

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
January 30, 2006
VU 567

Present: Annie Jansen, Brandon Adams, Brian Lewellen, Eddie Jenkins, Jake Massine, Jared Zeretzke, Kelly Hansen, Nikki Gossell, Jordan Smith, Anne Walden-Newman, Lacey Stuart, Elliott Hindman
Absent: Ashley Schweizer, Geoff Thilo
Guests: Antasia Parker, ASBOD
Advisor: Kevin Majkut
Secretary: Ellen Griffes

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Brandon Adams

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 012-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/16/07

Motion # 013-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/23/07

Motion # 014-W-07 to suspend the Bylaws

I. Approval of Minutes – 1/16 and 1/23

Corrections to be made were:

- Lacey and Jake were not present on the January 16th meeting
- Christian's last name was spelled incorrectly
- Elliott has two "T's" in his name

Motion # 012-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/16/07, made by Eddie

Second: Nikki **Vote:** 11-0-1

Passed.

Motion # 013-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/23/07, made by Kelly

Second: Eddie **Vote:** 11-0-1

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

none

III. Public Forum

None

IV. Information Items

a. Senate Chair Hiring Process

They have/are reviewing the current process for hiring a new Senate Chair. Several concerns regarding this process are 1) the committee wouldn't have a big role if only three people apply, 2) it is an intimidating interview, and 3) the position would be open to the entire campus.

b. Senate name plates

The Senate will get name plates soon. This is a higher priority than t-shirts. Also, there needs to be more ditto cards! Brandon is going to add the Senator's bios to the website soon.

c. Leadership and Involvement Fair

On January 31st there is going to be a Senate table at the Leadership and Involvement Fair, from 12-3pm. The Senators like the packet. They are going to update the current Senators and change "selected" to "appointed" on the first page.

d. Trustee Application

Chiho talked to the Senators about applying for the Board of Trustees position. The Trustees usually meet on Fridays. Karen Morse is there as well. There is one student selected to be on the Western Board of Trustees (chosen by the Governor) and they are responsible for reviewing the President of Western.

One of the requirements is that you need to have at least 60 credits at Western. With the position, you get to control your own schedule.

V. Action Items

a. **Bylaws suspension regarding Senate membership**

The Senate is currently two Senators over the limit (1 Senator/ 1000 students). The Board is going to suspend the Bylaws so no one has to be turned away from the Senate. Eddie stated that the requirement can be waved until the Bylaws are revised. If, for some reason, the Board rejects the revised Bylaws, two senators will have to be removed.

Motion # 014-W-07 to suspend the Bylaws, made by Eddie

Second: Kelly

Vote: 12-0-0

Passed.

VI. Discussion Items

a. **Campus overcrowding**

Annie said that Western is taking small steps to accommodate more people, such as building the new building on south campus. Elliott said there are going to be new dining halls too, another issue that Annie would like to see reevaluated. Eddie suggested a committee within the Senate dedicated to this topic. Most Senators disagreed with the creation of this committee. There was discussion about Western's Mission Statement reflecting such issues.

b. **Guiding Principles Document**

Antasia presented a loose structure of the Guiding Principles documents. Its purpose is for students to see what the AS is doing and their goals. She invited students to offer their input to help with transitions into the new Board so work is not lost.

c. **Bylaws Revisions**

(Kelly left at 6:53pm. and returned at 6:55pm.)

(Annie left at 6:53pm)

Certain sections within the Bylaws were looked at. Minor changes were made and several sections will be addressed at the next Senate session. Eddie thinks that the Chairperson should be referred to as "speaker." Brandon and Kelly disagree

VII. Other Business

Antasia invited the Senators to attend Viking Days in Olympia on February 19th.

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. **Brandon Adams** had an ATC meeting where they discussed the possibility of an open access network in Bellingham
- b. **Brian Lewellen** had nothing to report.
- c. **Anne Walden-Newman** turned in her committee applications, but has not heard back yet.
- d. **Eddie Jenkins** said that there is a position open on one of his committees.
- e. **Jake Massine** is still waiting to hear back from his committees.
- f. **Jared Zeretzke** had nothing to report
- g. **Kelly Hansen** is going to help build a Bird Habitat this upcoming weekend.
- h. **Nikki Gossell** had nothing to report.
- i. **Jordan Smith** is going to help build a Bird Habitat this weekend as well.
- j. **Lacey Stuart** had a Campus/Housing/Dining Committee meeting last week.
- k. **Elliott Hindman** is still waiting to hear back from his committees.