

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2008      VU 567

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

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

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

**Guest(s):** Lauren Hatch (Drug Info Center), Brianne Kumar (Senate), Sarah Lloyd (Women's Center/Labyrinth), Ben Wurtz.

**MOTIONS**

**08-W-027** Approve the minutes of February 20, 2008. *Passed.*

**08-W-028** Approve the Job Description Revisions as stated in Doc 6. *Passed.*

**08-W-029** Approve the committee recommendations for Activities Council and S & A Fee Committee. *Passed.*

**08-W-030** Approve \$3,300 for the Outdoor Center computers, transfer from Operating Enhancement to New Equipment. *Passed.*

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION 08-W-027 by Espinoza*

Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2008

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**V. PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**A. Job Description Revision Proposal**

Espinoza Doc. 6

Monday the Personnel Committee decided to summarize changes to job descriptions. The changes are fairly insubstantial and are mostly language and formatting based. These are summarized in document 6 and any major revisions are included in item 3. Weigel has a set of all of the job descriptions and agrees to all the changes. The Alternative Transportation Coordinator position has been changed to 4 quarters because a temp had to be hired last year to deal with important issues during the summer. There revisions will mainly apply to Resource Outreach Programs, AS Productions, and the Publicity Center. Garcia clarified that approving the job descriptions does not mean that funding is approved for these positions. The funding process will happen during budgeting time.

*MOTION 08-W-028 by Weigel*

Approve the Job Description Revisions as stated in Doc 6.

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

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS**

**A. Labyrinth- Sarah Lloyd**

Weigel Doc. 1

Lloyd brought in past issues of the Labyrinth and a draft of this year's issue. The Women's Center is requesting \$420 in extra funding for printing. They will be using \$1,300 of their own funding, as well as \$130 for publicity, \$90 for a reception and keeping \$72. Last year the Labyrinth went about \$150 over budget. The cost has increased from last year due to getting a better quality binding and having more pages. There is not an

accurate measure of how many copies have been printed in the past. Kevin Majkut remembers it ranging from 400-1,000. This year they are hoping to print 500 copies. Chelsea Fletcher inquired as to how much they would be charging. They are intended to be free, but there is some history of charging. Weigel asked if \$200 had been secured from the art department. It has not been at this point, but Lloyd will report back next week. This item will be an Action Item next week.

B. Legislative Liaison Report- Sarah Ishmael

Lowe Doc. 2

Highlights from the presentation in Doc. 2: Most of the bills WWU is supporting are still being looked at, with the exception of all of the environmental bills. Espinoza asked what Dead(ish) meant in relation to the new UW North Campus in Everett. Ishmael said that the bill is dead for this year, but that \$100,000 has been allocated in next year's budget to explore this possibility. The Performance Contract Bill has been expanded to include all universities in a pilot program. Espinoza asked where WWU stood with this bill. Ishmael said that at first they were hesitant but are now in favor of the program. This is intended to measure quality instead of quantity. At this point each school creates a team of students, faculty, and administrators to decide how the school measures quality and then their information is passed on to a higher board including members of the Senate and the House. At this point it looks as though childcare will receive somewhere between \$650,000-1,100,000. For campus safety we should receive funding for one additional mental health professional per institution and additional money for campus safety planning (WWU \$62,000). They are also looking at funding the Emergency Scene Shop Relocation. There will be a trip with students in the leadership program to Olympia on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Also the WSL will have an Open House on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

C. Drug Information Center- Lauren Hatch

Weigel Doc. 3

The Drug Info Center and the Legal Info Center are collaborating to bring Norm Stamper (former Seattle Police Chief) to do a lecture style presentation about the War of Drugs and drug policy in America. He is now working with Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. They are hoping not to charge for this event, this will eliminate the need for tickets and the ticketing fee. They are very excited that Mr. Stamper has agreed to come for the much reduced rate of \$1,000 (instead of his normal fee of \$5,000-6,000.) They are asking for a \$700 underwrite so that the contract process can begin. They are also trying to secure funding from American Cultural Studies, Fairhaven: Law, Diversity & Justice, Sociology, and Political Science Departments. Espinoza will also get her in contact with the Cold Beverage Contract Committee. This item will be an Action Item next week and Hatch will bring any updates to the budget.

**VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Activities Council – Stephanie Jones and Chris Borja

Garcia

B. S & A Fee Committee Recommendations-

Weigel

Kacie McKinney- DRAC, Sam Travis- Housing and Dining

Abbey Weigel- Associated Students, Ramiro Espinoza- Associated Students

These people have been appointed by their specific area and Weigel is bringing it to the board.

*MOTION 08-W-029 by Weigel*

Approve the committee recommendations for Activities Council and S & A Fee Committee.

Second: Britt

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS-**

A. Outdoor Center Computer Request

Weigel Doc. 4

The AS is hoping to piggy back this order with a University Order to get a cheaper rate. The rates on these computers fluctuate often and that is why the request is approximate. The funds are to be transferred from Operating Enhancement to New Equipment.

*MOTION 08-W-030 by Weigel*

Approve \$3,300 for the Outdoor Center computers, transfer from Operating Enhancement to New Equipment.

