

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
December 4th, 2007
VU 567

Present: Kristina Mader, Aaron Hayman, Danny Tonty, Chelsea Fletcher, Nicole Brown, Mark Provenzano, Matteo Tamburini, Diana Beilman, Morgan Holmgren, Judah Corsini, Diana Beilman, Tyler Woodard, Brianne Kumar, Lurdes Hernandez, Sally McLaughlin

Absent:

Advisor: Greg McBride

Secretary: Brooke Hayter

Guest:

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 013-F-to approve the minutes from 11/13/07 with noted revisions, made by Aaron

Motion #014 -F to approve the minutes from 11/27/07 with the noted revisions, made by Aaron

I. Approval of Minutes – 11/13/07 and 11/27/07

Motion # 013-F-to approve the minutes with noted revisions, made by Aaron

Second: Brianne

Vote: 12-0-0

Passed.

Motion # 014-F-to approve the minutes with noted revisions, made by Aaron

Second: Brianne

Vote: 12-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

None

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Issue of the Month

The Senators began by discussing the comments they received from the November issue of the month. Many of the comments on the list were the same issues the Senators had been discussing in previous meetings, such as smoking, dorm food, and transportation.

Diana entered at 6:14pm.

Chelsea wanted the Senators to choose a few items from the list that they felt would like to focus on this year. Some of issues the Senators discussed were racism, transportation, smoking, bikes on campus, and dorm food. Discussion was held on all of these topics. Chelsea asked Danny and Lurdes to look into the topic of identity awareness, both Senators felt that looking into this would be beneficial. The issue of bicycles on campus was also discussed, Greg informed the Senators that the Central Health and Safety department is currently working on a policy for bikes on campus and are looking for feedback. The Senators decided to hold off on bike issues until spring when more students will be riding bikes. They also decided to hold the smoking issue off until February The Senators decided that transportation would be the best topic for the January Issue of the month. Chelsea asked the Senators to think about what the major issues are with transportation and come to the Senate meeting next month with some ideas for wording of the question.

VII. Other Business

a. Outreach Committee

The outreach committee met this morning they discussed ideas for outreach which they will run by the Senators at a later date. Nicole spoke with Ramiro and found out that there is no winter AS info fair, but there is a club fair they could participate in.

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. **Kristina Mader** attended the AC meeting where they gave money to Teach for America. While she could not make it to the LAC meeting she found out that some changes had been passed by the group for the legislative agenda. She also attended the ACC meeting, and was very excited about the high attendance for all of the events on campus in the past week.
- b. **Aaron Hayman** attended the ACC meeting; he is excited about some of the new curriculum changes taking place within many of the departments. He will also be attending the Brit (Border Regions in Transition) Conference, January 12 – 15. Where Western Washington University and Victoria University will be discussing markets, states, and border communities. Aaron will be reading a research paper he co-authored with Dr. Paul Storer on “Streamlining of the NAFTA Tariffs and the Benefits for Washington State.” He also informed the members that break ins to homes go up dramatically over break and that they should inform people of this fact. He also spoke about the idea of getting either Senate sweatshirts or t-shirts. Some Senators requested that these be made within the US and that it be organic fabric. If funding is not approved by the board the Senators will purchase the clothing themselves.
- c. **Diana Beilman** spoke with people about campus safety; many people are worried about the loose bricks in the walkways on campus. She feels the issue of campus safety is something the Senators should be focusing on.
- d. **Mark Provenzano** did not like the idea of giving freshman the priority to sign up for gym classes before upperclassmen. He was afraid it may start a trend with other classes. He was also heard from a lot of upset people because when the Rec Center closed down due to power outages there was nothing on their website. Chelsea informed him there actually was, and that they also had a message informing people of this when they called.
- e. **Nicole Brown** heard a lot about the vandalism in Nash hall. She was glad to see the issue of smoking was brought up by students on the response to the issue of the month, as she had brought this issue up in previous meetings. This issue is something she would be very interested in looking into.
- f. **Danny Tonty** wondered if their committees matched up with their office roles, Chelsea informed him that they did.
- g. **Matteo Tamburini** has been doing research on health insurance policies. Informed the Senators that on Thursday from 11:30-12 in red square a group of people will be reading the names of people who have died in the Iraq war. He also ran into some people from Students for Sustainable food and spoke with them about genetically modified crops. He also knows a few resources about white privilege that he would be happy to share with Danny and Lurdes for their research on identity awareness, racism and culture.
- h. **Chelsea Fletcher** loves the ACC. She is very excited about some of the changes they are making within departments, especially in the English department. She also had the list of committees Senators will sit on, which she will send out tomorrow She informed the Senators that the forum for the Presidential Hiring Committee is going to be Thursday in VU 552. She sent out an email to all of the departments to let them know, there are also posters around campus, as well as a face book group.
- i. **Brianne Kumar** Has been working on the public forum. She was also excited to learn that although you are not supposed to light candles in the dorms you can light a menorah if you celebrate that holiday.
- j. **Judah Corsini** wondered if a police report had been filed about the vandalism in Nash. Chelsea informed him they did not report it to the police. He met with Aaron Garcia, during their meeting they discussed AS BOD awareness on campus which Aaron felt was very low. They discussed some possible advertising options and the possibility of an elective credit class that people could take to learn about it.

- k. Lurdes Hernandez** was worried about the vandalism in Nash hall. She spoke with many residents who would like to see something done about it.
- l. Morgan Holmgren** last Wednesday he had a meeting with Erik about his role on the Legislative and Governmental Affairs committee. They talked over some ideas about creating a WWU club for civic engagement. Erik also informed him that he would like every Senator who can to attend lobby day in Olympia, a date has not yet been set.
- m. Tyler Woodard** asked about the side streets near the ridge, he informed the Senators that you now need a parking permit to park there.
- n. Sally McLaughlin** met with Nina about her University Residences and Sustainability committee. There will not be any committee meetings until next quarter. She also is going to be working with Ramiro and Chelsea about adding recycling codes into the student code of conduct.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 Chelsea.