

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
January 29, 2008
VU 567

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

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

Summary of Motions:

Motion #019 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 1/22/08, with the noted revisions

I. Approval of Minutes – 1/22/08

Motion #019 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 1/22/08, with the noted revisions, made by Morgan

Second: Judah

Vote: 8-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

None

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Resolutions and Forums

Chelsea wanted to be sure that everyone knew that any issues they bring up in the meetings can be made into resolutions. She was slightly concerned about the lack of resolutions that have been brought to the Senate meetings. Mark informed the group that he has been brainstorming to write a resolution about bike safety. Chelsea also informed the Senators that Matteo has been working on one as well about genetically modified foods on campus.

Danny and Diana entered at 6:07.

The Senators held a discussion about what was required to make a resolution, one thing discussed was that Senators needed to be sure that had student support on the issue.

Matteo entered at 6:14.

Chelsea and Annie Jansen suggested that the Senators have someone on the Board look over their resolutions before bringing them to the Senate. Judah brought up that it might be possible that some Senators have not written any resolutions because their committees have not met yet and they don't want to be creating issues but resolving them.

b. Counseling Center

Chelsea informed the Senators that Nancy Corbin, the director of the counseling center, will be coming to discuss health and mental safety issues with the Senators. Chelsea asked that each of the Senators bring a few questions for her.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. **Diana Beilman** Looked further into the Alumni issue she discussed at a previous meeting. She informed the Senators that to her the prices and benefits seemed very reasonable. It is a \$500 donation for life to be a part of Westerns Alumni Association. She also informed the Senators that she would like to write a resolution about safety. She would also like to work with the ASP about the venue we have for bands coming onto campus.
- b. **Mark Provenzano** Is working on a bike safety resolution; he would also like to set up a forum about south campus dining.
- c. **Nicole Brown** Informed that Senators that the Campus Activities showcase went very well. They received a lot of responses to the question of the month. She also had an election code review committee and will be attending the meeting tonight for Students for Civic Engagement.
- d. **Matteo Tamburini** Is waiting to hear back from Erik about being on the legislative affairs council. He also informed the Senators of the guest speaker Peggy Macintosh who will be giving a presentation on February 5th in the PAC. She is a feminist scholar who deals with issues of male and white privilege, something that has been brought up in past Senate meetings. He would also like to write a resolution with another Senate member, he has an idea of what he wanted to do but did not want to disclose it to the Senators during the meeting.
- e. **Chelsea Fletcher** Went over the appeals process for students in the ACC meeting. She found that no structure is really laid out for the students and has heard complains from students about this issue. She would like to create a specific process for students to go through.
- f. **Brianne Kumar** Would like to write a resolution about ground safety and would like to help Mark with the forum about south campus dining.
- g. **Judah Corsini** Attended last nights AC meeting. He informed the Senators that all of the requests for money last night exceeded the funds the AC has to allocate for the entire year. He was very impressed with how the members of AC were able to process all of the requests so efficiently.
- h. **Lurdes Hernandez** Attended the IPA meeting and informed the Senators of the items discussed during their meetings. She also informed the Senators of a new summer program called Summer Art and Art History in Japan.
- i. **Sally McLaughlin** Would like to have a forum regarding WWU students and their participation in the water front development. She wanted to know if any other Senator would be interested in working on that with her.
- j. **Tyler Woodard** Nothing new to report.
- k. **Danny Tonty** Informed the Senators of a program being put on January 30, by the Muslim Student Association; it will take place in Red Square at 11 am. He also handed out the ESC newsletter to all of the Senators.
- l. **Morgan Holmgren** nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 by Chelsea.