

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

Wednesday, February 6, 2008 VU 567

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

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

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

Guest(s): Chris Batten (Comm 224), Diana Breed (Comm 224), Jessica Sele (Women's Center), Jenny Henley (Women's Center), Brianne Kumar, (Student Senate), Melissa Taylor (KUGS), J. Adam Brinson (AS Review), Matt Bryant (AS Personnel).

MOTIONS

08-W-015 Approval of the minutes of January 30, 2008. *Passed*

08-W-016 Approval of 2nd credit waiver for 2008 Winter Quarter for Melissa Taylor. *Passed*

08-W-017 Approve \$1,000 requested out of supplemental funds to the Women's Center for Stephanie Hazelrigg's Women & Poetry program. *Did not pass.*

08-W-018 Table Washington D.C. Trip until the next meeting. *Passed*

08-W-019 Approval of the Federal Legislative Agenda as presented in Doc. 4. *Passed*

Ramiro Espinoza, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-W-015 by Espinoza

Approval of the minutes of January 30, 2008.

Vote: 5 -0 -0 (Absent: Garcia & Lau) Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- Addition of a Personnel Item

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC FORUM- There were no comments

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS- Executive Session

A. Credit Waiver Request- Matt Bryant

MOTION 08-W-016 by

Approval of 2nd credit waiver for 2008 Winter Quarter for Melissa Taylor.

Vote: 5 -0 -0 (Absent: Garcia & Lau) Action: Passed

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS

VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

VIII. ACTION ITEMS-

A. Women & Poetry Night- Women's Center

Weigel 1

The Women's Center is excited about what this program could bring to the creative process of the Vagina Memoirs. Kristina Mader, ROP Director thinks that it would be really helpful and likes that there will be an additional program open to students. Espinoza says that the WC's proposal was excellent. However it looks like there is only \$600 left in the Supplemental Budget for the quarter. Weigel said there is \$5,500 left in the Women's Center Budget, and wondered how much money they had already allocated. There would be about \$2,000 left for next quarter. Weigel is concerned that this event is not for all of campus, just the 27 girls and that the supplemental fund is for events that affect a large amount of the

student population. The WC feels that the Vagina Memoirs is one of the WC's largest events for the year and the workshop will help to make it that much more impactful for the audience. Espinoza clarifies that we are already employing Stephanie Hazelrigg for Undressing the Other. Espinoza is concerned about funding another Resource and Outreach Program event and feels the WC could probably get the money from another source. Jansen asked if the program would be able to continue with less money given from the board. WC said they could make it work with \$800. Mader does recognize that the ROP has been seeking too much funding from the board and is working on coming up with more funding sources for the rest of the year. However, she believes these workshops would really help the memoirs. Espinoza states that the ROP office is a really successful office; the challenge is to keep funding these program budgets.

MOTION 08-W-017 by Weigel

Approve \$1,000 requested out of supplemental funds to the Women's Center for Stephanie Hazelrigg's Women & Poetry program.

Second: Espinoza Vote: 1- 4 - 0 (Absent: Garcia & Lau)

Action: Did not pass

B. Washington D.C. Trip

Lowe 2 &3

Britt wants to know where the money is coming from. Lowe said last year money was transferred from the voter registration budget because this budget was used little last year. Lowe is hoping to use some of the funds in the Info Fair budget to fund this trip. Weigel thinks that the Info Fair funds should be used for all students. She understands that they will be a presentation open to students. Lowe stated that businesses pay the majority of the fees for the Info Fair. So they would not be using money that the student's contributed. He hopes that this will be a one time request and that this trip will be worked in to the budget for next year. Espinoza stated that it seemed like funding requests are flooding in to the Board, Activities Council, etc. Espinoza asked Kevin Majkut if funding requests seem to increase as the year progresses because they are more organized and aware of sources for funding. Majkut says that in general this is probably true, but any year can be different. Lowe is requesting that they fund 3 people fully and just subsidize airfare for Jansen and McLafferty. (This would be approximately \$3,350. As two hotel rooms are needed for 3 or 5 attendees.) Espinoza feels that 3 people are a good number of people to attend because during the meetings there is not time for more than one or two people to speak. Two more people doesn't seem to add more to the program. Jansen would like to attend but notes that she would not be hurt by not getting her trip funded by the board. Dan McLafferty feels that 5 people would be able to double the intensity and feels that it would allow people to specialize in specific topics. McLafferty would not be able to attend without some help from the board. Lowe stated that last year was an anomaly. He is hoping to be able to set up a lot more meetings and thinks that 5 people would greatly increase the availability of WWU representatives for meetings. Espinoza doesn't see much value in having more people. He offered to explore the options of who is going instead of increasing the numbers. Majkut suggested that perhaps this conversation should happen outside of the Board Meeting. McLafferty stated that he doesn't want to go in place of Espinoza, but still thinks that it will increase the value of this trip for WWU. Britt feels that we should know where we are going to find funds for this event before any decision is made. This item will be an Action Item next week.

