

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

Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Belina Seare (President) Hannah Brock (VP BusOps), Zachary Dove (VP Academics), Israel Ríos (VP Activities), Abby Ramos (VP Diversity), Patrick Eckroth (VP Governmental Affairs), and Emma Palumbo (VP Student Life).

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s): Jonah Falk (AS Productions Director), Dreya Williams (Resource and Outreach Program Director), A Blyth (AS Sexual Awareness Assistant Coordinator), Luciane DeAlmeida (AS Queer Resource Center Assistant Coordinator), Alex LaValle (AS Special Events Coordinator), Sierra Flanagan (AS Women's Center Vagina Memoirs Facilitator)

MOTIONS

ASB-15-F-37 Approval of the October 14th, 2015 minutes with the written changes. *Passed.*

ASB-15-F-38 Approval of the requested revisions to the agenda. *Passed.*

ASB-15-F-39 Approval of the Facilities and services Charge and Charter with the amendment to include the Recycling Center Representative. *Passed.*

ASB-15-F-40 Approval of the consent items with the addition of Israel Ríos to the AS Elections Advisory Committee as the AS Board of Directors Representative. *Passed.*

Belina Seare, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-15-F-37 by Palumbo
Approval of the October 14th, 2015 with written edits.
Second: Ríos Vote: 6-0-1 Action: Passed

Ramos Abstained

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ramos said she would like to add an item under Information Items with Guests for Sierra Flanagan to talk about the name change of the event. Ramos also wanted to add the ESC renovation Discussion for Other Business.

Eckroth said he would like to add a committee member to the committee appointments in consent for the Election Advisory Committee Charge and Charter, because on the membership there is a Board member.

MOTION ASB-15-F-38 by consensus
Approval of the revisions of the agenda.
Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. SPAC information with the AS Productions

Jonah Falk said he is going to talk about AS Productions (ASP) as a whole then the part that is going through the SPAC process. ASP is an event programming office through the AS. The mission statement is "The purpose of AS Productions is to provide a comprehensive program of student activities and events for all western students and their community. AS Productions presents Art Exhibitions, Live Music, and Entertainment". He explained how the office functions. ASP has an advisory, a director and a marketing team and various coordinators and five programming offices. Those five offices are AS VU Gallery, which right now is having a drawing jams. Next is AS Pop Music (ASPOP) and its having a concert this Friday, Luke Christopher. They have done a variety of different shows, and one large event is Lawnstock. There is the AS Films program and they will be having Halloween week leading up to Halloween weekend. AS Films is known for their outdoor films at the beginning and the end of the year. AS Special Events is another program ASP offers. Right now they are planning a collaboration with the Environmental and Sustainability Programs (ESP). They also put on the Last Comic Standing event that happens annually, as well as the Laser Tag event that happens in the Recreation Center. Then the last program is the Underground Coffeehouse which is going through SPAC this year. Falk was the AS Underground Coffeehouse Coordinator last year so he can speak of his experiences last year and now he is the AS Productions Director. Falk said it's a space where a lot of different art is showcased and a space students can express their artwork and engage with others. They have had four different program nights per week. Trivia nights, open mics, club nights and more. Some of the other nights include Jaz Jams, poetry open nights, and spaces for students to show musical art such as the Battle of the Bands. They are thinking about having an event in winter called hip-hop weeks. That would be to bring attention to particular pop cultures and underrepresented genres here at Western. The Underground Coffeehouse is a service to student because four to five days a week they have an event on campus, free of admission. It's a space on campus for students to see things, interact and engage with performances and a way to showcase their own work. The Underground Coffeehouse is an inviting environment for students to relax in. Some of the challenges last year is that last year they had to purchase parking passes out of their own pocket for the performers. He was grateful to provide that for performers but he didn't think it was appropriate for his position, and what happens in the future when that position can't afford to pay for parking and get reimbursed? So this year they have planned ahead and they are purchasing parking permits through the department ahead of time, so that the employee doesn't need to do it. Last year the Underground concerts were going on at 8pm ran until just before 10pm which is when the Underground Coffeehouse closes. That caused a lot of stress on the café staff and performers to have to rush off stage and get everything cleaned up. They pushed it back to start at 7pm starting winter quarter last year, and it's relieved a lot of the stress. This year through the SPAC process they are reevaluating a lot of it. This year they want to think about open mics musically more diverse. A lot of the students who come are singing and playing guitar. They are looking to get a keyboard to bring to the open mics. They are hoping for more instruments but that would be their starting point. There was a lot of successes last year but there were also problematic times. They want to improve outreach and the submission process, as well as expand their collaboration efforts. They are looking into the AS Sexual Awareness Center coming for a night to do trivia. Ramos said her advice for the hip hop week is to be very critical of the music and lyrics that will be playing including explicit lyrics. She would be happy to meet and talk about the ideas and any others that may be interested.

