

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Student Senate Meeting**

Tuesday, February 24, 2009      VU 567

**Present:** Annie Jansen, Justin Van Dyk, Nick Gaddy, Jadon Berry, Nikki Brown, Danielle Dickson, Brianne Kumar, Wyatt Ho, Katie Seman, Patty Hastings, Justin Gazabat  
**Absent:** Dan McLafferty, Chelsea Bourdess  
**Advisor:** Greg McBride  
**Secretary:** Teaira Lacson  
**Guest:** Erik Lowe, Janelee Waldock, Charles Harbeson

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

<b>S-09-W-09</b>	Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 17, 2009
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**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Revisions to the agenda Information**

**MOTION S-09-W-09** by *Danielle*. Seconded by Jadon  
Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 17, 2009  
Vote: 6-0-4      Action: **Passed**

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

Addition of Other Business Items: B: Reinstatements, C: Resignations, D: Job Fair, E: Tabling

**III. Public Forum**

Charlie and Janelee are here to present with Sarah

**IV. Information Items**

**A. Issue of the month (Results) Doc. 1**

Brianne Kumar asked how it would be possible to do it “digitally” if there are not computers in all the rooms. Justin Van Dyk said that he liked Annie Jansen’s idea about evaluating before registration, making it digital on Blackboard or e-mailed would be a good idea.

**B. Time for Next Quarter?**

A few people approached Annie with concerns about their schedule next quarter conflicting with the meeting.

## V. Action Items

### A. Federal Legislative Agenda

Erik Lowe said that the agenda did not change from last week. Wyatt Ho said that he is not sure that we can make this decision without Legislative Affairs Council has not had the chance to look at it. Erik said that he did not know they did not meet and if the Senate had any changes he would be happy to forward it to Sarah. Annie asked if the Senators would not mind having this action item as an action item for next week. Erik said that he doesn't know if there have been any changes, other than the track changes. Annie said that they will keep this item as an action item for next week because there is sufficient time to do so. Annie commented on the second subset of bullets. Erik said he did not like the format of the Financial Aid section. Annie said she forwarded the diversity statement to Sarah. Other changes: Patty said the spaces are not consistent, for instance under the diversity section. Later in the meeting, when Sarah arrived, Greg and Erik said that the board would like an endorsement from the Senate in response to Jadon's comment regarding the Senate's involvement with this particular topic. Sarah said that they are making this document available to the students in general. Annie said this item is still tabled.

***MOTION S-09-W-0** by Nikki, seconded by Danielle*

Motion to table this item

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2      Action: **Passed**

## VI. Discussion Items

### A. WSL Fee

Erik has not updated information; the administration is under the impression that we will be moving forward with the changes—keeping the fee the same and the system as well. Jadon asked if this will lead to it stepping out of WSL. Erik said no, it would be so that we would be able to utilize the funds for Western specific legislative activities but support WSL membership.

### B. Military Recruiters

Annie got an e-mail from Evan and said that she has received e-mails from other students who are concerned as well. Evan said that he has contacted with an individual from the Career Center in which the collection of e-mails with this individual stated that the values. She separated the two issues because they are distinctive. The Senate could suggest a resolution for or against recruiters being on campus. Danielle talked with one a Western employee and had said that the recruiters are deceitful, but believes that students still should be given an option to do so. Wyatt said his stance is much like the former Marine, whom Danielle spoke with, the university should not give the recruiters special treatment and personally he would encourage students to know their options. It will be moved to an information item next week. Erik asked as an information item, would he like it to be a resolution or a formal recommendation. Annie said a resolution is a very formal document, official where a recommendation does not have the same format, like a memorandum. Erik said that a recommendation could be simple as "We would not like recruiters on campus," easier to pass than resolution. Jadon suggested that we do not do anything with these because access to those people in important, people can choose to go to the Career Fair.

Nikki commented not only are the recruiters deceitful, but what about the other people at the fair. Annie said the chief concern is that their hiring practices are discriminatory. Nikki said that the main reason was that they gave the impression that the main point was that the recruiters were lying. Wyatt said in reply to Nikki, that in the end it is the student's choice to decide with an employer. Annie said in response to their abidance to the law is that there are additional laws. Sarah asked if they contacted career services. Greg said that the Senate does not have to do anything with it, but since it was brought to the Senate may process it. Annie asked if the Senators would like to have it as a discussion item and Jadon said he would like them to come back next week to talk with them.

### **C. Bellingham: Sanctuary City**

Danielle had suggested getting more information about sanctuary city. Greg said that a sanctuary city is, for example, Bellingham would not use city resources to Annie said that sanctuary city is relatively new because Bellingham would be the third. Nick asked if this would fall within the sphere of our influence. Annie said that we can make a recommendation on it, but it is up to the senators. Erik said that the Senators could make a recommendation for the Board to review it which would be passed on the Sarah. Jadon said that he does not know how this issue fits within the AS. Erik said that the AS has an additional point as a representative. Wyatt said in addition to Erik's point, that in terms of social welfare that we are here to promote that interest of the community with Bellingham's environment; that AS is here is building a comfortable community. Annie said that the soldiers who were AWOL may or may not be Western students. Jadon said that there is a fine line between political action and political action that supports students as a whole—lobbying for tuition. Erik said that one must look at these two issues with a different level of scrutiny to represent to majority of students, much harder than lobbying for lower tuition. Sarah said her only concern is when the AS takes a stance on this but there are implications by having involvement with this issue; there are serious ramifications if they follow through. Annie said that she was going to get in touch with Evan and the other students.

### **D. Tuition Talk (with Sarah 8 volunteers)**

Annie said that they will pick this up at the next meeting.

## **VII. Other Business:**

### **A. Making discussion items info items**

Annie said that they are going to adopt the policy that discussion items will become information items, the default will be from discussion to information. Erik said that if the Senate felt strongly about the WSL fees make it an information item.

### **B. Reinstatements**

Annie said that the senators will need to be reinstated next week, as an action item.

### **C. Resignation**

We had another resignation from the Senate and there is another vacancy; Annie will be accepting applications again.

### **D. Job Fair**

Annie asked the Senators to write the times that they are available on Friday in Red Square and Tuesday on March 03, information fair. Erik said that there are a lot of positions available.

#### **E. Tabling**

Combined with Other Business Item D.

#### **VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns**

- Nick Gaddy: Appeal committee is now looking at March 13 to meet until noon and no concerns
- Justin Van Dyk: had committee meeting last week, will meet two times a week next quarter; no concerns
- Nikki Brown: Student Tech Fee met last Friday and are narrowing proposals, she is working on two forum: healthcare and renewable energy
- Jadon Berry: has not met and has not heard any student concerns
- Justin Gazabat: has not met with his committee and he talked with students about tuition, and that static elective charge in the VU dining room.
- Wyatt Ho: extended welcome the new senators and encouraged them to join Academic Affairs council and LAC did not meet.
- Erik Lowe: introduced himself and encouraged to meet them with the AS Board. He found out today that private institutions do not like him very much.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:05 P.M.**