Second: Lowe

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: Passed

**IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD****A. Campus Community Affairs Council**

Lau Doc. 5

Lau referred the board to her written request and then directed their attention to the membership of the Campus Community Affairs Council. This extensive membership makes the committee hard to put together and redundant. After speaking with Majkut about the inactivity of this council for many years, Lau is requesting that we suspend or eliminate this committee. Majkut noted that this committee is not included in the Bylaws. This item will be an Action Item next week.

**B. Tech Tonic**

Jansen

Espinoza asked, in a Point of Information, if this item was still an Information Item as it had been discussed before. Jansen said that there were new issues and she felt it needed to be an Information Item again. The Publicity for the Tech Tonic Expo has been made, printed and distributed without permission from the board. The amount of money was less than requested and is about \$295 for the publicity for this event. The amount is comforting, but the situation is troubling in that the items were produced before board approval. This item will be an Action Item next week.

**X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT****Student Senate Meeting Information**

Chelsea Fletcher, Student Senate Chair reported that Senators McLaughlin and Brown have been working very hard on the Smoking Forum Wednesday, March 5 from 3-5 p.m. in VU 464. McLaughlin has been going around to pockets of smokers and inviting them to the forum to get their opinions. March 12 Senator Beilman will do a presentation on the student health fee to the board. Senator Tamburini will hopefully send in his report next week. Kumar is interested in assisting with the Labyrinth and will contact Lloyd about this. Fletcher is really enjoying the Student Tech Fee committee sight visits.

**XI. BOARD REPORTS****VP for Business & Operations**

Abbey Weigel reported that she has been working with the proposals from the Labyrinth and the Drug Info Center. She is working with Kevin to get things ready for the budgeting process to begin next quarter. Also, the S & A Fee Committee had its first meeting this week. Some committee recommendations are on the agenda tonight and next week there should be a few more that need approval. The committee should be in full swing within the next few weeks. AS Job descriptions are at their final stages and are ready for approval from the board. Positions open March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VP for Academic Affairs**

Anne Jansen reported she went to all her meetings and they went well – also that she has Senate Bylaws tomorrow and Student Technology Fee on Friday.

**VP for Student Life**

Nina Lau reported that majority of business has just been carry-over from last week. Lau met with Kayla Britt to discuss plans for a leadership luncheon now tentatively scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Lau also visited three different site proposals for the STF committee on Monday and will be bringing her feedback to this Friday's meeting. The Bookstore Manager Search Committee met Tuesday and should begin phone interviews soon. Vagina Memoirs will officially begin

March 3<sup>rd</sup> and run through Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. There is no show on Saturday however. Each show runs from 7-9p.m., so come support the Women's Center!

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

Erik Lowe reported that there was a very lively discussion at the legislative Affairs Council meeting. The subjects ranged from food stamps and student work loads to housing laws in Bellingham and Res Life policies. Lowe will be talking to Lau and RHA about some of the issues. He has been attending the Student Senate Bylaws Committee Meetings and have also started sitting in on Senate Meetings to get a feel for needed changes to the bylaws. Housing Budget continues to go well and there should be a report on this soon. Lastly he has been planning an Electoral Action Training that would be presented by the United States Student Association, the planning committee is just getting off the ground and currently representatives from LGBTA, ESC and the AS Club Students for Civic Engagement are participating. The plan is to have the training on the weekend directly before or directly following AS Elections in order to use that momentum to get people excited about the EAT.

### **President**

Ramiro Espinoza reported that he met with SRE about some alternative energy options at the Waterfront and some ideas on how to develop a proposal for the Waterfront Advisory Council. He spoke to Dr. Coughlin about improving communication through student groups and the administration and followed that conversation yesterday with Chief Stegmeier about the same topic. He is looking at working with Student Affairs about the time, place, and manner policy. He had some discussion with Laura from the Chamber of Commerce about doing a Ski to Sea Event with the Alumni Association with student support. The S&A fee committee is kicking off and some things are being completed with DRAC, Model UN is working on a transition to that program and things are proceeding as planned.

### **VP for Activities**

Aaron Garcia reported that Activities council has two new clubs Team Rampage- Ping Pong Club and WWU Economics Association. For funding information please refer to Activities Council Minutes. Publications Council approved their DRAC Budget proposals. The Spring 2008 Editor in Chief for the Klipsun is Ciara O'Rarke and for the Western front is Jeff Richards. The hiring committee has decided that there was not a big enough pool of qualified applicants for the Marketing Coordinator position. The committee will not re-open the position, but will allow it to roll-over to spring hiring for the next academic school year.

### **VP for Diversity**

Kayla Britt reported that she attended the African Caribbean Club Culture Night on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a nice event, there were raves about the food and Gabriel Teodros performed. There was an ESC President's Council meeting last Friday, and the presidents will be proposing the new ESC Bylaws to the ESC Steering Committee at the next meeting. She attended her first RHA meeting last Thursday. Britt had her meeting with Dr. Kunle Ojikutu last Friday and he asked her to join the committee surrounding the new Intergroup Dialogue program.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS-**

- A. Casey Hayden stopped in to show his support for the Board.
- B. The board is excited the meeting ended early enough to attend the Naked Truth.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:45 P.M.**