

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday October 29th, 2014

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**AS Board Officers:** *Present:* Annika Wolters (President), Jaleesa Smiles (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):** Morgan Burke (AS Business Director), Anna Goad (Western Front Reporter)

**MOTIONS**

**ASB-14-F-21** Approve the minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup> 2014. *Passed.*

**ASB-14-F-22** Approval of \$919.11 from the Operating and Enhancement fund to fund two students at large and Cristina Rodriguez to go to the Oregon Student at Large. *Passed.*

**ASB-14-F-23** Approve Committee Appointments. *Passed.*

*Annika Wolters, AS President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of October 29th 2014**

*MOTION ASB-14-F-21 by Dugovich*

Approve the minutes of October 29<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Second: Ghant

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**Burke said that they are doing such a wonderful job.**

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

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

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

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

**A. Oregon Student of Color Conference**

Rodriguez said last week Dugovich has noticed some glitches with numbers and she updated those in the proposal. Diversity fund wasn't an option because it takes six (6) weeks to approve. Yesterday at Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Steering Committee, \$919.11 got approved from the ESC Steering Committee Budget. Tonight will determine whether Operating and Enhancement will be approved today and tomorrow she is going to the Personnel Committee to ask for funding from the Student Development Fund and will make the proposal an information to action item. All applications are submitted and she will look over those with Eric Alexander tomorrow. She wants to implement the acquired knowledge learned at this conference and she has been looking into different avenues on how to bring it back to other on campus. For example she can bring it back to the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Presidents Councils and see if they want to do a joint meeting with multiple groups, or big event and talk about what they learned through a presentation and dialogues. She is also working on the Teach In series with nick

Courtney. Because it's a series, its continuous and she can implement it at the next Teach In. Rodriguez wants to do reflection questions to the people going on the trip like Kohout did with the United States Student Association (USSA) trip. She can ask different questions such as, "What did you learn at the Oregon Student of Color Conference" and "How will you apply it to your work on campus" and more. Those questions will determine whether she will institutionalize it through a budget for future years. Alcantar Soto asked Rodriguez if in the long run she is trying make this an internalized and institutionalized conference. Rodriguez said yes so the next years Vice President for Diversity won't have to spend all this time getting proposals together and going through all the different budgets as it would already be set in the budgets. She will just try to add more money to the budget that she oversees the diversity initiative so she wouldn't have to ask to allocate more money next year. But it would be determined by the feedback on the reflective questions from the participants. Ghant asked if any students at large applied yet. Rodriguez said yes. Ghant said so she knows Smiley wanted to go to the conference, and because the Operating and Enhancement fund would fund Rodriguez and two students at large would an AS Board member be considered a student at large because they are a student. She is asking because the other two funds wouldn't be able to fund a board member. It is up to their interpretation for student at large. Her thoughts would be greater student body but at the same time a board member would be a student. Her question would be if Smiley wanted to go, could she go. Rodriguez said she would look at all the applications and see how everyone answered the three questions that were asked and determine who will get the most out of that experience. Ghant said yes but the Operating and Enhancement fund would only be able to fund Rodriguez and two students at large and the Operating and Enhancement fund is set up to also fund board members for conferences. But because in the proposal it says Rodriguez and two students at large, her question is how they would determine student at large. Rodriguez said she fall under the category of an AS Employee and use the Student Development Fund. Ghant said no board members can't use that fund for conferences only the Operating and Enhancement. Smiley said although they are talking about her, it's a larger question of could a board member be considered a student at large. It should be specified either way. She did apply but if she doesn't get accepted that's fine however it's the bigger question she wants to be cleared up. Rodriguez said if she doesn't count for the student development fund Smiley would be considered an ESC student because she is an active ESC participant and if that didn't work then she is a student so Smiley would possibly be considered one of the students at large. Ghant said that is her question, whether a board member is considered a student at large. Rodriguez said yes. Ghant said she would like it to be up to discussion. Alcantar Soto said to her it means someone who hasn't previously been involved with the ESC or the AS. She doesn't believe it should be someone who is largely involved in the AS. Of course they could use the ESC aspect. Smiley said she isn't sure what the definitions for student at large or ESC students are specifically for the purpose for grouping them together in these categories as much as it is for grouping them together for people outside of these categories. At board members are not outside that categories, they are students, they go to classes. Alcantar Soto said the reason she has that interpret of student large because it's in every single charge and charter it states" student at large meaning 5 clubs representatives and 2 students at large" meaning they aren't involved in the club. But it's all up to interpretation. Kohout said student at large position, wouldn't really be involved. It's not defined in writing anywhere but for the ESC steering committee budget. That's just for people that are involved with the ESC? Rodriguez said yes and just for everyone's information she chose students at large to be inclusive. Acknowledging students may not feel comfortable going to the ESC. They still deserves the chance to go. Especially if she is asking from the student development fund you have to be an AS Employee and for the ESC Steering budget funding they have to be a ESC member. She just wanted to cover all the bases. Ghant said she dittos everything they said. When she thinks of a student at large student it's a student who isn't associated with the AS at all. She poses this question as a dialogue and to create a discussion. Alexander said when a

