



# AS Board of Directors

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

4:00pm

VU 567

**Members:** *Present:* Stephanie Cheng (AS President); Alexander LaVallee (AS VP for Activities); Erick Yanzon (AS VP for Academic Affairs); Aleyda Cervantes (AS VP for Diversity); Bryce Hammer (AS VP for Governmental Affairs); Wayne Rocque (AS VP for Student Life); Mary Moeller (AS VP for Business and Operations); Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement & Director of Viking Union).

*Absent:*

**Advisor:** Sabrina Houck (AS Board Program Director)

**Secretary:** Chrissa Browder-Long (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

**Guests:** Lenard Pingol (Filipino-American Student Association); Mady Sandoval (ResLife); Mia Amaranto (FASA); Galen Herz (AS REP); Aline de Oliveira Machado Prata (International Student Insurance).

## Motions:

**ASB-17-W-55** Approval of all consent items. *Passed.*

*Stephanie Cheng called the meeting to order at 4:12pm.*

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Aleyda Cervantes wants to move the Filipino American Student Alliance Conference Proposal to the first Information Item – Guest. Erick Yanzon stated that the WWU Accreditation Process item can be moved from Information Item – Guest to Information Item – Board. Bryce Hammer stated that the Local Lobby Day Agenda can be moved to Information Item Guest and she moved Structure Review Referendum to Information Items - Guest. Hammer added that Octavia Schultz sent the name of a committee member for Consent Items.

### III. PUBLIC FORUM

Wayne Rocque stated that he hoped to hear the concerns the RAs have with ResLife so the Board could help represent them in this process. The Board would like to hear about their grievances. Hammer stated that they are looking for outcomes that the RA's want to happen or any legal information they would like presented. Rocque stated that administration will ask what outcomes the RAs expect. Speaker 1 stated that they are concerned with the lack of a feedback system that is not departmentally regulated. When they pass information regarding criticisms up through ResLife, they go through the department itself and it often feels like they aren't being heard. For example, the Resident Education Model logs are used for one-on-one meeting with their residents, the log has remained the same the past 2 years. On multiple occasions, the RAs have criticized the log for being black and white but nothing has been done. They are interested in a feedback system that doesn't necessarily go through ResLife and would have more accountability. Speaker 2 stated that another complaint from the RAs is that they are capped at 19 hours per week but they almost always exceed the 19 hours. ResLife is under the impression that they are averaging 19 hours per week but he understands that there are minor repercussions for going over 19 hours per week. Hammer stated that the

