

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2008      VU 567

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

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

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

**Guest(s):** Ben Murphy (AS Elections Coordinator); Diana Breed (Comm. 224); Judah Corsini (Student Senate); Marcy Alstrom (AS Personnel); Adam Brinson (AS Review); Ben Wurtz (Student)

**MOTIONS**

**08-W-020** Approval of the minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> 2008. *Passed*

**08-W-021** Approve the hiring committee recommendations as stated in document 1. *Passed*

**08-W-022** Approve the committee recommendations as listed. *Passed*

**08-W-023** Approve \$2700 out of red square information fair budget to send Ramiro Espinoza, Sarah Ishmael, and Erik Lowe to Washington DC, from March 23-27<sup>th</sup> to lobby on behalf of ASWWU. *Passed*

**Ramiro Espinoza, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION 08-W-020 by Espinoza*

Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Vote: 4-0-2 (Absent: Weigel)      Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weigel was not present to present financial report, Espinoza has budget and will be able to answer any questions.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** – There were no comments

**V. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

A. Hiring Committees

Espinoza Doc. 1

Marcy Alstrom presented the hiring committees for LGBT program coordinator and PC marketing coordinator. The people serving on these hiring committees have been notified. For the PC marketing coordinator Nicole Duncan is not a AS employee but as stated in employment policy there is no requirement for a person serving on a hiring committee to be a employee. Garcia asked how much interest had been shown for the PC marketing coordinator position but there was no definitive answer being that the application deadline was today.

*MOTION 08-W-20 by Lau*

Approve the hiring committee recommendations as stated in document 1.

Second: Britt      Vote: 6 - 0 -0 (Absent: Weigel)      Action: Passed

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS**

A. AS Election Code- Murphy

Lowe Doc. 2 & 3

This is the code as determined by the election code review committee which Lowe sits on with Ben Murphy elections coordinator. Murphy spoke about the changes they have made. The dates were adjusted to be in accordance with this calendar year. On page 2 under letter b, number 2, subsection a, the wording changed to “Absentee ballots are available”, this makes the section more clear, although he expects most students to use blackboard. On page 5 letter d, number one

the filing periods has changed from 14 school days to 18 school days, so it gives candidates extra time to get the required signatures without having to stress about dead week and finals. On page 5 under letter E, number 2 subsection c, it was changed from see attachment c to see attachment b so the documents would line up and not confuse candidates. Page 6 has the most extensive changes. On page 6, letter g number 1, they did not really change the wording but defined more clearly what would be considered campaign expenditures. On Page 7 letter L, "see attachment c" was added in order help candidates be able to refer to an actual document. On page 10 under letter b, number 2 subsection e, it was added that candidates may vote at polling stations, Espinoza expressed concern that it may violate the standing the poll station area policy, but it was clarified that as long as the candidate is not engaging in actions which can be considered campaigning that it would be fine. On page 11, letter b, number one, clarified the referendum section to have it make more sense. Last page, there is a clarification of the attachment orders. The attachments now correspond, and make more sense to the candidates. Banner posting guidelines were left almost identical to last year. Some changes were done on page 5 for Ridgeway commons to make it clear that any campaign posters must be above windows in this area. Communication facility, originally the arrow north pointed south, so that was changed to reflect the true north. The Wilson library posting site across from humanities is now in the red. One point of clarification by Lowe was that last year there were specific places candidates had to post their advertisement. This year they have decided to leave this as it is until the committee can figure out how many students will be running. Once they figure this out they will try to give the most contested races have more space. Espinoza stated that maybe it would be beneficial to have more days to vote. Murphy said he could look into it, but that he would also have to coordinate timelines and such if they were to allow more time for students to vote. Espinoza stated that perhaps more time and access to polls will increase turn out. Espinoza will get more feedback and talk about it during this week. Kevin Majkut, stated that as long as he remembered there has been two days for the elections. *This will be an action item next week*

## VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Campus Rec Center Advisory Committee-

Lau Doc. 4

Brian Lewellen & Patrick Jung

### B. Promotions

Garcia Doc. 5

Alexandra Neidzialkowski

Marissa Capito

### Activities Council

Judah Corsini

*MOTION 08-W-021 by Britt*

Approve all committee recommendations as listed above.

