

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2008**

VU 543

**Present:** Annie Jansen, Nick Gaddy, Justin Van Dyk, Chelsea Bourdess, Chelsea Fletcher, Dan McLafferty, Danielle Dickson,  
**Absent:** Nikki Brown, Judah Corsini, Justin Gazabat, Wyatt Ho, Rebekah Johnson, Brianne Kumar  
**Advisor:** Greg McBride  
**Secretary:** Brooke Hayter  
**Guest:** Sarah Ishmael, Morgan Holmgren

**Annie Jansen, Student Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.**

**S-08-F-04** Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**S-08-F-05** Motion to move the issue of the Month to an Action Item.

**S-08-F-06** Motion to approve the December Issue of the Month.

**S-08-F-07** Motion to approve the State Legislative Agenda for 2009.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

***MOTION S-08-F-04***

Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, with noted revisions, made by Chelsea F.  
Second: Chelsea B.                      Vote: 4 - 0 - 3                      Action: **Passed**

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

Information item b was moved to an Action item. Discussion item b. Meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, was added to the agenda.

**III. Public Forum**

Morgan informed Senators that next Wednesday there will be a presentation on Tuition Setting Authority. It will be in Humanities 110 from 4 – 6. Sarah informed the Senators that she has been getting ready for Viking Lobby Day. Lobby Day will be January 18 – 19. She invited all of the Senators to attend.

**IV. Information Items**

**A. Issue of the Month**

Senators read over the suggestion for the issue of the month made by Nikki. The Senators decided they liked the question, there was a unanimous decision to drop the last sentence of the question.

***MOTION S-08-F-05***

Motion to move the Issue of the Month to an Action Item, made by Dan.

Second: Nick                      Vote: By acclamation                      Action: **Passed**

## V. Action Items

### A. Issue of the Month

This Issue of the Month will continue throughout the calendar year. Grammatical changes were made to the proposed question. Annie entertained a motion to approve the Issue of the Month.

#### ***MOTION S-08-F-06***

Motion to approve the December Issue of the Month, made by Chelsea

Second: Danielle                      Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: **Passed**

### B. Legislative Agenda

Sarah began by showing the Senators the changes that had been made to the Agenda since the previous meeting. For example, the third bullet point under funding was changed to be less vague. They moved the bottom bullet point from faculty under the student control section, the word religion was added under the diversity section, wording under this section was also changed to sexual orientation and identity/expression, finally under the environment section the word organic was changed to sustainable because they felt sustainable encompassed more than organic. Senators wondered whether or not there was a concern about mandating food service contractors to go through sustainable businesses only. They wondered whether or not this would raise tuition at all for those students who were living in the dorms. Sarah informed the Senators that cost had not been discussed but in general this issue was discussed. Dan then asked whether or not Sarah believed this goal was attainable, she felt it was. The Senators then began to discuss the first bullet under campus life, which states, that WWU Student support legislation and funding that improves accessibility for students with disabilities by enhancing on-campus resources and services, and by improving the physical accessibility of campus. Senators wondered whether wording needed to be added to this bullet about permanence, things such as repairing the bricks. Things like this are ongoing problems, and because capital funding is one time funding, this issue would need to be reapproved each year. Because capital funding does not fund maintenance, Senators wondered whether or not it should be a different point. Sarah feels that as of right now this point is broad enough to go from bricks to employee salaries without having to add in a statement of longevity. She feels that longevity is assumed in these types of documents. Annie however felt that with our current economic climate it is not safe to assume that things will carry over. The Senators finished by asking Morgan to bring his talking points for the Senators to look over so that they could see that making this long term is a long term goal.

#### ***MOTION S-08-F-07***

Motion to approve State Legislative Agenda for 2009, with the recommended changes, made by Chelsea

Second: Dan                      Vote: 7 - 0 - 0                      Action: **Passed**

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **A. Senate Logo**

Adam Brinson requested that some of the Senators make a time to go visit him in his office and give him some ideas as to what they would like their logo to look like. Greg told Senators they needed to come to an agreement on what they would like and stick with it for awhile. Senators decided to move this issue to the beginning of next quarter.

### **B. Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Annie asked the Senators whether or not they thought they should have a meeting during dead week. The Senators decided that they would like to discuss the issue of the month for January and that they did not want to put off reinstating Judah until next quarter. Senators voted by acclamation to have a meeting next week.

## **VII. Senator Reports/Concerns**

- **Danielle Dickson** Nothing new to report.
- **Chelsea Bourdess** Nothing new to report.
- **Nick Gaddy** Is on the Academic Grievance Board and Parking Appeals.
- **Justin Van Dyk** Is on the Academic Affairs Council.
- **Annie Jansen** Nothing new to report.
- **Wyatt Ho** Nothing new to report.
- **Chelsea Fletcher** Received a packet from ACC, once she has read it, she will give a better report during the next meeting.
- **Dan McLafferty** Is on the Judicial Appeals Board, training is going to be next week.

## **VIII. Other Business:**

A grad student contacted Chelsea about the open position for the Senate.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:40 P.M.**