

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Ramiro Espinoza, Abbey Weigel, Kayla Britt, Aaron Garcia, Annie Jansen, and Nina Lau. *Late:* Erik Lowe

Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

AS Student Senate Rep: Chelsea Fletcher (Student Senate Chair)

Guest(s): Virgilio Cintron (AS Board Assistant), Jamie Hoover (KVIK).

MOTIONS

- 08-S-18 Approval of the minutes of Wednesday April 23, 2008. *Passed.*
- 08-S-19 Approval of the appointment of Brad Pederson to the Election Board. *Passed.*
- 08-S-20 Approval of a grant of 1,271.88 to KVIK from the Supplemental Budget to finish their programming for the quarter. *Passed.*
- 08-S-21 Table this item for one week to allow for more discussion. *Passed.*
- 08-S-22 Make Services and Activities an Action Item. *Passed.*
- 08-S-23 Approval of the Model UN being a temporary entity for the span of one year. The authorization of negotiation with the Service and Activities Fee Committee is given to Weigel and Espinoza. *Passed.*

Ramiro Espinoza, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-S-18 by Espinoza

Approval of the minutes of Wednesday April 23, 2008.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lowe) Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS –There were no public comments.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS

VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Election Board- Brad Pederson

Lowe

Brad Pederson was the Election Board Chair last year and volunteered again.

Erik Lowe joined the meeting.

MOTION 08-S-19 by Weigel

Approval of the appointment of Brad Pederson to the Election Board.

Second: Britt Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS-

A. KVIK- Supplemental Funding Request

Weigel Doc. 1

Weigel said that this money is meant to help supplement the KVIK budget for the rest of the year, to help with 3 events.

MOTION 08-S-20 by Jansen

Approval of a grant of 1,271.88 to KVIK from the Supplemental Budget to finish their programming for the quarter.

Second: Lau

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed.

B. Senate Resolution on Student Technology Fee

Jansen Doc. 2

Jansen presented the document she prepared in addition to the Senate Resolution. Doc. 2 shows many possibilities for the Student Tech Fee. She would like the Board to review these documents and take a recommendation back to the Student Senate for consideration, since this is not a time sensitive issue. She tried to determine every possible option. If the administration is asked for money the amount that would be prudent would be \$50,000. The first is the Student Senate Model; the Graduated Increase Model includes the Renewable Energy Fee. Chelsea Fletcher said that the Student Senate discussed all of these models during their meeting and chose the one they thought was best. Majkut said that it is important to think about process when the Senate presents a resolution to the Board. This is the first resolution that the Senate has sent the board this year. How should the Board recognize this: take it under advisement, take action on it or send it on to others? He encourages the board to think about what the Senate wants in response to their resolutions. Espinoza said that at this point the board does not have the same level of knowledge that the Senate had when they made their decision. Jansen thinks there have been some very interesting ideas that have come up during discussions including labeling the new equipment "Paid for by the Student Tech Fee". She thinks that more discussion by the board would be beneficial. Jansen will let the Senate know that the board is considering their resolution.

MOTION 08-S-21 by Jansen

Table this item for one week to allow for more discussion.

Second: Weigel

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

A. Services and Activities

Espinoza

Espinoza informed the board that there was a lively discussion at the Services and Activities Fee meeting this morning. He spoke last week about his meeting with Dr. Coughlin where she empowered the board to approve the DRAC Charge and Charter. The University Services Council no longer meets, but they used to report to the board. Many members of DRAC said they couldn't include Model UN, because their charge had no wording about allowing new members. Espinoza talked to DRAC yesterday and there were some concerns raised because the board also sits on the S & A Fee Committee. The S & A Budget for this year was presented. The 5% increase goes to all constituency groups and some dollars will be allocated to special areas. There are a couple of requests on the table. The Pep Band \$29,000 for the Viking Band and Espinoza presented on behalf of the Model UN a request for \$18,100. Up until this point much of the Model UN funding came from Activities Council. Espinoza proposed using \$12,000 from the increase that the AS receives (at this point that number is around \$108,000.) He then asked S&A as a group to grant \$6,100. There is some opposition because they are trying to figure out who should have ownership of the Model UN. DRAC has been very clear that they are not able to do this on at this point. It can't be paid for directly out of the Political Science Department. Espinoza has come up with this proposal as a temporary solution. It would have Service and Activity fee funding but would be a part of the AS to make sure that the money is spent appropriately and that they are following the appropriate guidelines. Espinoza asked if the board is comfortable letting Weigel and he act on behalf of the board, they would then report all actions to the board. Jansen and Majkut think that it needs to be recognized as a separate entity.

MOTION 08-S-22 by Lowe

Make Services and Activities an Action Item.

