

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
January 15, 2007
VU 462A

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

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #015 -W- to approve the minutes from 12/04/07

Motion # 016 -W- to approve the question for the issue of the month, made by Diane

I. Approval of Minutes – 12/04/07

Motion # 015 - W- to approve the minutes from 12/04/07, made by Tyler

Second: Diana

Vote: 11-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

None

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Federal Legislative Agenda

Erik Lowe presented the Federal Legislative Agenda which was approved by the Legislative Affairs council at their last meeting of fall quarter. While it is very similar to the State Legislative Agenda it deals more with national issues. there is therefore less specific language about tuition and financial aid. He informed the Senators of items on the agenda that differed from last years national agenda, such as the diversity and environmental points. Senators shared with Erik their concerns and suggestions for the agenda. The Senate will vote on this agenda at their next meeting January 22nd. Erik informed the Senators at the end of their discussion that spots were available for the Senators to attend lobby day in Olympia with a few other Western students next Monday.

b. ACE Leadership Retreat

Aaron Garcia informed the Senators that the ACE leadership retreat will be held in two weeks. He brought registration forms for all the Senators incase they wanted to attend. He discussed some of the things done at the retreat; there will be workshops all throughout the weekend that will help students to develop themselves as a leader. Kristina has gone to the retreat the last two years and spoke about some of the past experiences she had there. Registration is due as soon as possible.

c. Election Code Review Committee

Chelsea received an email from Ben the AS elections coordinator, he told her he was looking for people to join the elections review committee. Any of the Senators who are interested in reviewing the election codes and would like to join the committee were asked to contact Ben or Chelsea as soon as possible. Aaron informed the Senators that if they were interested in running for AS office next year they should not join this committee, he also informed them of the Voter Funded Media and how it will be affecting the election code.

VII. Other Business

a. Issue of the Month

Aaron spoke to the Senators about the hit and run fatality on campus along with the bike accident that happened recently. Neither one was actually on Western's campus but both involved Western students. Aaron spoke with a sergeant at the University police station about both of these situations; he would like to combine pedestrian safety and transportation issues and get something started this month. He wants to promote awareness to students about their own safety responsibility along with what Western and the police department are doing to make sure these accidents don't become a trend. Chelsea asked the Senators whether the issue of the month should ask how students can promote their own safety or how the University can promote the safety of the students. Ideas for the question were discussed by the Senators. The wording for the question of the month voted on by the Senators was, "In light of recent events on college campuses across the country student safety is a growing concern here at Western. 1. What do you feel is your personal responsibility with regards to student safety? 2. What is the responsibility of the University and University police with regards to student safety? 3. What particular areas could be improved both on campus and in the surrounding areas?"

Motion # 016 -W- to approve the question for the issue of the month, made by Diane

Second: Mark

Vote: 11-0-0

Passed.

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. Kristina Mader** Went to the Activities council meeting yesterday, she spoke about many events that will be going on, on campus throughout the month. Last weekend she went to the UBC conference, students won 4 awards. She encouraged Senators to go to lobby day.
- b. Aaron Hayman** missed the ACC meeting last week because he was not aware that they were having a meeting on the day classes began. He went to UBC over the weekend. Monday and Tuesday he attended the BRIT Conference, where he made good contacts with the Canadian government, overall it went very well. He also was interested in seeing if anyone would like to put on a forum about student safety, he would like them to meet with him and try and set something up.
- 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** Last week a student approached him about solar panels on campus; he wanted to know if it would be a plausible way for expanding the Students for Sustainable Resources club. He informed him that it probably would not be plausible because of the expense, but he told him he would find the right contact information for him so that the student could look further into it.
- e. Nicole Brown** At the last outreach committee meeting she found out there will be no info fair for winter or spring quarter. After doing some research she found out that there will be something that they can participate in, so students can be more aware about the Senate. She contacted Casey Hayden about signing up the Senators decided this is something they would like to do. She is also going to be attending lobby day.
- f. Danny Tonty** Is in a lot of classes with PEHR students. PEHR students were blocked from getting into PE classes that Western saved for freshman. As he is a PEHR major he felt that was

unfair because he and other PEHR majors need those classes to graduate. He hopes this issue will be resolved for next quarter.

- g. Matteo Tamburini** After conversations with students for sustainable food, he would like to draft a resolution that asks companies which provide food on campus to label the products they sell that may contain genetically modified organisms, seeing as food is a large concern for the Senate. Today the FDA said it was ok to sell meat people from cloned animals.
- h. Chelsea Fletcher** Missed the ACC meeting. She has been working on the resource outreach booklet the Senators talked about last quarter; she has also been working on the Student Senate web page. She has the list of committees that the Senators will be sitting on, she currently does not have the contact information for those committees but she will get it as soon as possible.
- i. Brianne Kumar** informed the Senators about the Students for Educational Equality meeting on Thursday in MH 250 at 5pm.
- j. Judah Corsini** Nothing new to report.
- k. Lurdes Hernandez** Spoke about student safety on campus.
- l. Morgan Holmgren** Attended a training session for the judicial appeals board a few days ago. There were three students and a couple of professors. That is the most students ever to have been on this committee.
- m. Tyler Woodard** Spoke about the Presidential elections.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 Chelsea.