

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

VU 567

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

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

S-09-S-08	Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2009
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I. Approval of Minutes

***MOTION S-09-S-08** by Danielle Dickson, seconded by Patty Hastings*

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Vote: 8 - 0 - 1 Action: **Passed**

II. Revisions to the Agenda

None

III. Public Forum

Morgan Holmgren, the Legislative Liaison for the 2008-2009 academic year announced that they are still seeking to fill the position for the 2009-2010 academic year. He strongly encourages those who are interested in the position to fill out a salaried application or to at least review the job description. The job requires the position holder to take a quarter off to work in Olympia during the Winter quarter, but usually offers political science department. The position offers a great way to learn the legislative process, meet legislators, and to make connections.

IV. Information Items

A. ACC (Nikki Brown): Brianne Kumar brought a document for each Senate member listing each ACC policy that is potentially under construction. The policies currently being scrutinized are: course withdrawal, graduation with honors policy, course repeat and GPA calculation, and course attendance policies. Currently, the Course Attendance Policy states that if the student does not attend the first day of class, regardless of whether they are registered or not, they may be dropped from it. Graduation with honors policy requires those students to spend the last year of studies at Western on campus. This policy most obviously effect students that chose to study abroad as they do not receive then receive their honors. The Course Repeat Policy states that a student may repeat a course to receive a better grade, but that grade will not replace the existing

grade when calculating the cumulative GPA, not will you receive credit for that class again. Finally, the course withdrawal policy allows only a limited number of withdrawals and policies regarding receiving a “W” on the student’s transcript. The process is currently informal, but will formalize in the Fall of 2009. Kumar and Nikki Brown would like each Senate member to make their comments and list their opinions, as well as any known student opinions regarding these potential policy changes and bring them back to the Senate the next meeting. Greg McBride recommended that each Senate member look into the actual policies as they are written on the registrar’s webpage before commenting.

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

None

VII. Senator Reports/Concerns:

- **Patty Hastings:** Patty Hastings attended the budget committee meeting and does not have any student concerns.
- **Jadon Berry:** Jadon Berry reminded everyone to vote in the AS Election and commented that his committee still has not met. There are campus-wide concerns about H1N1; Swine Flu.
- **Justin Van DyK:** Justin Van Dyk came from the budget committee meeting including looking at the ROP budget. The committee decided that there will be one “book budget” and will be frozen pending a review of book summation money processes.
- **Brianne Kumar:** Brianne Kumar was unable to attend the budget committee meeting or ACC today due to several meetings with officials in Residence Life. Kumar sent her opinions about the budget today. She does not have any student concerns.
- **Nikki Brown:** Nikki Brown is busy with AS Elections and will be attending the ACC meeting next week.
- **Chelsea Bourdess:** Chelsea Bourdess met with AS Structure Task Force last week. They discussed that they would like to present to the AS Board, an Election Appeals Panel for next year. Bourdess has been working AS Election Polling Stations in Red Square.
- **Danielle Dickson:** Danielle Dickson met with some of the AS Board members to discuss handicap bus-riding feasibility. Among the topics discussed were what can be done, what the problems are, and where to go from here.
- **Wyatt Ho:** Wyatt Ho attended the LAC meeting. Holmgren gave his review of what happened in Olympia. The budget for the 2009-2010 school year experienced huge cuts. Ho will continue to encourage people to apply for the AS Legislative Liaison position.

- **Nick Gaddy:** Nick Gaddy commented that the Election Appeals Panel has upheld the decision made by the Election Appeals Committee.

VIII. Other Business:

Justin Van Dyk, Patty Hastings, and Brianne Kumar will be late to next week's Senate meeting as the Budget Committee meeting is planned to go later than originally scheduled.

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