19-hour cap is a state law but it is common knowledge that most student employees exceed 19 hours. The RAs housing is covered but they aren't paid for two weeks of intensive training. Speaker 2 stated that their payment starts when the first residents move in but not the 10 days prior while they are at training. Speaker 2 stated that there is a 4 credit class that all RAs have to take but comes out of tuition and was not the most beneficial use of their time. They stated that it keeps the RAs from progressing academically. Also, they had to sign a contract that states they can't have any additional jobs as well as keeps them from playing on any sports teams. Speaker 3 stated that someone was hired briefly last year but was removed from their position because the 4 credit course conflicted with a class they needed for their major. Speaker 4 stated that they play water polo for the university but ResLife has expressed that it is an inconvenience to them. They added that the class isn't useful for the job but might be useful for personal growth. The class focused on mindfulness techniques and the curriculum didn't include anything on how to actually do the RA job. Speaker 5 stated that the stipend was said to be \$40/week but they have never received that much, it is usually around \$30. They added that the stipend hasn't changed since 1986. Speaker 1 stated that in the class, they were evaluating different teachers at the time, so there was a professor but they also had multiple interim professors and that made it difficult to follow the class. Speaker 2 stated that for those who are hired after the class has taken place, there is an accelerated class that doesn't count for credits, which didn't seem fair to certain people who were hired and then couldn't continue because they couldn't take the credited class. Speaker 6 stated that the class is also offered Winter Quarter for applicants to get a head up but it wasn't a GUR and numerous people who took the class and didn't get hired. Speaker 7 said that they audited their hours to 17 hours which include their hours on-call and their weekly staff meeting. So they only have 2 hours to do the rest of their job. Speaker 2 researched and found that if the RAs aren't guaranteed 8 hours of sleep without interruption, they need to be paid for those 8 hours if ResLife cannot guarantee that they won't be woken up or disturbed. Also they aren't allowed to leave the community so in one weekend on-call, they are already at 48 hours. Hammer wondered if they are asked to track hours which they aren't. Speaker 8 stated that they had an hours audit after they complained that they worked more hours than they expected. Speaker 8 added that it takes about 45 minutes to do the rounds. During the week, they do rounds at 9pm and 11pm, between that time they will do logs so it is about a 5-hour commitment. On the weekends there are rounds at 9pm, 11pm and 1pm and if they get calls they'll be up even later than that. If there is an incident, they are required to do the paperwork before they go to bed after a disturbance. Roque wondered if any of the RAs had accessed their contracts or tried to in the past. Speaker 2 stated that they wanted to see their contract, however, they had a difficult time receiving it in the past but has gotten it when they went in person. Speaker 7 stated it is pretty standard to have one bad weekend every few weekends and last weekend, there was an incident and they worked from 9pm to 5am. Speaker 1 stated that there is a disparity when being on duty. Some regions on campus often require more time making the rounds and have more incidents compared to other regions. Speaker 2 added that it also varies based on the number of RAs in each community. For example, with Speaker 2's staff, they only have to do rounds every 10 days but there are other staffs that have to do rounds 3 days a week. Speaker 3 added that they are required to hit 80% on the log of their residents, so some RAs are having to do triple the work of other RAs. Cervantes stated a minimum of 2.5 GPA is required, she wondered how being an RA impacts their academics. Speaker 4 stated that it is extremely impactful and they often have to choose between going on duty or studying. ResLife made it clear that they want things done correctly and within a specific timeframe. They have found that they have to turn things in late and are staying up very late to complete their school work. Speaker 2 stated that he allowed his residents to have his personal phone number but during finals week, he was woken up before an 8am final to help someone who

was locked out. The residents didn't know the proper protocol to call the RA on duty and Speaker 2 expressed how unpredictable incidences come about but they are expected to respond to all of them. Speaker 9 stated that when scheduling the REM conversations, they often put up a schedule on their doors but they find that the times the residents sign up for are sporadic and then they will have to go from campus to their room multiple times a day. Speaker 4 stated that they ask that ResLife increase security in Highland Hall due to its layout being completely open access. They explained that they ask for this because they have been personally affected twice now. First, a convicted felon broke into their room and wore their clothing. Because they were an RA, ResLife told them that they weren't allowed to release any information besides what was included in the Amber Alert. They were moved out of their room and couldn't complete their school work or their job and had to take a leave of absence. They added that they asked for an extension on the REM logs and were denied that extension. They stated that this was a prime example of ResLife not listening to what they needed. The second incident was two weeks ago, February 18<sup>th</sup>, they exited their room and someone had written "I want to rape you" on their white board. They have no way of knowing who wrote it, whether it was one of their residents or someone off of the street. The one-on-one conversations are troubling to them because they are inviting people into their space who potentially want to hurt them. They brought this issue to ResLife who brushed it under the rug and stated that they could be moved but as an RA, they aren't allowed to leave their community. Their schedules are available to all those who walk by their door. If there had been a gate, they would feel safe and could narrow down who wrote the message. Even though Speaker 4 is leaving in Spring Quarter, ResLife is going to put another female RA there. ResLife has disregarded their safety by completely ignoring their requests. Speaker 1 stated that many RAs felt that their mental health was impacted by that incident. They felt that ResLife wasn't interested in handling the issue and gave the impression that they weren't allowed to speak about the incident to anyone outside of the RA group. Speaker 6 stated that their GPA dropped 50% and was diagnosed with 2 mental illness disorders. Speaker 6 was advised to quit their job by their counselor because it had so many negative impacts. Speaker 7 stated that ResLife stated that RAs are expected to use the resources on campus but Speaker 7 had the impression that ResLife sees them as dispensable and stated that the job is very much affected by mental health. ResLife mishandled an incident in the Kappa staff where ResLife allowed intimidation and harassment within the job. Speaker 7 explained that when it was brought up to Human Resources, they weren't taken seriously. The investigation took place over a month ago and they still haven't heard anything. They don't know if anyone is looking into it or if anything has happened. ResLife has severely hurt their mental health and well-being. Hammer asked if there has been a path made clear to the RAs for them to talk to people in ResLife other than the Resident Directors. Speaker 3 stated that ResLife uses the phrase "talk up not out", so they are supposed to go to the Resident Director but not other staff members. Speaker 6 stated that outside of exceeding the hours and personal conflicts that have occurred, they are required to fill out a REM 3 which asks about their sexual orientation, mental health status and other personal questions. So it is a very high risk situation for many of the RAs being minorities. The residents aren't required to fill out the wheel but the RAs have to. Speaker 6 stated that 42 times she has shared those things and has been attacked by her residents stating that "white privilege isn't real", "I don't think that your situation is warranted", "I identify as a conservative" and many more but they have to continue having those conversations to meet the 80% of resident. Speaker 8 stated that it is their first year as an RA and is a student of color. They don't feel comfortable recommending this job to anyone especially with marginalized identities. With the state of the country now, they don't feel safe and don't feel like they have the resources they need available to them. They don't feel heard, respected, or represented. They added that if not for the other RAs, they wouldn't have stayed