B. Title IX and Student Outreach

Dove said they brought some information at the student caucus last week and it was important to bring the Board's attention. He yields to Aye Blyth, the AS Sexual Awareness Assistant Coordinator. Blyth said it was brought to their attention that not many people have been given information about the federal investigation that are happening right now. They are here to see what information has been given, what do they all need, and what their plans are to do in response. Student outreach is up on the agenda and they feel that is a very important conversation

to have as well and to see what steps they want to do to handle that. After hearing their goals for the year and wanting to hold administration accountable about having safer spaces, they think this is a very good opportunity to have those safer spaces. There was an email sent out today to their student emails which kind of explained a little bit of what was going on. They wanted to get a sense of the process and progress so far. Dove said he personally has no information. Seare said she did not see the email. Palumbo said the information she has gotten has been pretty limited. She knows that at some point there will be people on campus from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), who will be setting up times for students to come and talk about the process. She hasn't gotten much beyond that, that's all she has gotten, and that all was pretty much said in the email. Its information that needs to be spread a lot more. Even her reading that email, she's excited that it was shared but had a hard time getting through it and trying to understand what was happening. Ramos said she sits on the Title IX Sexual Assault Prevention Taskforce. They haven't been meeting regularly, it's been very sporadic. She has been trying to get in touch more with the AS Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP), and more particularly Sexual Awareness Center about this. She has been trying to get more students on that committee, but it's hard and it's a long process. She has an idea and it's still underwork but the AS Communication office is working on an email where student can directly ask the AS questions about this. That email is said to be started up in Winter Quarter but she is wondering if they talk to the AS Communications office to see if they get it started more quickly, it could be used for this. Blyth said briefly brought up the idea of the AS sending out a follow up email unpacking what was sent out, but saying it in less legal terms. They would also like to think about having a response method and saying what resources they have on campus. They would like to offer up their office, the Sexual Awareness Office. Sometimes it's easier to talk to a peer and they do have confidential advising. They don't think a whole lot of people got information on this. The students who this is most important for have the least access to this. The days the OCR will be on campus is November 1st-3rd and they posted a schedule for their sessions. There will be listening sessions and people can schedule individual appointments. There will be meeting spots in Viking Union, the Wade King Recreation Center and one room in Miller Hall. They have a specific section LGBTQIA student. That is a specific listening section for an hour. They don't have a lot of information on their schedule but it would be good for the Board should be in more information on what they are trying to get out of those sessions, who is going to be coming, how is it going to be publicized other than this email. They can use Posters, Facebook events, whatever is the most affective outreach but the Board should be doing some work on this. Students need to feel welcome into those spaces. Ramos said they made it very clear that they don't want any media on campus. They want it to be quite on where they will be meeting. However because they have the Western Front and AS Review, she thinks it would be good if they put that information in that. If they can get that email up and running, she will get in contact with the ROP offices and see who feels comfortable with offering information and resources for students who have questions about the Title IX. Blyth said the university is also investigation section 504 and title 2 for Disability Discrimination and it's happening simultaneously. It was recently opened up and it's the same people on that case. They may have a little more time to prepare for that one. Alexander asked if when they are here November 1-3rd they are doing work around the disability case as well. Blyth said during November they will be coming for the Title IX investigation only but the same people are doing the investigation with the other case. They would love to hear their plans on how are they going to do outreach, long term process, how the Board will respond to these things. Also about holding administration accountable, creating spaces for students so they don't have to go to the federal government to be heard and they come to the resources they have on campus. Seare said the Board will be implementing a newsletter that will have Board Reports in the Western Front and the AS Review. Because this is time sensitive, it would go out November 2nd. That may be a good avenue to make an announcement. When she wasn't in her position she didn't think emails worked well but now, she personally is checking her email a lot, so what would be a better way to get the information out? Tabling and banners are other good ideas. Dove said posters would be essentials. He think they can put it in the Western Front? Ramos said yes, reach out to the Western Front and the AS Review, the can keep it on the event section until it's over. She thinks it's

