

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

Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:00 PM OM 340

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Alex LaVallee (VP Activities), Erick Yanzon (VP Academic Affairs), Mary Moeller (VP for Business and Operations), Aleyda Cervantes, (VP for Diversity), Bryce Hammer (VP Governmental Affairs), and Wayne Rocque (VP for Student Life).

Guest(s): Maddi Stuart with the Western Front

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

MOTIONS

- ASB-17-S-22** Approval of the University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-23** Approval of the Disability Outreach Center Targeted Event. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-24** Approval of the Federal Agenda for 2017. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-25** Approval to move the University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee From Info to Action. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-26** Approval to move the communications committee charge and charter with proposed changes and the additional changes to the ESC membership title to Assistant Coordinator. *Passed.*
- ASB-17-S-27** Approval of the communications committee charge and charter and the additional changes to the ESC membership title to Assistant Coordinator. *Passed.*

Mary Moeller, ASVP for Business and Operations, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Mental Health, Suicide, Ideation- Mandated Counselling

Two students at large from the university residence came to speak on the behavior mental health, suicide, and ideation and mandated counselling requirements that are often imposed on students. Rocque asked if students that show signs of hurting themselves or being in a depressed state run

the risk of losing their house if they do not follow the mental health requirements and the students said that yes, they are at risk. The RD said that it was in place to protect the students and the other students on campus and that because the university is run as a business, it is intended to prevent the publicity and the expenses that would come with an on campus suicide or incident. The student said that Lenard Jones is on the team that works with student issues on campus and that they review the form. She said that students will have to meet with multiple folks on campus to discuss their situation and that it is extremely uncomfortable. Rocque said that this looks like stigmatization because students who show signs of mental health issues are automatically seen as a threat. Rocque asked if there are any students who sit on the committee and Alexander said that he did not know. The student present at the meetings said that she had asked if she could be involved and they had told her that she would not be. She was told not to go to the meeting with her resident. They also said that the counselors on call are not very helpful—they do not ask about coping skills or how do deal with certain situations, but rather, they try to distract from the point and focus on other issues that are not relevant. The RA also said that she has often has been put in the position where she had to make the call about whether or not students should be allowed to go back to their rooms. She said that Lenard Jones had the idea that there would be a counselor that would directly respond to incidents on campus. Rocque asked if the students would write a list of recommendation so that he could propose it to the committee. Another issue, the RA said that there have been issues with the University Police. Both students said that the UP on campus do not engage and that Michael Sledge is extremely insensitive and does not actually care about student issues. Hammer asked if the Office of Student Life only addresses sexual assault cases. The student said that the anxiety attack was extremely over stated and that they forced her to tell her parents about it. The RA said that she has had issues where residents are forced to tell their parents things when they do not have relationships where that would be comfortable to them.

B. University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee

Rocque said that there were a few amendments based on the recommendations of the recommendations of the board last week. Alexander asked if he had gotten the chance to the RHA. Rocque said that the RHA did put a space for the RHA to participate in the committee.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-22 by Rocque

Approval to move the University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee from info to action. Second: Hammer. Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-23 by Hammer

Approval of the University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee. Second: Yanzon. Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

C. UHRAC Grant Proposal

This is the proposal to approve 15,000 dollars over the next two years to approve the initiative that the committee will have. He said that he was hoping that in 2 years he is hoping that the committee is either dissolved or that it expanded to a more general student worker committee. Moeller said that it looked good. Rocque said that there is a big stress on being non-political, the AS is the one place where they are able to push the limits and engage in the political system where they would otherwise not get the opportunity to do it. Moeller said that they have already talked about how to budget this proposal and that there is definitely room for it. Cervantes said that she suggests that when they use words like diversity they understand what the worlds actually mean and how they can approach the issues.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

A. Federal Lobby Day Agenda

Hammer said that she put in a couple bullet points. Moeller said that by performing the action of collecting student data from students because it often forces students to choose a gender when they do not identify with one. Hammer said that when they don't collect data, it's hard to track how the campus is doing on certain issues. So now, they can say that they need services for students of color on this campus. Moeller said that they should expand the issue of collection non-binary gender data. Hammer asked if it was mandated that they have to collect data or if it is just something that our university does. Hammer said that she would include a bullet point in that so that we can advocate for it but it is more of a university issue. They decided that they would say that they would mandate the expansion of gender identities available. Hammer said that Rosa, Nora and her are writing a proposal that would follow the model of public education in New York.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-24 by Hammer
Approval of the federal agenda for 2017.
Second: Moeller. Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

B. Disability Outreach Center Targeted Event

MOTION: ASB-17-S-25 by Cervantes
Approval of the disability outreach center targeted event.
Second: Hammer. Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

A. ASWWU Constitution

Hammer said that a word is being changed to repeal.