as an RA. Speaker 10 stated that many times, there are emotional and complicated issues they are expected to deal with regarding residents and friends that they are expected to deal with immediately and it can be emotionally draining. They are expected to look out for their residents but no one is looking out for the RAs. They are told to use the Counseling Center but there is a point where the Counseling Center tells them to seek out counseling somewhere else. Speaker 11 stated that they had to deal with suicide ideation situation and the way ResLife handled it was bad. ResLife had the resident sign something that said they wouldn't harm themselves and if they did they would be kicked out of housing. Speaker 11 didn't feel comfortable leaving the resident alone, so they had the resident stay with them. They added that they are severely emotionally drained from that situation as well as the Highland Hall situation. ResLife didn't provide the support they should have and they haven't dealt with mental health issues and only focus on legality and liability instead of supporting the RAs. Speaker 6 stated that as an RA they need to remain unbiased but as a person of color it keeps them from being able to advocate for themselves and they often have to sacrifice their morals for their job. Speaker 5 stated that they had a situation with suicide ideation, the resident trusted the RA but was worried about bringing other people into the situation. When the resident allowed for others to be brought in, Speaker 5 didn't feel like the situation was handled well. The Resident Director came and the RA helped mediate conversation but in the end, Speaker 6 was left to make the decision of what to do regarding the resident. The RA was told to check in with the resident but the resident wasn't answering their door. The RA contacted the RD and told them what happened, the RD replied with "oh shit" and hung up. They have had other situations with suicide with the same resident and eventually, the resident was put on probation for mental health issues which Speaker 6 didn't think was appropriate. Speaker 2 stated that since June, they have struggled with getting into classes so they took classes over the summer. But the money they make over summer needs to be enough to get through the academic year. Between school, work and soccer, it added up to about an 80-90-hour work week during the summer. After evaluating costs, to take the 5 credit class that summer added up to \$12,000. After the long work weeks during the summer, they came to RA training (70-hour work weeks) to then start Fall Quarter. They are asked why they continue working as an RA but they stated that they can't drop and abandon their residents. But ResLife only cares if they can fulfill the RA job description. Speaker 4 stated that after the first incident at Highland Hall, they were forced to skip a class and go to the Counseling Center to have a counselor check-off and say they are fine to keep working. They added that the social identity wheels make the RAs put themselves out there without them wanting to and they have been verbally attacked by their residents without them knowing it regarding mental illness. Speaker 4 stated that after the incident at Highland Hall, ResLife took almost a week to contact them. Speaker 12 reiterated that Highland Hall is not a safe community and added that REM 3 isn't just recommendations on questions, it is a curriculum. There were multiple issues with the questions in REM 3. Speaker 12 took their concerns to ResLife but ResLife didn't respond. Speaker 10 stated that they care for their residents above anything else but they aren't mental health professionals and in some of these situations, they are forced to put their friends and residents through the ResLife system but they don't trust the systems and they know they won't be taken care of. Speaker 1 stated that in their REM 3 wheel, they chose to tell their residents their sexual orientation but in one of their meetings with a resident, their resident asked them to remove a sticker that said "Yay, I'm gay" which made her feel uncomfortable. Speaker 8 brought up the issues with the identity wheel to ResLife and brought an alternate activity which was to choose 5 identities, either from the wheel or they could make their own but ResLife said that they couldn't use that because it wasn't supplemental and was completely disregarded. Speaker 7 stated that since people often make friends with who they live with, a lot of outing does occur in the conversations. They added that with the