board members wants to attend conferences where do they get funded? Ghant said it comes from the Operating and Enhancement. Alexander said is there another question that can be raised from a board member development, outside the proposal that Rodriguez is bringing today. Kohout said she really appreciates the question Ghant has proposed. For the purpose for this trip it would be Rodriguez and Alexander who decides what the definition of student at large because they are looking at the applications. Dugovich said with two spots available such a small conference. It should be left to students outside the AS because they work there every day and they get to work with employees and go to many opportunities already, he feels taking up one of the two spots isn't alright. Burke said Rodriguez and her sat down to think about this and the different budgets they could be pulling from they decided to It would be best to have student at large to go beyond the regular scope of the offices and regular participants. Addition to that Board members have privileges and opportunities to go to dinners and social events they felt it would be good to give opportunities to other students that don't have the opportunity to do so and they would bring that information back to their communities because their communities may be outside the AS or the ESC. That doesn't say that board members can't attend, but putting the emphasis on students at large. For example, the AS Budget Committee they say the first pick of students are outside the scope of their programs. If other student employees want to participate on budget committee they can do so, but first prioritizing those who aren't involved. Smiley said thinks that makes sense. She applied as a board member. She is interested in going to the conference as well. If it does end up that they like that applications, and they give priority to other students at large that would be okay because that makes perfect sense. Ghant personnel committee tomorrow to request \$653.77 from the AS Student Development fund because usually it's an information and action item, for some reason if this proposal for personnel committee is not approved then her suggestion is to add the request to take it out of Operating and Enhancement to \$1572.88 and they would approve it to come out of the Operating and Enhancement fund so they can still take all the students Rodriguez budgeted to take. If it does get approved tomorrow then the request would go back to its normal amount of \$919.11. It would be a buffer just in case it doesn't get approved. Kohout said personally doesn't think that half their budget should be gone in five (5) minutes time period. And she would have like more warning and should have been brought to the board with the buffer originally. Ghant said it's not half the budget, the Operating and Enhancement fund has a ten thousand dollar budget. Kohout she would have liked more time to digest it but she does like that it's not half the budget, thank you Ghant for correcting that. Dugovich asked what the implications of this are. Ghant said it would just be allowing those students budgeted for to still go to the conference. There are no negatives to this. This is a safe net in case it's not approved. But if approved in Personnel Committee then it would go back to the original amount. Alcantar Soto said she isn't comfortable with raising the amount, it sets a bad precedence for the future saying they can change the amount at the last minute. If they wanted to build that safety net it should have been into the original proposal. Alcantar Soto asked if Ghant had a reason to think it won't pass in Personnel Committee. Ghant said usually it goes information to action item. Because they would be leaving next week it cuts things very close. It would have to be information and action item the same day and depending on discussion she doesn't know for sure what the outcome will be. Kohout said documents move from information to action happen. She doesn't see any reason why it would take longer than an hour. She doesn't feel comfortable passing the additional amount. It's a bad precedence to set. Burke said technically, they haven't made a motion, procedurally, the chair could make a motion the group would vote yes or no, and then they can make another motion and vote yes or no. For the Personnel Committee usually things don't follow information action, they don't have to follow that structure all the time. She doesn't want to base future behaviors on previous behaviors but for a couple past proposals they moved it to immediate action. The idea of adding those two sums together is a good idea. Ghant said she was bringing this as a discussion not as a motion.

Dugovich said if they wanted to do that it should have been submitted it before that meeting, he wouldn't feel comfortable voting on this with the additional motion.

**MOTION: ASB-14-F-22 by Ghant**

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

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

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

A. Committee Appointments

Activities Council

David Anderson Journalism Senior

**MOTION: ASB-14-F-23 By Alcantar Soto**

Approval of the Committee Appointments.

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

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

President

She's sent an email to a lot of influential folks around campus in order to keep them in the loop and discussion about a Martin Luther King (MLK) day celebration here at Western's campus. She wants to do a reflection, having a space to give thanks, and helping facilitate conversations. Also a place to take and discuss any actions they want to take. Diversity lunch in on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30 that will have 90 people there from campus. She will be bringing eight (8) students who are interested in studying diversity or who have the ability to leave an impact around diversity issues no matter what they study. She came today from a rather interesting results for the library survey. It was take by many students in 2011 and 2013. They presented her the results of those surveys. They may come give the same presentation to them. She emailed Jesse Moore today who is a Western alumni working at the White House as a speech writer. She didn't ask anything from him she just wanted to say help and he was so excited to hear from her. She met with two folks from the House of Representatives and Senate and one of them asked her about the Carver facility. They went over the issues with Carver. Students wouldn't consider raising a fee to help pay for that. She thinks state funded institution should be state funded. Students for renewable energy. Campus launch party.