important to be utilizing the AS Communication office so students have a contact. They can be use Facebook to create an event. She thinks that Western Communications office should be saying on their Facebook page. It is necessary to get this information out to students. Dove, Brock, and Ríos dittos. Dove said they need to get a message sent out, unpacking that information for students and it sounds pretty inaccessible. Can they work with the Legal Information Center to do that? Palumbo said is their contact information on the email they send out? Blyth said yes. Palumbo said a phone call to them would be really helpful. She would be willing to do that to try and get that information on what they will be asking students and what will they be looking for. Ríos asked if the listening session is next weekend. Is there going to be anything after that? Blyth said they anticipate only doing one site visit, and that's it. This investigation has been going on for several months now. They have been working on it and students haven't been informed of that until now. Once they do that visit they do a lot of data analysis and try to make findings on what they were able to gather. It's really important to plan beyond that. The investigation is happening outside the university and obviously communication is a struggle. They think working more internally may have more long term changes. It's the federal government trying to saying what they can go it better instead of them evaluating themselves saying "we can do this better". The investigators are trying to gauge campus climate and looking at the student experience. Dove said where are the listening sessions? Blyth said VU 565, the conference room at the Wade King Recreation Center, and one room in Miller Hall. They strongly encourage them to not have them off campus, because they personally do not know where the public library is, and that was an option they suggested. They have no idea if the university has plans on publicizing this in any other way. But the listening session are supposed to be an open space. When students go to these session they don't have to provide information, they don't have to write their name or contact information, they can just go and talk about their experiences and they are open for an hour at a time. Brock said are these group listening sessions or private? Blyth said those are for groups because anyone who shows up can speak during that time. They also can make appointments with individual by having time slots. Which seems very inappropriate to them but that is how they are working it. They are available by phone and email before and after the site visit. They are also trying to get specific sessions with self-identified groups, and who that applies to she does not know. They don't know if any clubs have been contacted or the Ethnic Student Center (ESC). They haven't heard about it and they work in the AS Sexual Awareness Center. The AS Women's Center has not been in the loop either and they don't know about the Queer Resource Center (QRC). Luciane DeAlmeida, the AS Queer Resource Center Assistant Coordinator said they haven't been contacted about the LGBTQIA session but they were told about the general site visit. But they weren't told ahead of time. Blyth said maybe an email blast specifically to clubs would be applicable saying "if they have clubs or club members who would be interested in this, here is the information". It would be really important. Dreyia Williams the ROP Director said one thing that Blyth was trying to say earlier is this idea, right now the federal government is involved. They want to make sure the Board, who has a commitment to supporting students, are making sure they hold themselves accountable for this. It should have never gotten to this point. They should be doing something when students are feeling unsafe on campus and when students are feeling unsafe in the AS. What are the Board of Directors actively doing to prevent the federal government from coming in the first place? That question has not been answered yet tonight. They don't expect them to have an answer right now and they know they ask this question every time they meet with the Board. AS the ROP Director, they just found out about that situation and was not included that there would be a site visit, when the people they oversee is directly involved in this. For them, it's crucial that the Board have more talks about what that means for the organization. Internally, they have been perpetuating the type of situation that the site visit is for. It would be really nice to start acting preventative on how to support students. Ramos said they will take responsibility about getting that information out. The taskforce is not well organized but she will take responsibility for not getting that information out. Dove said they do have this commitment on their Board priorities, and making sure they are holding themselves accountable. He proposes having a work session so they can work with that. Seare said that's a good idea, she doesn't know what the most effective way to get information out, even about the work session.

