

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
May 6, 2008
VU 567

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

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #013 – S – 08 to approve the minutes from 4/29/08, made by Aaron
Motion# 014 – S – 08 to reinstate Kristina Mader as a Senator, made by Brianne
Motion# 015 – S – 08 to approve the change in wording on item 2.2, made by Danny.
Motion# 016 – S - 08 to move Summer Senate to its own article and have it be the sixth article.
Motion# 017 – S – 08 to approve the reference to the Personnel Office in article 8.1.3, made by Brianne
Motion# 018 – S – 08 to approved changes to section 3.10.3, 3.10, name of Article 3, and change of all governing to student leadership, made by Morgan

I. Approval of Minutes – 4/22/08

Motion #013 -S- 08 to approve the minutes from 4/29/08, made by Aaron
Second: Brianne **Vote:** 5 – 0 – 2

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

V. Action Items

a. Reinstate Kristina Mader

Kristina Mader had missed three meetings in a row and therefore needed to be reinstated.

Motion#014 – S – 08 to reinstate Kristina Mader as a Senator, made by Brianne
Second: Diana **Vote:** 6 – 0 – 1

Passed.

VI. Discussion Items

a. AS Transportation Advisory Committee

The AS Transportation Advisory Committee would like to submit their proposal of recommendations for transportation to the Senate and have it approved. They will be coming to next weeks meeting.

Matteo entered at 6:43

b. Senate By-Laws

First Chelsea started off by asking the Senators if there was anything they wanted to have added into or removed from the by-laws. They began by discussing section 2.1 Individual Membership. Section 2.1 states, “any student currently enrolled in Western Washington University is eligible for appointment and membership.” Chelsea wondered what would happen if someone applied as a transfer student. The Senate said that if they were going to do summer Senate than they would most likely already be enrolled and there would not be any problems there. They discussed whether or not 2.1 should read any student who has been admitted and intends to start Western in the fall. Other Senators felt is should state that you are taking classes

at Western. Senators would like to look up the Universities definition of enrollment and come back to this article. When discussing section 2.2 Term of Office, the Senators discussed the portion that stated, “Senators shall serve on a term of office from the first week of Fall Quarter.” Chelsea did not like this because more likely than not the Senate would not start the first week of Fall quarter. However, this seems not so much an issue of timing but of process. The Senators decided to change it to say “immediately following the approval of the AS Board of Directors.”

Motion# 015 – S – 08 to approve the change in wording on item 2.2, made by Danny.
Second: Brianne **Vote:** 8 – 0 – 0 **Passed.**

The Senators next discussed item 2.4 Summer Senate. They wondered whether or not this section should be under article 2. They wondered if it should be it’s own article. Senators continued to discuss this issue and came to an agreement that it should be made into its own article, it is now Article VI before the article discussing voting.

Motion# 016 – S - 08 to move Summer Senate to its own article and have it be the sixth article.
Second: Kristina **Vote:** 8 – 0 – 0 **Passed.**

Next the Senators discussed item 8.1.3 which states, “Committee seats reserved for Senators shall be filed by the appointment of the Chair from within the current seated Senate.” This is the way it is supposed to be done however currently the Personnel office makes these decisions. Senators felt it would make more sense for the Chair to do this. Senators would also like this item to be more concrete as getting on committees should be a priority. They wondered whether or not this would be acceptable with the Personnel Office. A reference was added into the by-laws which stated “with consultation from the Personnel Office.” Some of the Senators felt it would be nice to put in a timeline for being put on a committee. Greg felt this was more of an operating procedure, and that this might be too strict for the by-laws.

Motion# 017 – S – 08 to approve the reference to the Personnel Office in article 8.1.3, made by Brianne
Second: Kristina **Vote:** 8 – 0 – 0 **Passed.**

The Senators discussed section 4.6.3, Chelsea felt it was odd that this position could be removed by the chair, and wondered whether or not that should be changed or if it should be in this section of the by-laws. They decided to move it under Article III. The Senators also decided they should change the name of Article III, Governing Senate Membership, to Senate Leadership and all other mentions of government throughout this article to the by-laws.

Motion# 018 – S – 08 to approved changes to section 3.10.3, 3.10, name of Article 3, and change of all governing to student leadership, made by Morgan
Second: Aaron **Vote:** 8 – 0 – 0 **Passed.**

Next the Senators discussed item 3.4 they decided they would like the Chair to be enrolled at WWU. They are going to check with the personnel office about this. The final item discussed was item 6.2, Matteo proposed that Senate elections should follow a run off election. Some of the Senators felt this was too small of a group to do this with. They decided this did not cause a problem unless a new position was added. This is going to be discussed and voted on next week.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Senate Reports and Concerns

- a. **Morgan Holmgren** Went to the transportation advisory committee. He informed the Senators that the wall parking near the ridge is going to be turned into parallel parking and a bike lane. There is also going to be a transportation forum just before memorial day. Also he informed the Senators that election results are out.
- b. **Lurdes Hernandez** Met with the IPAC Committee. There are two student who would like to go to a University in Panama, currently the Committee is trying to receive more information about

this committee. Also over 20 students have applied for a study abroad scholarship. The IPAC committee gives 3 away and will be reviewing the applications soon.

- c. **Danny Tonty** Wondered whether or not his committee was ever going to start. Chelsea is going to look into it.
- d. **Brianne Kumar** went to the budget committee meeting. They have begun to approve budgets.
- e. **Matteo Tamburini** Attended the Cascaid Conference. He also informed the Senators that there were going to be events with women speaking out against the GAP who have had abortions.
- f. **Aaron Hayman** Informed the Senators that there is going to be a PSA Conference on May 14th, where there will be round table discussions on abortion. Also there is a Model UN conference this weekend.
- g. **Chelsea Fletcher** Has been attending Facilities and Services meetings and is going to Canada on Thursday for a class trip.
- h. **Diana Beilman** Spoke with health and safety about the health fee. They already have something going to the Board, so it would be unnecessary for her to write up a resolution.
- i. **Kristina Mader** Went to Activities Council they gave more money away but they are beginning to run low. She also informed the Senators of events going on, on campus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm by Chelsea.