MOTION 08-W-018 by Weigel

Table Washington D.C. Trip until the next meeting.

Second: Espinoza Vote: 4 -1 - 0 (Absent: Garcia & Lau)

Action: Passed

C. Federal Legislative Agenda

Lowe 4

Lowe presented the Federal Agenda. There were no changes made from last week. Weigel wanted to make sure that the concerns of Senator Corsini were addressed. The sentence he suggested was "Support numerous distinct communities of racial, national, religious, linguistic and cultural diversity; of socioeconomic and disability status; of sexual and gender identity; and so forth; as essential and necessary components of an effective learning environment." Britt feels that, from a diversity level, the original wording is actually more inclusive. She feels that the new suggested wording only addresses the minority or underrepresented groups. Espinoza commends Lowe, the Legislative Affairs Council and the Student Senate for their work on the agenda.

MOTION 08-W-019 by Lowe

Approval of the Federal Legislative Agenda as presented in Doc. 4.

Second: Weigel Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Garcia & Lau) Action: Passed

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

A. TechTonic Expo

Jansen 5

Last year the board gave \$500 to the Tech-Tonic Expo. The expo is designed to showcase the technologies and technology companies that students often encounter in their educational experience. Proceeds from the event provide scholarship support for students pursuing a career in technology education. She is going to check in with John Farquar because she is not sure if they used last year's funds solely for publicity. She suggested the possibility of an underwrite. Lowe asked where the funding comes from. It comes from the Student Tech Committee. Also businesses pay to participate. Lowe is curious as to why they did not budget for publicity. Jansen thinks they get a static amount of money and they couldn't afford it last year either. Weigel inquired as to whether they were a club. They are not. Last year there was very high attendance all day long. The lectures were even standing room only.

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Student Senate Meeting Information

Senators Beilman and Fletcher are working on the Technology and Health Fees. Currently there is an issue with the salaries of nurses. Also the tech fee expires in 2010. Senator Hayman is attending community safety forums to get more ideas for the safety forum that he is leading. Senators McLaughlin and Brown are having the smoking forum on March 5th. Many of the Senators attended Peggy McIntosh's presentation about privilege on Tuesday Night. Next Tuesday the Student Senate will be going out to Sushi after the Senate meeting. Congrats to Senator Tonty in his internship at Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Center this summer.

XI. BOARD REPORTS

VP for Academic Affairs

Anne Jansen reported that she was unable to attend ACC and the Student Senate due to other commitments. The Student Tech Fee meeting went really well. The committee is reading the first half of the proposals by Friday. There is a possibility of a fee increase due to other universities tech fees being much higher than WWU. The sunset legislation expires in 2010 and needs to be renewed by 2008-9. Jansen has posted pictures from the ACE Conference on her Facebook. She was really excited about Super Tuesday.

VP for Business & Operations

Abbey Weigel reported that has been working on many of the items that are on the agenda, working on budget issues and Info Fair stuff. She is also working with Marcy on training. Facilities and Services Council is looking into getting a Senate Council Committee together. Services and Activities Fees starts on the 26th of Feb.

President

Ramiro Espinoza reported that he had a conversation with Joanne DeMark, Leadership Dev Specialist, about the ACE Conference. She is looking into making her program larger and a bigger part of ACE. They are also looking at different ways of funding. He also met with David Brunner to discuss Disability awareness. He got really great feedback and concerns about awareness and services. He also met with the DRAC chair and secretary about working with them on clubs. He also had an interesting conversation with the CCC about future funding. Espinoza voice displeasure about them trying to use Service & Activities fees or using a rental fee tax.

VP for Legislative & Governmental Affairs

Erik Lowe reported that the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee will start the budget review process next week. The Housing Budget Committee is also meeting. He has also been meeting with many students about the disability resources on campus. Sarah Ishmael delivered letters thanking the legislators that met with students on Lobby day. She also gave them other materials about what programs are doing on campus. He thanked everyone for unanimously passing the Federal Legislative Agenda. Lowe encourages everyone to go out and caucus this weekend.

VP for Diversity

Kayla Britt reported that 9 out of 12 Ethnic Student Center Clubs have turned in their Charge and Charters. Next week she is hoping to have 11 of 12. At the Steering Committee meeting there was an information item that was made into an action item for over 10% of the ESC Budget. She was concerned that there would be backlash, but wanted to let the committee make their own discussion. A letter was sent to the committee by one of the ESC Clubs Executive Board and the committee will discuss it at the next meeting. Britt is working with Kevin Majkut on having a decision making session with the committee. The President's Council has been working on updating the By-Laws. This hasn't been done in years. This item will come to the board later for approval. The Diversity Taskforce is meeting again. Britt declared her minor in American Cultural Studies Diversity in Higher Education today.

VP for Student Life

Nina Lau was absent.

VP for Activities

Aaron Garcia was absent.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS-

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:30 P.M.