When do they all think that could be? Ramos said they can send out when to meet to AS offices and them, and she was thinking they can do something this Friday. Seare said she personally thinks that's a little soon. Maybe they can send out an AS wide emails? Brock said they can provide multiple times so it is more accessible. Seare said perhaps respond by this Friday? Williams asked if they could explain what a work session is. Dove said the only time they are all together is at the Board meeting and it isn't very flexible in terms of the agenda. A workgroup would be a time where the Board could get together with other students and sit down and work on this. Williams said they only concern is for them to be mindful when doing that because they will be dealing with issues of inclusion and oppression. Having this top down approach could be hard when they have folks on their Board are racist and are of white supremacist, which the Board has already shown this year. It becomes a little difficult to do that in a way to listening to those on the bottom, who are not on the Board, who are being really affected about this issues. It is great to have a work session where they all are getting to talk about these issues but there will be people who won't have access to that, and voices they won't be hearing because they will be busy in the policy. Ramos said ditto that. With this work session, they can set how they are going to get this word out, really using the AS Communications office, the AS Review, and the Western Front. That's why they want to meet on Friday. They need to put that work in to get the word out about this immediate need and then eventually have another session where they collaborate with students to come up with a long term plan. Guest asked what is Title IX. Blyth said Title IX is the amendment that applies to entities that get federal funding so because they get money from the government, they have to be in compliance. It basically says people can't discrimination based on sex. Over the years it's been interpreted differently. The current interpretations expanded to issues of sexual violence and how universities should respond and prevent those issues and protecting the experiences of students of marginalized identities and especially trans students. The interpretations don't come from legislation or court rulings but it comes from investigations like this. Alexander said he would like to add more context for Title IX. It originally was centered around athletics with gender equity of athletics. They would spend a lot of money on male gendered sports. Title IX asked primary higher education to balance their spending and support for the sports, specifically more into women's sports. That was an early iteration of Title IX. If they go on google and loop up the "Dear College Letter" they will find a lot of information. Blyth said it is important to recognize the history of it, why they are going to be on campus, and why the students aren't feeling safe. It's very rare that it got up this high, the university hasn't been under investigation since 1993. How did it get to this point and how are they going to prevent it, internally. Not just because it has gotten to the federal government. What are they going to do for long term planning? They need to make sustainable solutions. Not based on the federal government reports, findings, and resources but their based on their own. Seare said all the points were really great, they all need to be understanding their power dynamics. The next step could be to get out of this space and talk about it. She needs to sit with it a little more and think about it. Her suggestion is to set up a meeting with all of them to find some medium to come together and start talking about this. It's going to be hard to find that space when they have been so engrained in it. Ramos said after this meeting she will be sending a meeting request to meet with the ROP the Board and see how they will get the information out to campus. Dove said personally he needs more time because it is a huge question. It is something they need to answer though. Seare thanked them for coming and sharing their thoughts.

C. Targeted Event Request

This event use to be called the Vagina Memoirs but they would like to switch names to just Memoirs. Not everyone women self-identified have a vagina and not all people who have vaginas are women. They were going through all the files, and they found out they need to go to the Board to get a targeted event approved. As for publicity they currently calling it "Memoirs". They would like to propose it for an action item for next week. Ramos said because it is under grant it would be a job description change. Brock said for the job description change they can take it to Personnel Committee. Ríos said they can change the name of the event without the job. Alexander said this

proposal is for a targeted event. It's for targeting who they are looking for in terms of their casts but it's still open for anyone to apply and anyone can attend the event.

X. BOARD REPORTS

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Facilities and Services Committee Charge and Charter

Brock said she originally made some changes, but after some thought she reversed some. She kept it as an Advisory Committee because that is its main purpose. She wanted to keep the student representative from recycle center so that would have to be an amendment. Under the membership, the students are busy and places such as the Child Development Center, the Recycle Center and Lakewood are so far away from the Viking Union so it creates a problem to obtain quorum.