Second: Lowe            Vote: 6 - 0 -0 (Absent: Weigel)

Action: Passed

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS-

### A. Washington D.C. Trip

Lowe Doc. 6 & 7

Erik Lowe has been able to have more discussion with the board about the amount of people planning to go on this trip. After these discussions he has decided that it would be best to only send the three people originally intended to go with the condition that if it is to overwhelming, it be considered in sending more representatives next year. After looking at the prices today Lowe is requesting for \$2700 to send the three. He plans to use the information fair budget, since there is a surplus. Weigel who is not present had a fair amount to be said about the budget. Espinoza expressed Weigel's views and a possible discussion of how those extra surplus dollars can be used. There might be a possibility of allocating surplus dollars into activities council, since it is suffering from success but decided this would be a discussion best left for a later date. It was also discussed that a budget should be made to ensure that in future

years we know where the money will be coming from instead of just seeing what budget the funds out of for this particular trip every year.

*MOTION 08-W-022 by Lowe*

Approve \$2700 out of Red Square Information Fair Budget to send Ramiro Espinoza, Sarah Ishmael, and Erik Lowe to Washington DC, from March 23-27<sup>th</sup> to lobby on behalf of ASWWU.

Second: Jansen                      Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel)                      Action: Passed

**IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD** –There were no information items.

**X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**

**Student Senate Meeting Information**

There was a senate bylaw meeting last Thursday and it went well, they will meet again next wee.. Weigel had asked for help with facilities and services council and getting senate representation on it. Senator Fletcher and Senator Kumar will be working on this with Weigel. Senator Tamborini and Senator Mader will be working with the ROP to bring the video Eye on the Prize. February issue of month has been posted it is about the student technology fee and whether it should be raised or extended. Senator Beilman and Senator Fletcher are still working on researching the Student Health Fee and investigating salary information with regards to the Nurses. Senator Fletcher and Jansen discussed the Western front writing an article about the Student Technology Fee. Senator Brown and Senator McLaughlin forum is coming up soon, they have publicity ready and hope to present in about 2 weeks to the board. Senator Tamborini, Mclaughin, and Hayman will also hopefully be presenting as well. Senator Provenzano works during the board meetings so he probably will just submit a written report for the board. The senate went out to sushi last night and it was very fun.

**XI. BOARD REPORTS**

**VP for Business & Operations**

Abbey Weigel was not present

**VP for Academic Affairs**

Anne Jansen reported that the tectonic program was tabled until she gets a chance to talk with Weigel about the budget, it should be on the agenda next week. The faculty senate on Monday was interesting; with whole first half of meeting talking about legislation that affects Western. ACC Exec was on Tuesday, discussed their agenda for the rest of the year. She attended the senate meeting and the dinner afterwards it went well. Academic Fee Committee was short good discussion and information. She has been working with Virgilio Cintron in making a forum about Student Tech Fee. There will be a Student Technology Fee meeting this Friday to continue look at proposals. She caucused last weekend and she was selected as a delegate. Caucusing at western went very well, very impressive.

**VP for Student Life**

Nina Lau reported that Transportation Advisory Committee has been pretty busy with a lot of discussions. They are in midst of setting up dates and times for a couple forums for the fee itself. They have started process with RHA, and also asking the council members about fee and trying to get more input about the fee. She will have more information next week. They will be sending Devin Branson and AJ Garcia to a conference in Reno Nevada which pertains to the transportation program. Bookstore management search committee met today to learn what they need to be looking for in the candidate. They have a very large pool of candidates so if any board members have any questions they would like to be asked to let her know. She is currently wrapping up the meal plan discussions with Kurt Willis and Ira Simon and they will probably come to the board and RHA with the final presentation on those discussions. Andrea Goddard from personnel wanted some job information to be brought to RHA when

the application process begins. A student from hall council is bidding to hold a national conference through RHA at Western. In Dining Services Committee there was discussion about having a sustainability week during spring quarter. The VU renovation for the market is very sure to happen to be done by next fall. Dan McLafferty attended central health and safety meeting for her last week and it got very heated when discussion came about policy for bikes and skateboards. She is also working on getting an athletic passes for the board.