way ResLife handles suicidal ideation, the RAs are expected to not be a friend because of the job they are in. In the hours audit they did, their job came out to 35 hours per week. Speaker 14 stated that RAs and RDs are told to “stay in their lane” and not ask certain questions which binds people from advocating for students and residents. Speaker 6 stated that they have opened 9 Assistant Resident Director positions that only RAs can apply for. This year, they had 5 staff members that all got the ARD positions. They had received extensive practice for the interview which is completely unfair and the Speaker 6 asked the hiring committee about it and they didn’t receive a response. Speaker 11 stated that in REM, they didn’t receive adequate training to have conversations of identity with their residents. They were given a glossary of terms but if it weren’t for their previous knowledge about social justice, their conversations wouldn’t have gone well. Even though the wheels aren’t required to be filled out by the residents, they are encouraged to do so. Speaker 13 stated that the wheel is a que card for the conversations and it would be odd if they didn’t fill it out. Speaker 2 stated that they have kept in touch with previous residents and has had more success with people that didn’t follow the wheel. Student 1 stated that there have been concerns from leadership with REM but Speaker 1 doesn’t think it should be removed completely, there are issues with that can be addressed by a more prominent feedback system. Speaker 6 added that for the ARD positions, they had 48 hours to sign their contract without a job description or a housing arrangement. The housing would either be an apartment style or a single room, so they asked people in ResLife about which housing set up was probable and were accused of their “heart not being in the right place” if where they are going to live is a deciding factor in accepting or declining the ARD position. Hammer wondered how they want to move forward. The RAs stated that they would like to discuss that. Rocque recommended that they go with the Board or as a group to talk to ResLife because it isn’t safe to approach them individually. Speaker 6 wondered what they should expect from the meetings or a timeline for steps to be taken. Hammer stated that they have determined short term goals like changing training for the RAs and increasing security for Highland Hall. She added that the process would consist of a lot more meetings or organizing actions. Speaker 8 stated that they are concerned for people that are returning as RAs next year. The meetings or organizing actions could bring about problems to those RAs with ResLife. Speaker 8 wondered if there is a way to watch out for those who are returning. Hammer stated that she has heard that retaliation isn’t allowed but wondered if the RAs would be interested in finding out if that is true. Cervantes said they could require that a VP is present at any meeting with ResLife. Speaker 8 asked who was guarding the VPs against retaliation. Speaker 1 stated that they are fearful that they are threatening the safety of the VPs jobs. The Board explained that the other Board members have to vote them out so their jobs aren’t in jeopardy. Speaker 7 wondered of the timeline. Hammer said that depends on administrations response and would depend issue by issue. Speaker 5 wondered about safe options for protests. Hammer explained that the REP office has an organizing coordinator that can help plan protests and the ACLU could also help with training on how to protect yourself while protesting. Mary Moeller stated that the ACLU has training on March 13<sup>th</sup> that would have basic information. Rocque understood that this is a difficult conversation but the Board shares the RAs sentiments and the Board will advocate and support the RAs as much as they can.

#### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUEST\***

##### **A. Filipino American Student Alliance Conference Proposal**

Cervantes stated that FASA didn’t go through Steering because they had previously asked for funding for their heritage dinner so that is why they are going through the Board. Lenard Pingol stated that there is a conference held annually and this year it is being held at UW

Bothell in April. By the end of the conference, they hope they will be involved in teamwork, collaboration and unity within their community in order to make a difference in our society. They are asking for \$750 from the AS to provide lodging for the conference. They are taking 30 students that will each pay for their registration, transportation and some meals. It costs \$129 dollars per night for a two queen bedroom, so they will need 5 bedrooms which comes to \$645 before tax and \$725 after tax. If they had gone through the Student Enhancement Fund, the money wouldn't be approved by the time they need to book the rooms. They are having fundraisers to get out of debt. Cervantes clarified that this would be an Action Item next week. Pingol stated that they usually pay for most of it themselves, either from the club or the students attending the conference.

### **B. International Student Insurance Requirement Issue**

Aline de Oliveira Machado Prata stated that she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate student in the Environmental Studies department and is an international student on an F1 visa. She recently tried to find out who made the decision to change the international student insurance plan but realized she didn't have to do that on her own. She received an email about 1 month ago that spoke directly to international students that their basic right to have a healthcare plan was a threat. They blamed the degradation of the plan on budgetary restrictions. They went from an insurance plan that complies with the basic Affordable Care Act requirements to stricter limitations on the yearly expenditures and expenditures for preexisting conditions. She talked with a few professors who said that she wouldn't need the insurance but she found that insulting. Even though she is graduating in 3 months, other international students will still suffer from that decision. After further discussion, she found that it is a structural and discriminatory policy. Hammer stated that this is a statewide change and clarified that the Graduate and Professional Student Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate are having their insurance plans cut due to the state budgets. Rocque asked if the current insurer is Lewermark because there were aspects of that plan that didn't comply with ACA to begin with. Prata said that the specific policies did comply with the ACA. She thought that the insurance company changed their policy and increased their price so WWU decided that they couldn't pay for Wells Fargo so they changed to Lewermark. Rocque explained that there are other international students that aren't aware that their insurance isn't compliant with the ACA. But someone within Western decided to change to the lower insurance plan. Prata stated that the email was very vague and so she had to read the policy and discuss it further with other people. Hammer referred to the email that stated that students with F or J visas are exempt from the ACA individual mandate but they should be covered. Moeller asked if Prata has talked with Richard Bruce. Prata explained that Bruce is the person who has been emailing with her. Rocque stated that he could reach out to Bruce on behalf of the Board to get more context and detail. Prata wondered if the plan would be to talk to who would be responsible bureaucratically. Moeller said they would start with discussion and go through the appropriate people and if that doesn't work, then they would apply pressure. Prata stated that she tried to do that alone but the AS would have more weight with this issue. She has talked to everyone that she could about that issue and they were evasive. Prata thought another solution would be to unionize. Hammer stated that the graduate students at UW are unionized. Prata hopes that she will be leaving the US in 3-4 months but she would love to talk to other international students or have the Board talk to them about this issue. Alexander LaVallee stated that the Board will try to figure out as much information as possible but he doesn't expect this to come back until the beginning of Spring Quarter. Yanzon explained that he sits on Faculty Senate which the provost sits on. Cervantes thought that she should meet with Yanzon and Prata to discuss whether Yanzon should mention this issue at Faculty Senate.

### **C. Student Technology Fee Surplus Funding**

Yanzon stated that the committee approved to use the surplus of \$400,000 for the Wi-Fi improvement on campus. The price is unknown but it has been reserved for that. He added that the surplus money is from 2014 or before. They will have to vote on whether they want to go ahead with this plan. Moeller stated that she feels comfortable with this but she has talked to the Counseling Center who feel that they need better Wi-Fi. Even though they have the money to buy the hardware, they don't have the money for it to be installed. Yanzon said they are trying to work with Comcast instead of Cisco and it would be all over campus. A concern was raised that STF is supposed to do with academics and the betterment of the Wi-Fi is for the experience at the university, not really academics in particular.