ASB-15-F-39 by Brock

Approval the AS Facilitates and Services Committee Charge and Charter.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. AS Reserve Policy

Brock said she is going to be changing it to Peabody format on Friday. That had to wait because Cindy Monger was out. This will look different next time but the content will be the same but it will be worded differently. They started with crossing out the VU and keeping AS. Do they all know what the reserve policy is? Whatever they have left over after operating costs goes in this order. 1) pre-approved grant procedures which include any previous approved grants. 2) Computer repair and Replacement reserve, which helps goes to replacing computers. 3) General Repair and Replacement reserve 4) the Large Event Opportunity Fund. 5) The Rainy Day Reserve which is for any emergency that may occur and lastly 6) Discretionary Reserve dollars which is left over, non-allocated money. They will first flow into number one, then second, then third and so on. Alexander said the Rainy Day Reserves is used for unforeseen expenses. For example, at the end of last year, after the AS passed the budget, the state legislator said they have to add a certain amount of dollars to positions benefits and increases and minimum wage went up. This covers that for the year until they can put it into the budget for the next annual year. Brock said right now the Rainy Day Reserves is at 20% of operating expenses. That they thought would be more beneficial would be around 10%. It's about \$210,000 and a healthy reserve is around 8-10%. The other 10% would go into Discretionary Reserves. Brock said it was last used for KUGS when they had an equipment damaged. 20% is too much of a reserve, most have 8-10% for programmatic reserves. Brock said the next big change is they have the power to allocate the Discretionary Reserve to other things. The VU contributes about 33% of their operating budget to the AS. They are proposing that that direct percentage is also overseen by the Director of the VU. Alexander said this started with Chelsea Ghant, last year's AS VP for Business and Operations. He is the Financial Fund Manager of the AS and the VU and he needs to be able to make emergency decisions, if an emergency should arise. Is an emergency arises, it can't wait three weeks to go through this process in order to receive funding. This change would state that he would have the authority to do those things. It could be that they need to hire someone for a special event, or another

thing is professional development within the unit so they can keep up on the best knowledge. This proposal would be putting the same percentage that FXXVU contributes into the AS, but it will be in the AS Reserves. The money would go into all the other AS Reserves first before rolling into this one and the AS Board would have control over all the other reserves. Seare said asked if there was a way all students could access these funds. Brock said no only AS employees or if they are sponsored by an AS office. Seare asked who made that decision. Brock said not sure when the decision made. It should go through an office, or an employee. Seare said she would like to open up the reserve policy, they are perpetuating the exclusive culture by doing that. She doesn't want students to feel all this bureaucracy and have that stop students from coming into the AS. Isn't this student's money? If they are spending dollars, a lot of students never see that money. Is there another way they open up that money to students at large? Brock said what kind of proposal would students make? Seare said there is no real way for students to get funding for conferences. There is not that same accessibility for them. AS employees get paid, they all have to recognize they are very privilege. She wants those funds available for those events other students may want. Alexander said that once the money is collected, it's the institutions. The AS could structure what those reserves look like thought. If they want to open it up, the Board can make that decision on the granting process. Eckroth said he sees the value for the conferences. This would line up with their Board agenda to make the AS more accessible for students. He does see problems with completely opening up the access because then student's will be doing the work that the offices are doing like putting on events, but that are doing it for free instead of collaborating. Brock said if they wanted to get more specific, they would have a specific amount they could allocate each year, and then set guidelines for how they can decide on it. It could be a grant that can be allocated out of the reserves. Ramos said it could be something like the Sustainable Action Fund. Students can give proposals and then the Board could decide. The process can be confusing though, so they would need to make the process simpler so students aren't discouraged with the policies. Seare said how many students actually end up utilize using the money from the SAF? Palumbo said as of right now, not a lot of student's access it. Seare said she thinks it's good to have this conversation publicly so students are aware that they are having these conversations. Brock said they should brainstorm more of these ideas. She wants to talk about her proposal though, how do they feel about number six? Ramos said it is the 33% is making her feel bad. It's still student dollars. Alexander said it would stay there, he would just be able to use it under his discretion. Brock said they are going to using the same amount that the FXXVU is putting in their accounts right now. It's a safe guard for the Board in case they aren't around the make the decision. Alexander said when they all vote next week, he will leave the room. Ríos said the Large Event Loan Fund needs to be changed to the Large Event Opportunity Fund as well. Brock said yes, she will change that. They don't even have to vote on it next week either, there is no rush.