B. Resolution Regarding Transparency with Shared Governance

Yanzon said that while the university claims to have committees with students in them there is no transparency once those committees have been established. Yanzon said that the kiosks in red square are unused and outdated. Yanzon said that people don't understand that the AS is here to represent students and that the information needs to be more than just online. Hammer asked whether or not they have an interactive org chart and Alexander said that they do not and that the campus itself does not have a centralized standard of care. He suggested that they should say that students aren't finding it easy to identify the administration development on campus. Rosenberg said that they should not directly say that the board does not have time to serve students. She said that although students are often overworked, they do not have time to prioritize the students. Moeller asked what the purpose of the issue is. They changed it to say that students are often overworked. Moeller said that they should not have it because the clause is about students on committees not about what AS employees

need. LaVallee said that students are overworked but there is also not a way for them to communicate with students. He said that being overworked is not explicitly the problem in the AS. Alexander said that when looking at he was seeing two resolutions—one, that the job descriptions are over-packed, and that two, there is no connection to the shared governance piece of student engagement. He said that they are not keeping in mind the amount of students in shared governance. Moeller said that they could rephrase it to suggest more student involvement. Yanzon said that on the first page, the piece. He said that the person in VP for Academic Affairs position last year got a lot of this information. Mary suggested if they can suggest some sort of packet or informational piece so that people don't show up to committees without understanding what they should be doing. Rocque suggested that they make it into two resolutions, not just an Academic Resolution but also an AS resolution.

C. Communication Committee Charge and Charter

LaVallee said that the new positions made for the club hub with the club coordinator being dissolved it is important that a staff member sits on this committee. He said that that information could be more accurately given to clubs if the AS Club Promotion and Outreach Facilitator sits on the committee.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-26 by LaVallee

To move the communications committee charge and charter with approval of proposed changes and the additional changes to the ESC membership title to Assistant Coordinator.

Second: Yanzon. Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

MOTION: ASB-17-S-27 by LaVallee

Approval of the communications committee charge and charter and the additional changes to the ESC membership title to Assistant Coordinator.

Second: Rocque Vote: 6-0-0 Action: *Passed*.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

X. BOARD REPORTS

Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life said that on Monday they had a forum for the Resident Advisers (RA's) and that it was productive and hopefully the first conversation in a long standing amount of conversations that will hopefully be happening in the future. It was about pay, sexual assault, sexual harassments. Hammer said that the online petition has hit 1,500 signatures and that they need to continue the progress.

Bryce Hammer, VP for Governmental Affairs said that WSA was this past weekend and that they signed a letter of support for the RA's. They also nominated people for board positions and made Guillermo the director of WSA and raised his salary. They also gave Alissa a bonus and 10 days of paid vacation days. Not a lot is happening with the state legislature right now. They are out of session this Friday and are waiting to hear back in the following days to find out how much money they will get back. Hammer said that for the first couple of weeks for 2018, the University will be operating without a budget. She also said that the bill to decouple tuition from S&A fee's is dead and so they need get S&A fees decoupled as soon as possible because if they don't there will be horrible effects on the ESC, the AS, KUGS and more. She said that next Saturday they would be leaving for Washington DC and that they will be returning on the following Wednesday. She said that if there

was anything that they wanted the state to fix on terms of higher education then they should address it.

Mary Moeller, VP for Business and Operations said that they finished up the budget process early this year due to Maria. They were able to move the Services and Activities fee but that they are still going to be asking for a 6% increase. The S&A committee wraps up at the end of June so they might have to make a budget for a series of different outcomes and that it would not be time efficient. Wayne said to get the person in touch with him.

Erick Yanzon, VP for Academic Affairs said that at faculty senate they talked about the restructure and that academic affairs council they talked about the resolution and that was great.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity said that culture shock is this Friday and that they need to be fundraising for the multicultural center. Cervantes said that they did not want a donor wall because it is awkward. She said that they are having a workshop with the architects on May 3rd. She also said that they need to make sure that students of color are respected in the Resource and Outreach Programs. She said that they are also building a night market among ESC clubs and that that will occur in May. She said that she is hoping that people are having conversation with each office about diversity and inclusion. She said that people are not using macroaggression's and that they are not being racist. She said that she thought that training around diversity and inclusion was pretty good but that it did not click in some people's brains.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities said that there are some new clubs on campus—acrobatic yoga club, students for ethnic studies, the gourmet music buffet, the students for forest preservation and the roller derby club. He also said that Orgsync has been bought out by a different company so it will be changing drastically.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Moeller adjourned the meeting at 1:42.