### **D. Local Lobby Day Agenda**

Hammer stated that Galen Herz has worked to draft the Local Agenda. It is broken down into Housing Affordability and Livability, Equity and Inclusiveness, Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform, Voting Accessibility and Environmental Stewardship and Green Jobs. They are each broken down into more specific proposals. The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform section was expanded so it was moved from the Equity section. They proposed reducing the number of people incarcerated for non-violent crimes. Hammer explained that there is a problem in the park downtown with police doing regular sweeps of that area and kicking out the homeless. They also want to improve collaboration with Whatcom County in providing safe-injection sites. They also want to improve the quality of lighting in several locations around Bellingham. Moeller wondered if they could add a section that they are working with the encampments to provide services to them. She also wondered if they could prioritize plowing roads near Western when it snows. Moeller said it should be a priority because Western is a high density area and it tends to stay open when other places are closed. Hammer stated that she will look into that. Cervantes wondered if there is a way to advocate for having higher quality housing because there are houses that aren't bad enough that they won't pass inspection but they are still very bad quality. Rocque stated that if they are inspected and they are forced to move, that would be a bigger issue for students than living in a bad place. Hammer stated that another section is Voting Accessibility and they want to make it so that you don't have to be a citizen to vote in local elections but each city has to adopt these rules individually and not many cities have. The last section is Environmental Stewardship and Green Jobs and it discusses water quality, fossil fuel export, preventing the overdraw of aquifers and to support the Nooksack Wild and Scenic designation to promote stewardship. Hammer explained that LAC hasn't passed this yet but will be passing it this Monday and will then be passed by the Board on Friday. She added that Local Lobby day will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS\***

## **VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS- BOARD\***

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD\***

### **A. Structural Review Referendum**

Hammer stated that Structure Review has been working on putting together a referendum and over the past few weeks, they discussed the timeline for the referendum and determined that in order to start anything on time, they would need to pass a constitution this election cycle

to have it implemented by fall 2018. Hammer explained that it includes AS Bylaws, AS Charter, Facilities & Services Charge and Charter, Management Council Charge and Charter and the VP for Academic Affairs job description. It lays out the 3 goals of the 3 branches. The goals include to represent student interests, to support student endeavors and provide co-curricular activities and student services. They lay out the membership in Article 1 which will be all the AS. Article 2 is the AS WWU Executive and explains what the Board of Directors does and their authorities but not each membership specifically. Hammer explained that the membership will be in the bylaws. They were thinking that the AS Board would be the President, VP for Governmental Affairs, VP for Diversity, VP for Student Life (most likely to be called VP for Student Services) and VP for Sustainability. Hammer explained that the membership of the Senate consists of 2 representatives minimum and 5 representatives maximum for each college in the university including general studies and undeclared. The senate chair is elected at-large but doesn't count towards each college's representatives. Hammer added some parts to the Granted Authorities section including "to consult with and make recommendations to the AS WWU Executive Board on academic advocacy". The Student Union Board has had some debate with the name and is still referred to as the Programming Council. Lavalley doesn't like Student Union Board because it doesn't make sense. They will change it back to Program Council. Each AS office will have a representative including VU representative. They didn't include the titles of the chair and vice chair because they wanted flexibility for title changes. So the council will be chaired by Lavalley's position and the Vice Chair will be a "diversity director". In Centralized Services, there are operational, financial and personnel functions. The important section is the responsibilities of the branches, Hammer explained that no one branch will have sole authority of the services. So they won't report to the Board but they will all retain voting power on all of those services. Article 6 stated that they all "have the authority to adopt and amend bylaws as necessary with the majority vote and approval from the AS WWU membership". Hammer explained that all bylaws or amendments have to be passed by the students with a majority vote of AS WWU membership. Abolishment of the AS requires a 2/3 majority vote by AS WWU membership was added. Hammer added that the constitution states that they have to ask the students if they want this structure and provide them with conditions like that it will be implemented by Fall 2018, permanent bylaws will be submitted to the students by Spring 2019, the structure will be reviewed by 2022 and the constitution would supersede previous AS documents.

#### **B. Alternative Transportation Fee Referendum**

Rocque stated that he brought this to the Board so it can be put on the referendum. They decided not to have the large increase but increase it by 5% over 5 years if need be. Hammer explained that the way it is now, the Board can vote to increase it a maximum of 5% per year but anything more than that, the students have to vote on it. Rocque explained that they are doing this so that it takes into consideration the contract renegotiation so they can then be more flexible with the contracts with WTA. He added that this pays for the bus passes and the night shuttles. Hammer added that a condition of this being implemented is that students receive a WTA bus pass but they are currently negotiating that with WTA.