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

A. Communications Committee Charge and Charter

Brock said the reason this is back is because they would like to clarify that the advisory for this committee is Jeff Bates because he is the advisory for the Communications Office and Lisa Rosenberg said he should be the advisory.

B. Committee Appointments

Legislative Affairs Council

Sarah Davies	Political Science	First Year
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Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Caitlin Upshall	Creative Writing and Spanish	Junior
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AS Structure Review Committee

Kevin Recto	RHA Representative	Appointed by RHA
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AS Elections Advisory Committee

ASB-15-F-40 by Eckroth

Approval of the consent items with the addition of Israel Ríos to the AS Elections Advisory Committee as the AS Board of Directors Representative.

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

Ríos abstained

X. BOARD REPORTS

Zach Dove, VP for Academic Affairs reported that he will be working with the Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) on the General University Requirements (GUR). They will be presented to the community and present the process on how they are getting feedback and how the change will be implemented. He went to his first University Planning and Resource Council (UPRC) today. A lot went over his head. Faculty could be aware of the changes of renovations. Students can acknowledge of renovations are happening when they are in the planning stages to give feedback. Hopefully can come up with a system on that. Updates on the Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC), they should all send him questions so he can send those along. Alexander said Seare is the one who will initiate that process. The way the agenda goes through Bruce Sheppard is through Seare. She would bring it to Sheppard and Sheppard would bring it to the Board of Trustees.

Patrick Eckroth, VP for Governmental Affairs reported that United States Student Association (USSA) is going to send the West Coast Field Organizer on November 15th. The Representation and Engagement Programs (REP) is starting Get Out The Vote efforts. They will be going through the Residence Halls to encourage folks to vote. In the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC) they created a forum for feedback on the Legislative Agenda. The committee has some initial proposed items for Legislative Agenda and they created the form to start getting feedback and open up the process to be more inclusive to folks outside the committee. It will help provide feedback on the proposed items and they left room for anyone to propose any of their own ideas. They will be reaching out to the ESP for the environmental side of the agenda. They want to make just one this year instead of multiple agendas.

Hannah Brock, VP for Business and Operations reported that she has been started the planning on the upcoming mid-quarter training. The first training is on Wednesday October 1st 6pm but that will be during their Board meeting so they will have to go to the second training session. Osman Olivera the AS Business Director, will be taking over for the budget part of the first training. In Personnel Committee they approved money the AS Student Development Fund for two students to go to the Oregon student of color conference. Kelly mason the as communications director has been working on the Speakers Packet to hand out to all performers on campus. It will include more inclusive language, the water bottle policy, and everything they want performers to know before coming onto campus. ASP will be seeing this shortly. Dove, Osman Olivera the As Business Director, and herself spoke with the Representative from Texts.com. They contacted Dove, and they included everyone in the conversation to ask questions from this. It operates similar to craigslist but for textbooks. It's free for students to use, they make their money by using a comparison tool for other vendors and make the money from outside vendors. Basically students could put their books on there and other students could look, comment, do a comparison of prices, and sell their books. It's way more organized than Facebook. You can search by the class or the (International Standard Book Number) ISBN. They got to view his screen as he was demonstrating it. Student listings would show up first, and after that would be a price comparison of other sites. Dove said they have a customized WWU website created already so it's ready to go. Alexander recommend connecting with Peg Goodwin the AS Bookstore Manager. A portion of the returns go back to students. Brock said it's not a direct comparison to the AS Bookstore because this is happening regardless of that, it's giving it a better more structures venue to do it in. Dove said AS Bookstore is profiting

on it by buying the books back at a low amount and selling it higher. Seare said they could do publicity outreach like the Zipcar did when they stood out in Red Square and they tabled about it. They could get the word out about it, to make sure students use it. Brock said they can bring that as an information item more officially for next week.

