

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

Friday, February 5th, 2016 VU 567

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

Advisor(s): Eric Alexander (Advisor)

Guest(s):

MOTIONS

ASB-16-W-20 Approval of the Revisions to the Agenda. *Passed.*

ASB-16-W-21 Approval of the Committee Appointments. *Passed.*

ASB-16-W-22 Approve the Publicity Center Distributor Job Description. *Passed.*

ASB-16-W-23 Approve the AS Outdoor Center Trip Leader Job Description. *Passed.*

Belina Seare, AS President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ramos had a revision to the Agenda to move the board updates and action item of the election code to the top because she would be leaving 30 minutes in. Ríos brought up that they should put Abby's Board updates at the beginning and then the election code because the election code discussion would be around 30 minutes long. Dove wanted to add a committee appointment named Tessie Robertson to the committee of Undergraduate Education.

MOTION: ASB-16-W-20 by Ramos
Approve the Revisions to the Agenda.
Second: Dove Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS - Guests*

A. State Legislative Update

Josie Ellison gave an update on what is going on in Olympia, WA that may be affecting students.

B. Local Issues Agenda

McKenzie Dent gave an overview on the local issues agenda.

C. General Education Reform

Zach Dove gave an update on the general education reform that is going through Faculty Senate and ways that students can get involved. He will be looking for feedback and anyone interested in the reform.

D. Conference Funding for Students

Seare brought up conference funding in the discussion items. Seare stated that the AS has a lot of funds in the reserves and she stated that Brock could speak to that better than she. She stated that the money in reserves needs to be taken out and they are figuring out what they will look like transferring money from one budget to another. She stated that she wanted to use this money to fund students going on conferences so they don't have to pay. This would prioritize students who aren't in the AS, employed by the AS, or affiliated with clubs in the AS. Seare said that this wasn't to say that students who are in the AS couldn't get funding however they can find funding through Activities council and Personnel committee. Seare stated that this is tricky for club members who are not employees because activities council doesn't usually fund over \$150 per student. Seare stated they were thinking about conferences anywhere from \$50 for a drive to Seattle to a \$700 flight to the nation's capital. Seare stated she wanted to see more students at this meeting to ask questions, however the board had come up with some preliminary questions. Seare said that the important questions they came up with in their work session on Tuesday night were specifically about what are the stipulations and guidelines for student applying for conference funding. She said they are deciding what they are looking for, what the guidelines are for what to be looking for when students send in applications. Brock stated that she had talked to several alumni from the associated students about the idea of how to spend some of the discretionary reserves. Brock stated that one concern that came up about using the reserves in this way would be making sure the AS does not continue acting like a clique and finding more ways to be inclusive to the entire student body. Brock stated that the fund should be used for more people than just those who are friends with AS employees. Brock asked if Seare had done any further research on what other universities had done with this same reserve. Seare answered that she had done some light research and that Palumbo had done some further research into what other universities had been doing. Palumbo asked if she should make a summary of her research. Seare added that that would be a great idea. Seare added that next meeting the board should each bring their ideas and questions on this fund to the meeting. So they could have a more intentional dialogue on the topic. Then next meeting the board could have a presentation and Seare could schedule a meeting with Lisa, Raquel, and Eric about the topic. Brock stated that she would be willing to talk to the business committee about the topic this week. She stated that they could help come up with more ideas. Seare added that they need a structured board conversation on this topic as well as figuring out ways to engage students in this process. She stated that student input would be best to find ways to make this information more accessible to students. Seare added that the board needs to get answers from students on things like "what time of the year works best for them to go on conference". Seare stated that a board meeting might not be the most ideal way of getting information on this topic but a survey from students might be helpful. Brock added that if they were taking about ways to spend discretionary reserves it would be good to have an addition to the ballot or a separate survey to see how students want the funds to be spent on. Seare said that this would be a good idea but they need to find a way to better inform students and get information from students on what they want from a conference fund so that it could be used possibly in Spring quarter. Seare asked the board for ideas on how to engage students on what they want to see in a conference fund. Seare stated that the three things the board is prioritizing non-AS students, trying to enhance the student experience on conference, trying to get meaningful feedback from students on their experience while on conference. Seare also stated that students could have other ideas the AS should use. Zach added that surveys and tabling could be used. Seare asked for some successful ways that outreach has been done. Brock stated that the board could use the publicity center to send out some signage out about the survey and about updates on this topic. She added that this would not just be in the VU but in other places.

Dove asked if the publicity center is very backlogged. Brock confirmed and added that they need to get posters for spring quarter out as soon as possible. Dove asked if that includes election things? Eckroth stated that election advertising is already done through the publicity center and is run headed by the person running. Seare added that she liked the idea of using the Publicity Center.

Seare called for a break in the meeting 10:27am

Seare called the meeting back into order at 10:36am

IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

A. AS Election Code

Ejim the AS Election Coordinator and introduced her action item which was the election vote. She stated that last week this issue was a discussion item and the most important things about the item were on public financing and how many signatures would need to be collected and alternatives. Discussion around the Election Code continued and they decided to see this item the following week to vote.

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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

A. Committee Appointments

Campus Active Shooter Exercise Planning Group

Joel Jordan Political Science and Sociology Junior

Jedediah Givens Undecided First Year

AS Structure Review Committee

William Martin Economics First Year

Facilities and Services Council

William Martin Economics First Year

Student Academic Grievance Board

Gabriel Ibanez MIS Junior

MOTION: ASB-16-W-21 by Palumbo

Approve the Committee Appointments.

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

B. Publicity Center Distributor Job Description Changes

MOTION: ASB-16-W-22 by Brock
Approve the Publicity Center Distributor Job Description.
Second: Ríos Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

C. AS Outdoor Center Trip Leader Job Description Changes

MOTION: ASB-16-W-23 by Palumbo
Approve the AS Outdoor Center Trip Leader Job Description.
Second: Brock Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

IX. BOARD REPORTS

Belina Seare, AS President did not give a report.

Zach Dove, VP for Academic Affairs did not give a report.

Patrick Eckroth, VP for Governmental Affairs did not give a report.

Hannah Brock, VP for Business and Operations did not give a report.

Israel Ríos, VP for Activities did not give a report.

Abigail Ramos, VP for Diversity reported that she drafted and sent out a letter that was written for some ESC students and for student who didn't identify within the ESC. Along with this letter were petitions with 150-200 signatures from students as well as a photo taken in the ESC with around 90 students in the Ethnic Student Center. This letter was a demand for a fully funded building for students of color, like a multi-cultural center. Ramos said that this was sent out on Monday and except from Eric she had received no comments back. Ramos said she would be hopefully writing a board resolution to come through the next AS Board meeting. Ramos then stated that she had a concern about the resignations happening in the organization. She stated that she believed the AS Board should be critical of what's going on in the AS and the fact that people are not feeling safe based on racial things, macroaggressions, and other identity based reasons. Ramos stated that she thinks the AS should be working harder to make employees feel safe because this is something that has been happening for a while. Ramos said that the Board isn't thinking about it until someone leaves. She stated that there are hot words like accountability and accessibility being thrown around but nothing being done. Ramos stated that she believes there should be a form of accountability for advisors and employees because it's not ok that people are leaving continuously.

Emma Palumbo, VP for Student Life did not give a report.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Belina Seare, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.