

Western Washington University Associated Students
Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 VU 567

Present: Annie Jansen, Chelsea Bourdess, Danielle Dickson, Justin Van Dyk, Justin Gazabat, Nikki Brown, Jadon Berry, Nick Gaddy
Absent: Dan McLafferty, Wyatt Ho, Brianne Kumar
Advisor: Greg McBride
Secretary: Teaira Lacson
Guest: Erik Lowe, Sarah Ishmael, Ariel Wetzter, Matteo Tamburini, Daisy Phillips, Evan Knappenberger

Annie Jansen, Student Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

- S-09-W-02** Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, January 27, 2009. *Passed*
S-09-W-03 Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 03, 2009. *Passed*
S-09-W-04 Approval of Motion to make Tuition to be the issue of the month . *Passed*
S-09-W-05 Approval of Action Item: B. Motion to approve the language of the first two questions and rework the wording for the third question. *Passed*
S-09-W-06 Motion to approve the first resolution with the changes they have made. *Passed*
S-09-W-07 Motion to approve the second tuition resolution with the changes they have made. *Passed*
S-09-W-08 Motion to strike the first question from the previous statement regarding the issue of the month. *Passed*

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION S-09-W-02 by *Danielle Dickson*, seconded by Chelsea Bourdess
Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

MOTION S-09-W-03 by *Jadon Berry*, seconded by Danielle Dickson
Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 03, 2009
Vote: 7 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**
 Formatting error
 Discussion item: Danielle said it instead of Chelsea

II. Revisions to the Agenda

None

III. Public Forum

- A. Guest Introductions: Ariel Wetzter, Matteo Tamburini, Daisy Phillips, Evan Knappenberger
- a. Evan Knappenberger wanted to bring to the Senators potential issues with recruiters at career fairs, since they are present quarterly for recruitment. He had

said that recruiters may not be entirely truthful about a student's particular future within the armed forces because it is not the recruiter who establishes where a student will be stationed. Recruiters can be deceitful because there is an incentive to get names during these fairs. Evan wanted to share his concerns because he was deceived by such recruiters and wanted to bring it to the attention of students to avoid such occurrences from happening.

- b. Matteo Tamburini brought a suggestion, which will be brought to the Senators again in the future, that lies in accord with the military aspect. He wanted to share the possibility of Bellingham become a sanctuary for AWOL. The example he used was if a military personnel who go AWOL were pulled over by a cop in Bellingham for speeding, their record would show their status as AWOL. By adopting Bellingham as the third sanctuary city, it would eliminate this status that arises in their records.

IV. Information Items

A. Schedule for tabling

Annie Jansen said the best possible days for tabling are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Potentially on Friday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

V. Action Items

A. Issue of the Month:

Danielle said the main goal was the increase accessibility, not just for those with disabilities.

B. Tuition Resolution

Justin Gazabat asked why there is a stereotype with more funds leading to better education and with fewer funds leads to lower quality education. Erik Lowe replied that it was in terms of resource availability. Nikki Brown had asked, "Why is the topic of tuition resolution still being discussed as an issue of the month discussion topic if the Senate is planning tabling, student forums, etc.?" As such the following motion was made.

MOTION S-09-W-04 by Justin, seconded by Chelsea

Motion to make Tuition to be the issue of the month

Vote: 4 - 2 - 1 Action: **Passed**

Erik had generated some possible questions to ask students regarding tuition. Questions entail What has been your experience with college costs and financial aid? If tuition was raised 15% for two years...

MOTION S-09-W-05 by Jadon, seconded by Chelsea

Motion to approve the language of the first two questions and rework the wording for the third question

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

Sarah Ishmael talked about how the two resolutions, which handed out to senators, incorporated board's and the senators' suggestions. Danielle and Jadon had commented on formatting errors within the document. Erik said in the second "whereas" line, the first and

second sentence are not connected. Danielle asked if AS should be written out fully. In the second resolution, the sixth whereas, Justin G. suggested changing the word. Jadon asked about changing it to believe

MOTION S-09-W-06 by Jadon, seconded by Nikki

Motion to approve the first resolution with the changes they have made

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

Chelsea had pointed out other grammatical errors. The third point in the second resolution was explained more thoroughly by Erik

MOTIO S-09-W-07 by Jadon, seconded by Nikki

Motion to approve the second tuition resolution with the changes they have made

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

Finalizing third sentence for the issue of the month--Erik suggested: Currently, tuition for students at WWU is ...

MOTION S-09-W-08 by Chelsea, seconded by Danielle

Motion to strike the first question from the previous statement regarding the issue of the month

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

VI. Discussion Items

A. Service Project

Dan McLafferty was not present to report his findings regarding the food banks and soup kitchens.

VII. Other Business:

Annie wanted to get the opinion of the other Senators about the process in establishing an Issue of the Month because obviously a large issue, like tuition, takes more time than other issues. Jadon asked if it was possible for Annie to have a role in establishing a jumping off point in terms of motion terminology/linguistic prose. She replied that it is up to the Senators, just like how Jadon had made a motion based upon the way Erik and posed questions for the Issue of the Month.

VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns:

- All the Senators reported that all was relatively good—general and short due to time constraints.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:50 P.M.