

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

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 VU 567

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

**Guest(s):** Osman Olivera (AS Business Director), Frasmies Baxter (Students for Farmworker Justice), Iglacio Pevez (Students for Farmworker Justice), Emma Bigongiali (Students for Farmworker Justice), Greta Merkel (Students for Farmworker Justice), Leah Olver (Students for Farmworker Justice), Stephanie Cheng (Student at Large)

**Advisor:** Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement and the Director of the Viking Union Facilities)

**MOTIONS**

- ASB-16-S-50** Approval of the May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 and May 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 AS Board of Directors Minutes.
  
- ASB-16-S-51** Approval of the change to the Distributing Funds to AS Reserves procedures point 2, 6. To change to 'Funded yearly: 15% of the remaining residual dollars after all other target amounts have been reached.'
  
- ASB-16-S-52** Approve the Defining AS Reserve Policy to Include Vote with Consent with the AS Board of Directors for Expenditures Over \$3,300 Under Section 1.H.3 Under the Viking Union Section.
  
- ASB-16-S-53** Approve to move the Solidarity Letter for UW to an Action Item.
  
- ASB-16-S-54** Approve the Solidarity Letter for UW with the Amendments to the Letter.
  
- ASB-16-S-55** Approve to move the Solidarity Letter for Seattle University to an Action Item.
  
- ASB-16-S-56** Approve the Solidarity Letter for Seattle University.
  
- ASB-16-S-57** Approve the AS Program Standard Changes.
  
- ASB-16-S-58** Approve the Student Enhancement Fund Proposal with the Stipulation that a Policy and Rubric Must Be Created Addressing Concerns Before Any Funds Are Spent.

*Belina Seare, AS President, called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: ASB-16-S-50 by Ríos**

Approval of the May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 and May 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 AS Board of Directors Minutes.

Second: Palumbo Vote: 4-0-1 Action: Passed

## II. PUBLIC FORUM

### III. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests\*

#### A. Berries Resolution

Ramos said that after talking to the Attorney General, they advised them to make the resolution more general. Guy said he understands the legal issues surrounding this but saying the actual company is really important. Alexander said this is based on if they can control the outcome. Their thought was looking at it on a broader frame. If there are others who are underpaid and put in these conditions, they would also want that to stop. They could reference Sakuma Brothers as well but its making it about the value though. Girl said yes it could be on other boycotts and they also want to center around this topic. Alexander said yes, but it's also a free speech thing. They can make a recommendation to catering and housing but they don't direct their work. Guy said if they only recommending it. Where the issue then? Guy said are they worried about litigation? Palumbo said a little bit? Ramos said she is thinking about what they would want to get out of the AS. What they would do? They don't care about looking bad. Palumbo said she thinks it is really great. The opinion on the resolution hasn't changed. She doesn't see them making an issue. Girl said if they are comfortable with keeping it, they would like it but they respect if they don't feel comfortable. Ramos said they will keep it as is.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\*

#### A. AS Reserves

Eckroth said they have talked about this a few times. Their main concerns were the percentage, which is around \$245,000 right now or 33 percent and about control and transparency around that fund. Students should have access to how this money is being spent. Seare said it would come through the Board always then? Eckroth said the Rainy Day Reserves would have to go through the Board. Brock said would the next Board put it in policy? Houck said that if they approve it, they would make the changes in the policy if they write out exactly the wording they want to use. Eckroth said they were leaning towards 10-15% instead of 33%. They talked about having it go through the Board and that way it would be on public record. Alexander wondered if it would be Board Discretionary if it had to go back to the Board. Palumbo said she agrees; wouldn't it just be the Board reserves again? Seare said it would come as a consent only.

#### ***MOTION: ASB-16-S-51 by Eckroth***

Approval of the change to the Distributing Funds to the AS Reserves Procedures point 2, 6. To change to 'Funded yearly: 15% of the remaining residual dollars after all other target amounts have been reached.'

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

#### ***MOTION: ASB-16-S-52 by Eckroth***

Approve the Defining AS Reserve Policy to Include Vote with Consent with the AS Board of Directors for Expenditures Over \$3,300 Under Section 1.H.3 Under the Viking Union Section.

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

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

**VI. ACTION ITEMS - Board\***

**A. Solidarity Letter for the University of Washington**

Ramos said this is a letter for the University of Washington (UW) stating what their efforts are, and what types of changes to the different colleges and the curriculum and the standards that the university they want to see. The second paragraph is the list of the demands they have. They can't include all the demands but there are a lot. They are also looking for support for a faculty. UW should be recognizing the work that their students are doing. They also sent the to them to look through it and they liked the letter. Ríos asked if they talked to their AS? Ramos said no. Ríos said are they working on it? Ramos said she didn't see anything from their AS. Eckroth said they have a small governmental side. Girl said it says "included but limited to". Ramos said that is a typo, it should say "not limited to". Palumbo said are those their demands or where they are coming from? Ramos said yes, they are coming from UW's students. Palumbo said listing where they were coming from would help. Ríos said how do you find the list of demands? Ramos said their Facebook page.

***MOTION: ASB-16-S-53 by Ramos***

Approve to move the Solidarity Letter for UW to an Action Item.

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

Ríos read some of the demands.

***MOTION: ASB-16-S-54 by Eckroth***

Approve the Solidarity Letter for UW with the Amendments to the Letter.

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

**B. Solidarity Letter for Seattle University**

Ramos said this letter is framed different. They got what they were asking for, but this is making sure the university still works with the students and they are requesting all their colleges critique their practices.

***MOTION: ASB-16-S-55 by Brock***

Approve to move the Solidarity Letter for Seattle University to an Action Item.

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

***MOTION: ASB-16-S-56 by Ramos***

Approve the Solidarity Letter for Seattle University.

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

### **C. AS Program Standards**

Brock said there are no new changes to this and they have seen it for a couple weeks. No Questions were asked.

#### ***MOTION: ASB-16-S-57 by Eckroth***

Approve the AS Program Standard Changes.

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

### **D. Student Enhancement Fund**

Seare said they talked about it in many Board meetings but it would be nice to see it passed now for the position can start preparing. Brock said could they pass this and say that a rubric is formed and work needs to continued? They could do that and the amount in the grant. Palumbo said with the added stipulation that before any funds are spent they need to create those guidelines and rubrics.

#### ***MOTION: ASB-16-S-58 by Ríos***

Approve the Student Enhancement Fund Proposal with the Stipulation that a Policy and Rubric Must Be Created Addressing Concerns Before Any Funds Are Spent.

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

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board\***

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

## **IX. BOARD REPORTS**

**No Board Reports were given.**

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

***Belina Seare, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.***