

**A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING**  
**October 31, 2006**  
**VU 462**

**Present:** Annie Jansen, Ashely Schweizer, Brian Lewellen, Christian Opfer, Eddie Jenkins, Geoff Thilo, Jake Massine, Jared Zeretzke, Kelly Hansen, Nikki Gossell, Paige De Chambeau  
**Absent:** Brandon Adams  
**Advisor:** Kevin Majkut  
**Secretary:** Ellen Griffes  
**Guests:** Kevin McClain, AS VP for Campus and Community Affairs

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Christian Opfer**

**Summary of Motions:**

**Motion # 014-F-06** to approve the minutes from 10/24/06 with the made revisions

**Motion # 015-F-06** to make the skateboard question the Issue of the Month

**Motion # 016-F-06** to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes – 10/24/06**

In his committee report, Jake pointed out that he *had* been contacted by is committees.

**Motion # 014-F-06** to approve the minutes from 10/24/06 with the made revisions, made by Nikki

**Second:** Jake                      **Vote:** 10-0-1                      *Passed.*

**III. Revisions to the Agenda**

Christian added another document to the Charge and Charter Information Item.

**IV. Public Forum**

None

**V. Unfinished Items**

**a. Popsicle Eating Contest**

Flyers have been printed and posted around campus. Most of the Senators can attend on Friday. The ASBOD is going to help out with funds, as well as attend the event. It is going to be held in front of the bookstore, unless it is raining. The bookstore is going to be donating a lot of stuff for the prizes. Christian is going to hand out handbills later in the week. Paige is going to help Christian make a banner to hang on Fraser Hall. He thinks that only 500 popsicles are going to be needed. There was more discussion on this issue. The rules would mimic the rules of a hot-dog eating contest and will be 6 minutes long. A freezer will be rented on the day of the contest.

**VI. Action Items**

**a. Issue of the Month**

Possible ideas that were discussed for the month of November were the skateboarding issue, a renewable energy kiosk, and green fees. It was a general consensus that the last two issues were too involved.

**Motion # 015-F-06** to make the skateboard question the Issue of the Month, made by Annie

**Second:** Geoff                      **Vote:** 11-0-0                      *Passed.*

## **VII. Information Items**

### **a. WWU Sustainability Committee Goals**

Kevin McClain discussed the issue and the document about sustainable transportation and what it really looks like. He is asking the Senators to look over the document and determine if it really speaks to students. Christian discussed the possibility of the Senate writing a resolution, recommending the document.

### **b. Senate Charge and Charter**

The main changes dealt with changing the membership of the Senate to a fixed number instead of reflecting the student population. Membership will now be at 20 people, instead of having one senator per 1,000 Western students. Similar changes were made to the Bylaws as well. This was made an Action Item for next week.

### **c. Student Senate Website**

Christian is working on getting an electronic discussion board through the website. He also asked the Senators to send him their bios to post on the website. Group pictures will be taken once the t-shirts arrive.

### **d. Goals for the upcoming year**

Christian wants more input from the Senators about what they think the group goals should be. Jared would like to include more sustainability issues. Jake brought up Rec Center fee increases. Eddie wants the Student Senate to be taken more seriously and suggested bringing more formality to the meetings.

### **e. SIT Force**

Paige, Sean and Nikki are all going to be on the committee with Christian.

### **f. Senate Resolution concerning overcrowding**

Christian would like to see an ad hoc committee formed over this issue to research how much the campus is overused. Eddie is going to lead this ad hoc committee.

### **g. Senate Forum**

The forum was rescheduled for Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30.

## **VIII. Student Senate Committee Reports**

### **a. Student Government Visibility Committee**

Annie said that she is not ready with the Charge and Charter.

### **b. Student Senate Issue of the Month Committee**

Jared said that he can complete the Charge and Charter by next Tuesday.

## **IX. Senator Committee Reports**

**a. Annie Jansen** is in the process of filling out the applications and cannot decide which other ones to apply for.

**b. Ashley Schweizer** has not had any committee meetings yet.

**c. Brian Lewellen** has a Campus Rec Center Advisory meeting tomorrow at 4:00pm.

**d. Christian Opfer** said that Academic Freedom Task Force is trying to get money from the Faculty Senate. AS Legislative Council is meeting next week. ACC is meeting next week. University Planning Council is meeting tomorrow at 4:00pm.

**e. Eddie Jenkins** has an ACC meeting next week. Academic Grievance Board has not met yet. He had training for the University Judicial Appeal Board earlier in the day.

**f. Geoff Thilo** has meetings every other week for Academic Freedom Task Force. Campus and Community Affairs Council has not met yet, and the Student Academic Grievance Board will not meet until the end of the quarter.

**g. Jake Massine** has been appointed to the Library Committee and the Rec Center Committee.

**h. Jared Zeretzke** has an Emergency Response Planning Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm and an Issue of the Month meeting, within the next week.

- i. **Kelly Hansen** has a Bookstore Advisory meeting with Lara tomorrow and next week. She was contacted by James about the Student Tech Fee Committee, but no dates have been set yet.
- j. **Nikki Gossell** has a Bookstore Advisory meeting with Lara tomorrow and an official first meeting next week.
- k. **Paige DeChambeau** had no new business to report.

**X. Announcements**

None

**XI. Adjourn Meeting**

**Motion # 016-F-06** to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, made by Nikki

**Second:** Geoff

**Vote: 11-0-0**

*Passed.*