VP for Academic Affairs

Jaleesa Smiley reported that she has brought a couple of agendas from the committees she's been sitting on because many of them don't know what each of the committees do and she thought this would be a good way to show them a small portion of what she has been up to. Committee for Undergraduate Education. Some of the things they went over was the GUR online such as Music 106 Intro to Hip Hop. There are questions about mode of delivery and the possibility of breaching

academic freedom and that committee doesn't really have it under their purview to academic freedom. She also brought the Faculty Senate agenda and Wolters went with her to that meeting this time. Faculty Senate had been talking about the calendar committee, what's being considered is having Bellingham Public School District in sync to match WWU's academic calendar so that things like spring break aligns. The main concern was with Woodring because of student teaching that occurs and students would lose a Monday of spring break because the two schedules didn't align. There are also concerns about publishing a calendar with religious holidays that aren't necessarily recognized on the schools official calendar. It would include all other holidays that students, faculty and staff may have to miss class for. Scholar's Week Committee occurred this week and they were discussing possible speakers. She would also like it if they could give her some feedback on what they are thinking about the speakers. She would love the input. There are some updates inclusivity work. Members of senate executive board. They have decided not to continue faculty student dialogue space that was initially proposed but to engage in a campus wide \_\_\_\_ to build critical connections and increase participation with Diversity work campus wide. This will better serve as students and faculty and administration. Implement inclusive climate they were hoping to gain in this resolution.

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

She was walking around earlier and she was chatting with people in the Legal Information Office and they had mentioned they could use a new computer. Later that day she was checking in with the Communication Office and they decided not to hire work study this year and they have a vacant desk and computer. She went to Chris Miller the Technology and Information Manager to tell him about the problem and possible solution and he said it was an easy fix. She felt accomplished. Alcantar Soto went to Management council to requesting \$350 to fund the event calendar. Business Committee met today and they are still working on the hospitality policy but should be done next week.

### **VP for Activities**

Alcantar Soto said this Friday will be The Mixer event. It's going to be awesome and it's going to open to everyone and starts at 4pm. It's a good way to build ties with important entities on campus. Then Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> Cristina and Nick Courtney the Woodring Teach In will occur. Activities Council recognized two clubs. A World of Darkness Live Action Role Play Same club and Students United for Palestine equal rights. 7<sup>th</sup> annual Last Comic Standing is happening soon. As they all know there was a prolife demonstrated put on the Washington Students for Life club and they may have received phone calls from students who were really upset about that. She wanted to make clear that the student group who put on the demonstration was completely within the rules. They have to understand this is something that can be really triggering for some folks. As with many other issues students like to demonstrate or protest and in order to protect the opinion and their freedom of student groups but also be mindful of students who are affected by these demonstrated, she is going to work with Shalom Long the Event Services Supervisor and this club specifically to make sure there is some kind of warning such as sandwich boards stating that they are going to be entering a demonstration space and then they can make the choice to go around it. The councilors on campus know that it's going to happen ahead of time that it's going to happen so they can make the call whether they need to be out there helping students deal with it or be ready for students to come in. Today she went to Techtonich 2015. It's a technology fair that happens every year. They asked for her help so she can get more student's voices there. They want it to be really student driven and they asked if she could help. She will bring in some students that would potentially be interested in helping out with this.

### **VP for Diversity**

ESC information item to introduce the Western HMONG Student Association club. Study in is occurring every other Monday when presidents councils doesn't meet. ROP vaginal memoir open call has been happening this week. Veterans Day Celebration will be happening at Noon on Friday.

### **VP for Governmental Affairs**

Sarah Kohout yesterday was Election Day. They had 80 ballots printed at the printing station. And 20 a Rock the Vote event. That's 100 more votes to people that may not have been able to get it. Leg Con applications will be opening up in mid-November. She is sitting on the United States Student Association USSA conference committee which works with Leg Con. November 17<sup>th</sup> Viking lobby day registration will happen then and it will be open for two weeks. They will see the legislative agenda at the next meeting. She will be meeting with people to figure out the Legislative Action Fund to see why it hasn't been charged correctly. She has been setting up meeting with the Environmental and Sustainable and the Research and Outreach Offices to go over a Social Justice Lobby day and an Environmental Lobby day and the details with those. There is a Washington Student Association (WSA) general assembly meeting coming up. They will have a report of that next week. Rental inspection is having a committee meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> as well.

### **VP for Student Life**

Zach Dugovich had the Late Night Shuttle public forum. Attendance was pretty minimal but he takes it as people aren't upset about this changed. If they were upset they'd voice their opinions. Regardless they will continue to publicize it. There are some good ideas for the three peoples who was there. It will launch the first week of winter quarter and after winter quarter they will reassess it. The Movember event is going on right now. Today was the Mental Health information fair. He hear that the event went well. There will be more events throughout the quarter. Friday he will be out in red square at a table to engaging students to see what they think about the smoking ban on campus.

## **XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

*The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:28 p.m.*