Belina Seare, AS President reported that they give these board reports and as they can see not many people are here. It's not very accessible so they will be giving their "Board Reports" in the Western Front and the AS Review. Although it's not the one way to solve the problem about exclusiveness and inaccessibility it's something to try. They will give a couple blubs about what they are working on and hopefully that will engage students more.

Abby Ramos VP for Diversity reported that she has been working on the Oregon Student of Color Conference. She got funding from the ESC and the AS Student Development fund and she will be using her Diversity Initiative Fund to fund another student but that fund only has \$700. Hopefully they can work on a grant for the following years so her position doesn't have to do this again.

Israel Ríos VP for Activities reported that the Club Hub had the Club Cup and it was a good success. It's a starting good tradition. Activities Council (AC) recognized two clubs. AC awarded out the largest amount ever awarded which was \$3,800 direct grant and a \$700 underwrite for shipping cost. He will still continue to help find funding. If they have any options for money, please come to talk to him. They covered the cost of the instruments but as they all know, that's not what makes a mariachi band complete. They didn't pay for their attire at all or any of the other items. He would like to give a shout out for sports teams. Women's Soccer is number 2 in nation and Volleyball is number 16. He went to the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) a couple weeks ago and he wanted to share what there were three main takeaways from the conference. The first is that he got to go to a session on training a student at large members on committees and how to make them feel comfortable. Another takeaway was having more accessibility to their events and to make sure accessibility accommodations are being provided. Lastly was that he got to tour the cultural center at Oregon State University OSU and it was really cool. It was a good place to be to look at some of those areas. Ramos said a suggestion about accessibility accommodations is that on the Facebook page for the event they can provide information for folks like where the elevators are and describing how to get to the gender inclusive bathrooms etc. They should require the AS offices to do that on events.

Emma Palumbo VP for Student Life reported that the ACUI conference was a great experience. She got to meet with people working on sustainability on campuses. She got to connect with folks in the union. She also made a lot of connections with students and staff for the Structural Review Committee. It was great to see another campus. Shalom Murphy won the ACUI New Professional Award.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ESC Renovation Discussion

Ramos said she has been working on the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Renovation a lot with the ESC students. She has been talking on the admin side with Eileen Coughlin and Linda P. Beckman and they both are aware of this; the ESC is specifically asking for the AS Bookstore in the renovation and not the having it in the Viking Union. She wanted to get the Board's insights on it. She has been drafting a letter and petitions and then having it go through the ESC and the ESC clubs. This letter will be coming directly from the ESC. They are demanding that they need an actual building. The most doable is the AS Bookstore. She will also be coming to the Board with a resolution. She wanted to get a feel for how they were all thinking because she is not going to bring a resolution if they will all shut it down. This being said, this isn't touching base on any other aspect, nothing to do with where the bookstore is going to go or any other details, it's that the ESC needs their own visible space and building. Palumbo, Dove, and Ríos all said yes they agree. Ríos said it's not the ESC's responsibility

to figure out where the AS Bookstore goes but the Board will have to figure it out. Brock said as the liaison between the AS and the AS Bookstore, she would like to be in the loop. This campus is difficult with space and being such a long campus. The AS Bookstore is big enough and it needs its own space. Does Ramos have any updating about the architects and their thoughts? Ramos said the contract is being rewritten to see how much the ESC needs and how much the AS Bookstore needs. They are having a meeting on Friday and hopefully she will know more. When the letter is finalized, it will have the approval of ESC students. She wants to make sure this is as much of a total student decision and not solely her decision. AS far as the administration side, the ESC is not responsible of figuring out where the bookstore is going to go. Maybe as a Board member she has to help figure that out but not as an ESC member.

Belina Seare, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.