

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

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009 VU 567**

**Present:** Annie Jansen (Chair), Brianne Kumar, Justin Van Dyk, Danielle Dickson, Nikki Brown, Chelsea Bourdess, Patty Hastings, Jadon Berry  
**Absent:** Wyatt Ho, Nick Gaddy  
**Advisor:** Greg McBride, VU Operations Manager  
**Secretary:** Lauren Leatherberry  
**Guest:**

**Annie Jansen, Student Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06P.M.**

<b>S-09-S-06</b>	Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2009
<b>S-09-S-07</b>	Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2009

**I. Approval of Minutes**

*MOTION S-09-S-06 by Nikki Brown, seconded by Justin Van Dyk*

Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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

*MOTION S-09-S-07 by Jadon Berry, Seconded by Justin Van Dyk*

Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

**III. Public Forum**

None

**IV. Information Items**

**A. ACC (Nikki Brown):** Nikki Brown forgot to send out a message with ACC information. The policies currently being scrutinized are course withdrawal, graduation honors, course repeat and GPA calculation, and course attendance policies. Brown would like feedback to take back to ACC as per their request for student opinions. The process is currently informal, but will formalize in the Fall of 2009. Brown will type up information and bring it to the next Senate meeting so that members can write their opinion and bring back their comments the subsequent week after that.

**V. Action Items**

None

**VI. Discussion Items**

- A. Tabling Schedule:** Annie Jansen has requested Senate Members to write their name and the time that they are available for Red Square Tabling for this month's Issue of the Month. Members can do one and/or more days depending on what they want to do. Tabling days will depend on member availability.
- B. Polling Station Schedule (for AS Elections):** Ben Murphy, Elections Coordinator, would like more volunteers at the South Campus polling station all of next week.
- C. Feedback from the Board:** The Senate has not yet received feedback from the Board of Directors. They did mention that they wanted to express their gratitude for sending the forward including an informal letter and data from March's Issue of the Month. Virgilio Cintron, Vice President for Business and Operations is talking about making this a permanent fixture of the issue of the month so that responses always go to the Board of Directors. There are some issues where the results will be more pressing to the Board and the Senate needs a more structured way for these results to get to the Board. Jansen will email final documents of what was sent to the Board to the Senate members. The Board was pleasantly surprised by what the Senate sent to them regarding last month's issue.

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

- **Patty Hastings:** Patty Hastings came from the budget meeting. She has talked with some students about their desire to have a mural painted in the tunnel that goes into Fairhaven.
- **Jadon Berry:** Jadon Berry mentioned a student concern regarding bike racks by the Academic Instructional Center (AIC). Berry commented that because the racks are not close enough in relation to the building, students are locking up their bikes on the rails by the door and thus disrupting disability pathways. Students in the Resident Halls yesterday were upset that they had not yet heard about the candidate forums. Berry believes these forums should have been better advertised and would like to see this addressed next year.
- **Justin Van Dyk:** Justin Van Dyk arrived at the Senate Meeting having come directly from the Budget Meeting. Van Dyk reported that the committee has decided to vote via Facebook "like" or "dislike" and leaving a comment as to why. He is learning more about how things are funded historically, but still does not have access to the files and thus cannot bring the documents to the Senate.
- **Brianne Kumar:** Brianne Kumar attended the budget meeting as well. She has no student concerns to be voiced. MISO is hosting a Leadership Experience called Project Whisk in Nash Hall on Thursday at 7:00PM.
- **Nikki Brown:** The ACC is not meeting until next week and that is the only committee of Brown's that is still currently meeting.

- **Chelsea Bourdess:** There are still 2009-2010 AS positions available. The filing cabinet outside of the Personnel Office has all of the positions that are still open.
- **Danielle Dickson:** Danielle Dickson reported that Disability Awareness Week was a considerable success with several attendees at different events and nearly \$280 raised during a bake sale for Tom Guidon to participate in the Deaf Olympics.

**VIII. Other Business:**

- A. Candidate Forum:** There is a candidate forum tonight after the Senate meeting. Jansen has requested that all senate members attend at 7:00P.M. in Frasier 4. This will be an opportunity to meet the candidates for VP Student Life, VP Academic Affairs, and VP Activities. Graduating students are still allowed to participate in voting.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:27P.M.**