is student conduct code that is there to protect students. There are procedures in place to help as well. Alcántar Soto said does the board feel they should take out the last “whereas”? Dugovich said yes. Wolters

asked about the word intentionally? Rodríguez said take it out

MOTION ASB-14-S-40 by Alcántar

Approve the Resolution Emphasizing Campus Safety Regarding Advocacy Work and the deletion of the last “whereas” and in the “Be it Resolved” section, removing the word “intentionally”.

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

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Sustainable Action Fund

Dugovich said he made changes since the last meeting. He changed the title to June 2015, making it the Sustainable Action Fund instead of the Green Energy Fee. He added the vice chair to be the AS VP for Business and Operations or designee. And as he discussed in the last meeting, he added a member of the committee can have a proxy designated to attend the meeting.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-41 by Dugovich

Approve the Sustainable Action Fund task force.

Second: Smiley Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

B. GEF Budget

Dugovich said it was the same as last week. They just approved a project but it won't be reflected until next year because it isn't approved by everyone it needs to yet. Dugovich said trash bins send a signal when they need to empty them.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-42 by Dugovich

Approve the 2015-2016 GEF budget

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

C. Student Senate Suspension

Kohout said there have been no changes to this document. Alcántar Soto asked this will be looked at the AS Structural review committee. Kohout said they will look at how they can

have more student input. Alcántar Soto said so if they take 3 years, will the student senate be suspended until then? Kohout said yes.

MOTION: ASB-15-S-43 by Kohout

Approve the suspension of the Student Senate until the AS Structural Review committee makes their recommendations.

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

D. WinWin Carry Forward.

Eckroth said this is a request for the WinWin grant money to be carry-forwarded to next year. This is in line with the contract of the grant. It was meant for the Get Out the Vote efforts and voter registration only. It would go into the administration budget again. If they want to figure out how much there is, there are three different sources of funding listed in the documents. They went over this last week and he is here if anyone has any questions.

MOTION ASB-15-S-44 by Kohout

Approve the carry forward of \$3,824 into the REP Administration Budget and to be in line with the WinWin Grant.

Second: Dugovich Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

A. Committee Appointments

Activities Council

George Vadino Political Science Senior

Legislative Affairs Council

Seth Brickey Political Science Junior

Seth Ceely Political Science Junior

Committee on Undergraduate Education

Kate Wlech	Geography	Sophomore
Seth Ceely	Political Science	Junior

MOTION ASB-14-S-45 by Alcántar Soto

Approve Committee Appointments

Second: Kohout

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

X. BOARD REPORTS**President**

Annika Wolters reported that she will start cleaning her office tomorrow. Belina Seare will do an awesome job, she has no worries at all which is really good. She loves them all.

VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that she had her last meeting with the Integrity Taskforce. It extended its meeting time to be over the summer. It's been a great experience and she has learned a lot and continues to learn a lot.

VP for Activities

Giselle Alcántar Soto reported that this week they have been wrapping up a lot of projects and work on policies. She has had a lot of time doing an internship with Israel Ríos. And very confident he will do a great job next year. It has been a challenging experience for her and really rewarding. She is going to miss them all.

VP for Diversity

Cristina Rodriguez reported that ESC commencement is Friday. A lot of people of color (POC) will be attending. The Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP) had their BBQ at Casey Hayden's house. With both incoming and outgoing and she has heard good things. She thinks made it clear how much she loves everyone by the consistent hugging and expressing her love. Last week when they spent time together was one of the most magical times she had. She really appreciates all of them.

VP for Governmental Affairs

Sarah Kohout reported that they had their last Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) meeting on Thursday. They have been doing a lot of interning with Eckroth who will do really well. She really liked working with all of them. She will miss all of them. They should have a reunion in a couple years. She really likes them all.

VP for Student Life

Zach Dugovich reported that the Green Energy Fee (GEF) passed a project. It's for \$54,000 and it's a really cool compost garbage bin. It tells them when they need to be emptied. University of Washington (UW) has them. It's been an amazing experience and he has enjoyed it. Those who say they can and those who say they can't are both usually right. He sees a lot of people who thinks they can.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:48 p.m.