### **VP for Legislative & Governmental Affairs**

Erik Lowe thanked everyone for approving trip to Washington DC. He has been working with student senate on the bylaws, and last night went to senate meeting and discussed some issues that Sarah Ishmael has been working on in the legislature. He went over a list of bills and mentioned that Ishmael would like letters written by senators either in support or opposing these bills. On Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> will be meeting with large contingent of students from DRS to discuss some of the disability services on campus and see what needs to change and how it can be changed from the legislative side. Housing budget committee is going well the next meeting will occur next week. AS alternative transportation advisory committee have been having discussion about road behind the communication facility, and one proposal made was to put up gates similar to the ones on high street to discourage a lot of traffic. He caucused this weekend as well and was selected to be a delegate. In terms of participation it was successful but not when it came down to organization.

### **President**

Ramiro Espinoza reported that a trustee meeting on Friday was an endurance trial. They discussed many issues coming up and specifically how to proceed with the waterfront. There is a long way to go with the waterfront piece, and currently having concerns and discussion on how to purchase land. The mayor of Bellingham and the port commissioner both indicated that they are in support of this moving forward. It is just a matter of how it is going to get done. He met with Carrol Berry about alternative transportation options and they talked about putting together a group to address this at the front end in deciding on the place and knowing how to get there. He also had a good conversation with Sue Guenter-Schlesinger about diversity trainings, and he wants to connect with Britt about it. ASVU Tech committee will be coming to the board soon about purchasing some new computers; Weigel will be bringing that up in the next couple of weeks. Job descriptions discussions have also been happening, some at the work session over the weekend and continuing discussion individually with some board members. He will be meeting with Lau and Jansen tomorrow to discuss the job descriptions. He has had conversation about the student co-op with some of the SSF students and business students. They have been putting together some good stuff about business model and getting good directions. They also discussed some logistics and he feels comfortable in the direction it is going. He has been looking through about 200 different letters about what they feel that Western new President should embody.

### **VP for Activities**

Aaron Garcia apologized for not being able to come to the board meeting last week. The advertising posters went through final revisions and are going to be printed and distributed. The PC is working on the Western Wednesday t-shirts; Espinoza is wearing his Western Wednesday shirt proudly. Promotions committee liked the logo design for 100 year anniversary but wants the PC to also develop a more professional looking one. The promotions committee decided to get rid of the current slogan of "This is what the AS is". He has also been working on the end of year banquet, which will be the KVIK movie awards. Activities council has been very busy. VRI is getting their big chunk of money for the amount of prestige they bring to our school. The council is out of club conference funds allotted for the quarter. The council is going into the red, so when budgets are made for next year we

know how much club conference funds are being used. The council is down to about \$5000 left for quarter for grants loans and underwrites. Academic conference budget for the council is basically gone as well. He is exited about the marketing coordinator position with the AS. He is also been selected to be a delegate after caucusing this weekend.

### **VP for Diversity**

Kayla Britt reported that last Saturday she went to BSU dinner. She was very impressed by the dinner which she believes was sold out. The ACC is having culture night she will be sending invitations to all the board members to remind them. Dr. Cornell West will be speaking on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Kayla also said she had sushi with the senate. Diversity Taskforce started to meet again, and is trying to put on a workshop that they can bring to residence halls for spring quarter, the taskforce will be meeting again this Friday. She is still working on bylaws with the ESC with Michael and the ESC president's council. She now has 10 out of the 12 charge and charters which is exciting. Starting today she is also going to be working with Andrea Goddard in personnel office to put on a AS job fair, in order to diversify the AS job pool, it has a tentative date of March 6<sup>th</sup> 2008.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS-**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:07 P.M.**