#### **C. WWU Accreditation Process**

Yanzon stated that training for the accreditors are coming on March 27<sup>th</sup> but they are trying to change the date. They are going to have forums for student, faculty and staff. Yanzon emphasized the importance of student involvement in this but he will get back to everyone when he knows the rescheduled date.

### **IX. CONSENT ITEMS**

## Digital Media Center Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Boroughs

Sophomore

English

*MOTION ASB-17-W- 55 By Yanzon  
To approve all committee appointments.*

Second: Hammer

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

### X. BOARD REPORTS

**Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity** stated that Steering and Presidents Council were cancelled so they voted over Facebook. They had another workshop with the architects for the Multicultural Center and discussed their trip to Seattle. They had an open house with the ESC and people feel strongly about moving the ROP with the ESC but they want to make sure all the offices in the ROP are also representing students of color. She stated that no one has talked to her about her position so she is thinking about how to encourage people to run for her position. It is also her mom's birthday!

**Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life** stated that in regards to the SAF they are trying to work with the SAF staff to determine how people can bring their proposals because they have had issues with people who have threatened the safety of SAF staff. They don't feel comfortable working with them and some of them still come to committee without meeting the basic requirements. To what extent can people circumvent all these recommendations and come to the committee. So they are dealing with conduct issues with some of the applications coming to the SAF.

**Mary Moeller, VP for Business and Operations** stated that assessment for ASP Films has been discontinued. She has been having meetings about the snow issues. She sat in on the Disability Advisory Committee and on the university level, there has been some movement with how the university will be dealing with the snow. She said that the Director of Facilities Management seems to think that it is always unsafe for people to come to campus but Moeller hopes to meet with the provost on how to create change. She met with the Counseling Center Director and discussed having counselors work out of empty offices in the AS. Rocque stated that she had said that everything needs to stay within the counseling center for security reasons. Moeller explained that there needs to be 3 layers of security or boundaries between the public and confidential information but Moeller is leaving it up to her to make the decision. Hammer stated that because of Structure Review, after it is implemented, she would recommend holding off on going into detail because they aren't completely sure where each office is going to be located. She is meeting with the Disability Outreach Center about making the VU more accessible through Facilities & Services Advisory Council. The two key areas for improvement are way finding and making bathrooms more accessible. Moeller is meeting with the Western Front about transparency of the budget process. Management Council passed assessment documents for the Communications Office and the Environmental Center. Communications Office is pulling themselves in with the Publicity Center, AS Review and KVIK. They created a working group on accessibility. Moeller has been talking to Cindy about policy progress and Budget Committee has passed 50% of the budgets.

**Erick Yanzon, VP for Academic Affairs** stated that Academic Support Committee didn't meet. Student Technology Fee Committee looked over abstracts and denied two of them.

UPRC talked about SCOT Analysis with all the colleges. Faculty Senate are talking about the general education and changing the GUR system. Cervantes and Yanzon have registered everyone for the conference.

**Alex Lavallee, VP for Activities** stated Activities Council approved Environmental Hope Club, Human Services Student Union, Juggling Club, WWU Stargazing Club, Western Geographic Society, Disability and Neuro-divergence Club and WWU Gaming Association. He talked to a member of the Cycling team and attended the sports club meeting and was pleasantly surprised with how the sports club administration now allows clubs to create their own budgets and are training all the clubs in CPR and FRT.

**Bryce Hammer, VP for Governmental Affairs** stated GPA minimum is alive in the Senate but they are receiving backlash. Academic Bill of Rights is pretty much done. The Budget Policy cutoff happened last Friday so all bills with fiscal impacts are done. Structure Review next quarter will be working on bylaws and Hammer hopes to get on the agenda for the Board of Trustees to explain the new constitution. Rocque, Hammer and ATF are working on publicity with WTA. Elections have opened but didn't have as much interest as they hoped. She made job description changes to her job description but only impact the AS President. They are starting to create agenda for Federal Lobby Day.

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Cheng adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.*