Second: Britt

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed.

MOTION 08-S-23 by Lowe

Approval of the Model UN being a temporary entity for the span of one year. The authorization of negotiation with the Service and Activities Fee Committee is given to Weigel and Espinoza.

Second: Garcia

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed.

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Chelsea Fletcher, Student Senate Chair reported that Senators Provenzano and Hernandez are hosting a Bike and Skateboard Policy Forum on May 23rd. The Bylaws are almost done. Fletcher and Greg McBride are starting recruitment for next year. Senators Brown and Holmgren are working on the Cold Beverage Contract. The senators are taking a Water Bottle/Recycling survey to their classes this week.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

VP for Business & Operations

Abbey Weigel reported that her life is the AS Budget and meetings.

VP for Legislative & Governmental Affairs

Erik Lowe reported that he enjoyed meeting the new WWU President, Bruce Shepard. He came into the VU with Phil Sharpe and Kevin Raymond. They came over to the Electoral Action Training table to find out what it was about. The EAT training went very well this weekend. Around 30 people attended which is great for a weekend long workshop on voter registration. It was really informative and got a lot of people excited about the Voter Registration Drive next year. He met with Sue Guenter-Schlesinger and Sherry Burkey to discuss ADA architectural compliance issues. May 10th will be the Washington Student Lobby General Assembly meeting in Ellensburg. If anyone is interested in attending please let Lowe know.

VP for Academic Affairs

Anne Jansen reported that Academic Coordinating Commission is working on their charge. There was a lot of discussion about the language used. The Registrar Search Committee is going well and they are currently looking at applications. The Catalogue Committee is discussing the catalogue options. The one that is the most popular will interface with Banner. At the Performance Contract meeting they identified 3 goals and this will be a six year project. They formed subcommittees and Jansen will be working on state economic and workforce issues. She is excited to work with some really incredible people. Friday she is auditioning for a play. She is not running, but is ready for the elections to be over.

VP for Activities

Aaron Garcia reported that Activities Council recognized two clubs, WWU Wall Street Warriors, which does some mock online stock exchanges and the Japanese Student Association. He is working on a way to do a legacy package for the Japanese club because there is such a high turnover that this club disappears for a while and then comes back. The big ticket item in funding was \$1,000 to the Hybrid Team for a tool box to take to competitions. There was stipulation that this club cannot request funding from AC for two years. Garcia gave mad kudos to Lowe on the Electoral Action Training.

VP for Student Life

Nina Lau reported that they are bringing one more Bookstore Manager to campus on May 15th for a forum. At the Residence Hall Association meeting Nina did some trivia about elections and gave out candy prizes. Some big events coming up are Casino Night and Nash Hall's annual Piccadilly. The Transportation Advisory Committee is working on some changes to routes for next year. They will be doing a Q & A Forum and recruitment event. AJ Garcia brought some great information back from the conference he attended in Reno including thinking about student drivers for the Late Night Shuttle program. They would have to get a CDL license. The hiring committee for the VU Gallery and Asst. is finished and Lau is happy with the choices. International Night was amazing. It made Lau excited about what Western has to offer and she wants to join some of those clubs.

VP for Diversity

Kayla Britt reported that the Latino Student Union dinner was amazing and sold out. She gave kudos to Virgilio Cintron and his committee for all of their hard work. She is still working on the Diversity Achievement Award Committee and they are looking for more suggestions. She feels like hiring committees will never end. She is working on the Diversity Task Force Budget. Britt wanted to recognize Weigel because she has done an excellent job managing the AS funds this year. Dittos by Lowe and Garcia. As Garcia said the Japanese Student Association was recognized and Britt met with them. There are a variety of new clubs hoping to join the Ethnic Student Center. ESC is still working on developing guidelines for the ESC Scholarships. Four out of the five scholarships have been endowed. The Latino/a Academic Leadership Scholarship is left, and they raised a lot of money for this at the LSU dinner and the MEChA Low Rider Show will be donating all of their proceeds. Unity Training has been rescheduled from May 10th because it is Mother's Day weekend.

President

Ramiro Espinoza reported that last week he had 2 Trustee meetings and 6 Forums with the new President. Ski to Sea has had lots of interest. They have more people than they know what to do with. They are working on getting the Late Night Shuttle to drive down the teams on Sunday and for the BBQ after the race. He is working on getting a drum line to participate in the parade. As he reported earlier there has been a lot of activity around DRAC and S & A fees. The Chief of Police Forum has moved to a new time because it overlapped with the new Presidential Forum.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS-

A. Vote in the AS Elections there are polling stations open until 2 p.m. on Friday.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:46 P.M.