

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
February 6, 2007
VU 567

Present: Annie Jansen, Ashley Schwiezer, Brandon Adams, Geoff Thilo, Jake Massine, Jared Zerezke, Nikki Gossell, Jordan Smith, Lacey Stuart, Elliott Hindman, Julian Yaeger
Absent: Brian Lewellen, Eddie Jenkins, Kelly Hansen
Advisor: Kevin Majkut, Sean Ferris
Secretary: Ellen Griffes
Guests: Jeff Blackman, James Sanders, Kevin McClain, Karen Copetas

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Brandon Adams

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 015-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/30/07

Motion # 016-W-07 to table the Campus Overcrowding Resolution

I. Approval of Minutes – 1/30/07

Motion # 015-W-07 to approve the minutes from 1/30/07, made by Jared

Second: Jake

Vote: 10-0-1

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

none

III. Public Forum

Jeff Blackman, James Sanders, Kevin McClain and Karen Copetas introduced themselves to the Senate.

IV. Information Items

a. Senate Chair Hiring Process

Lacey was appointed to the hiring committee. There will most likely be three candidates and the Senators will vote for the election for the new chair. Kevin Majkut said that they need to have questions ready to ask the candidates to ensure consistency.

V. Action Items

a. Campus Overcrowding

The Senators and Karen Copetas, discussed the stats of enrollment at Western. The Senate feels that overcrowding constitutes of the computer labs always being full, parking issues, dining hall lines and chair space in classrooms. Karen asked the Senate's opinion on various alternatives and solutions. They discussed a satellite campus in Snohomish County, waterfront expansion, transportation, registration issues, class size, class times, funding and the average amount of time it takes to graduate from Western. Karen is going to bring the Senate's comments to the Enrollment Planning Group and encouraged anyone with any questions and concerns to contact her.

(Annie leaves at 6:55pm)

Both Eddie and Kelly were absent and the Senators wanted them to be present for the vote.

Motion # 016-W-07 to table the Campus Overcrowding Resolution, made by Jared

Second: Jake

Vote: 10-0-0

Passed.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Guiding Principles Document

Regarding the document that Antasia brought to the Senate last week, Brandon thought that the issue of prices of textbooks and tuition should be included. Jake thought that Western needs to get rid of clichés. The idea of community and environment needs to be included under the subheading “Values.” In an effort to get student input, other than those who are involved and active in the AS, a column is going to be posted in the AS Review regarding the issue.

b. Bylaws Revision

This item was tabled because Eddie was absent.

c. Issue of the Month

The Senators reviewed last month’s responses. Possible ideas for the next Issue of the Month are 1) overcrowding, 2) crowded labs, 3) late night venue (besides the Underground Coffee House), and 4) Rec Center fingerprint entry.

Vote:

- 1) 0 votes
- 2) 0 votes
- 3) 0 votes
- 4) **10 votes**

VII. Other Business

none

VIII. Senator Reports

- a. **Ashley Schweizer** couldn’t go to her Campus and Community Affairs meeting, so she will hopefully have more information next week!
- b. **Brandon Adams** is going to allow the extra Senators to stay on the Senate. The Senate nametags were approved. There is going to be a Senate/Board dinner either February 27th or 28th. He attended the Leadership and Involvement Fair last week and thanked everyone who helped out. He missed his ATC meeting last week, but a recommendation was made to make improvements for lab upgrades and to allow a certain amount to be set aside from the STF. Brandon also told the Senators about a Porn Panel that will be happening in April sometime. It is very controversial due to the fact that a part of the cost would be to bring male porn stars to campus.
- c. **Elliott Hindman** is still waiting to be appointed to the Judicial Appeals Board, Transportation Safety Committee and the Academic Grievance Board.
- d. **Geoff Thilo** had a meeting for Campus and Community Affairs where they are trying to get the new Bellingham major onto campus more to rebuild ties.
- e. **Jake Massine** had nothing to report.
- f. **Jared Zeretke** had nothing to report.
- g. **Jordan Smith** had nothing to report.
- h. **Julian Yaeger** had nothing to report.
- i. **Kevin Majkut** thought that Karen’s discussion about campus overcrowding was helpful and briefly talked about how that helps with informing other people.
- j. **Lacey Stuart** had a Housing/Dining Budget Committee last week, where they are reviewing last year’s budget. Her Campus Dining committee is meeting soon.
- k. **Nikki Gossell** has a Bookstore Advisory meeting next week.
- l. **Sean Ferris** had nothing to report.