

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
January 22, 2008
VU 567

Present: Kristina Mader, Aaron Hayman, Chelsea Fletcher, Nicole Brown, Mark Provenzano, Matteo Tamburini, Morgan Holmgren, Judah Corsini, Brianne Kumar, Lurdes Hernandez, Sally McLaughlin
Absent: Danny Tonty, Tyler Woodard, Diana Beilman
Advisor: Greg McBride
Secretary: Brooke Hayter
Guest: Danny Cumming – Western Front, Erik Lowe, and Annie Jansen

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #017 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 1/15/08, with the noted revisions

Motion # 018 - W - 08 to approve the Federal Legislative Agenda, with the noted revisions

I. Approval of Minutes – 12/040/07

Motion # 017 - W - to approve the minutes from 1/15/08, with the noted revisions, made by Sally

Second: Kristina

Vote: 10-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

None

V. Action Items

a. Federal Legislative Agenda

Erik began by thanking all those Senators who attended lobby day. The Senators began to discuss the Federal Legislative Agenda. It was decided by the Senators that the under the second point of diversity the word "data" needed to be added into the sentence after "hate crime". Matteo addressed his concern that he did not believe the first bullet under the diversity heading was worded correctly other Senators expressed the same concern and the issue was debated amongst the Senators. Most of the Senators felt it would be interpreted fine as it was written and that nothing needed to be done. The Senators made another change under the second to last bullet under the financial aid heading, the word draft was changed to selective service. More debate was held discussing the issue of the first bullet under diversity. Kristina motioned to approve the document with the noted revisions, leaving the first bullet under diversity as is.

Motion # 018 - W - 08 to approve the Federal Legislative Agenda, with the noted revisions, made by Kristina

Second: Morgan

Vote: 9-1-0

Passed.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Executive Dining Committee

Brooke Hayter expressed her concern as being the only student member on the Executive Dining Committee. She asked for Senators to give her some feedback on what it is the students want so she knows what to advocate for in the meetings. Some of the Senators threw out ideas such as dining hall hours, and local and organic options throughout campus.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. **Kristina Mader** Attended lobby day. Discussed many of the events happening on campus. She also heard from many students that they had a problem with the fact that the health center measures your waist when you go in for a check up. She heard from Nina Lau that Dr. Gibbson informed her that it was for screening for metabolic syndrome and that you do have the option to refuse the service. Students however are not given the option to refuse. Many students on college campus have eating disorders and the health center may not realize that this could be emotionally traumatizing to some people. This is something she would possibly like to set up a forum for.
- b. **Aaron Hayman** Attended lobby day and recommended that other Senators who did not have the chance to go this year should consider going next year. He has been continuing to work with the University Police Department about student safety and would like to get a forum set up for that, he wanted other Senators to let him know if they were interested in working on this with him. At the ACC committee they talked about the Academic Dishonesty Policy and the repeals process that is offered. He also informed the Senators that the Model UN high school conference is going to be held in two weeks, February 2nd, on campus. They will also be holding a collegiate conference sometime in May there will be 60 students from Seattle University, University of Washington, Clark College and others. He will have more information for the Senators on Senate T-shirts and student safety next week.
- c. **Diana Beilman** Informed the Senators that she has spoken with students who feel that there are not equal opportunities in classrooms. Some students are being taught by professors and other students taking the same class are being taught by TA's, these students feel that some students have an unfair learning advantage.
- d. **Mark Provenzano** Had nothing new to report.
- e. **Nicole Brown** She signed the Senators up for a table at the Campus Activities Showcase on Wednesday from 12 – 5. She asked if more Senators could come to the table and help out during that time. She also attended lobby day the past weekend and on Thursday she had her first meeting for the election code review committee.
- f. **Matteo Tamburini** Wrote a draft proposal to inform the State of Washington Representatives that the ASWWU supports the "Genetically Engineered Good Right to Know Act." He also caught the end of the MLK conference this Saturday.
- g. **Chelsea Fletcher** Went to Tacoma last weekend and will be going this weekend as well to judge debates. She has been working on the Senate webpage and offered to help Senators with any upcoming activities whether they deal with Senate or not.
- h. **Brianne Kumar** Discussed the issue of composting on campus. She also discussed campus safety, she feels that something needs to be done for safe walking on campus, especially when it is icy out. She also informed the Senators that the Beta 5 community is putting on a service project called "change for change" they will be fundraising money to buy goats for people families in Africa.
- i. **Judah Corsini** Went to Olympia and met with multiple representatives. Western received a particularly warm welcome from Kelli Linville who graduated from Western and utilized the CDC herself, which is something Western students were lobbying for. Judah did not feel that the State Legislative Agenda was ~~not~~ prepared the way it should have been for the weekend. Annie responded letting him know that this happened for a reason and that he could speak with her about it after the meeting.
- j. **Lurdes Hernandez** Informed Senators about events going on within the ESC, the International Opportunities fair will be this Thursday in the MPR from 10 – 2. Also there will be a mariachi band playing in the VU main lobby from 12 to 12:30 and 2 to 2:30 on Wednesday.
- k. **Morgan Holmgren** Attended lobby day.
- l. **Sally McLaughlin** Will be working at the Recycle Center table during the Campus Activities Showcase. She will hopefully be attending the ACE conference this weekend. She also asked the Senators if any of them had heard about the "Go for the Green" competition between the residence halls.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 Chelsea.