

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Ramiro Espinoza, Kayla Britt, Aaron Garcia, Annie Jansen and Erik Lowe. *Absent:* Abbey Weigel and Nina Lau

Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

AS Student Senate Rep: Chelsea Fletcher (Student Senate Chair)

Guest(s): Marcy Alstrom (AS Personnel Office), Lauren Hatch (Drug Information Center), Laura Cable (Legal Information Center), Sarah Lloyd (Women's Center), Kristina Mader (ROP Director), Ben Wurtz, Aaron Hayman (Student Senator).

MOTIONS

08-W-031 Approve the minutes of February 27, 2008 as corrected. *Passed.*

08-W-032 Approve the AS Personnel Hiring Committees as stated in Document 4. *Passed.*

08-W-033 Approve the committee recommendations for Budget and S & A Committees as stated in the agenda. *Passed.*

08-W-034 Approve \$850 from supplemental in the form of an underwrite to the Women's Center for 600 copies of the Labyrinth. *Passed.*

08-W-035 Approve a \$350 grant and a \$350 underwrite from supplemental to the Drug Information Center for the Drug War Addiction: an Insider's Perspective program with the stipulation that a proposal is submitted to Cold Beverage Contract for \$350. *Passed.*

Ramiro Espinoza, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-W-031 by Espinoza

Approve the minutes of February 27, 2008 as corrected.

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lau, Weigel) Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Action Item C is taken due to lack of information available at this time.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. Hiring Committees- Marcy Alstrom

Espinoza Doc. 4

Addition: the new LGBTA Coordinator is Ashley Redfearn. It is the request of the Personnel Office that these hiring committees be approved to hire the 2008-2009 Student Employees. Garcia asked about the VU Marketing Coordinator, and Alstrom said she has too much on her plate right now to serve on the hiring committee.

MOTION 08-W-032 by Lowe

Approve the AS Personnel Hiring Committees as stated in Document 4.

Second: Britt Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lau, Weigel) Action: Passed

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS

VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Budget Committee –

Weigel

Brianne Kumar, Morgan Holmgren, Dan McLafferty, Virgilio Cintron

B. S & A Fee Committee Recommendations:

David Chylinski- Campus Recreation

Shanley Besett- Athletics
Alysia Whitcomb- DRAC

MOTION 08-W-033 by Lowe

Approve the committee recommendations for Budget and S & A Committees as stated in the agenda.

Second: Britt Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lau, Weigel) Action: Passed

VIII. ACTION ITEMS-

A. Labyrinth- Sarah Lloyd

Weigel Doc. 1

\$200 was secured from the English Department (not the art department as stated in the budget). They have decided to forgo the color printing for the cover and use a heavier stock of paper. This should keep the budget about the same. Sarah Lloyd passed out a copy of the proposed cover and it was liked by all. Espinoza spoke with Weigel and she would like to increase the amount of money that we would grant the Women's Center so that 600 copies could be made. Lloyd was very excited about being able to print more.

MOTION 08-W-034 by Lowe

Approve \$850 from supplemental in the form of an underwrite to the Women's Center for 600 copies of the Labyrinth.

Second: Garcia Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lau, Weigel) Action: Passed

B. Drug Info. Center & Legal Info. Center- Lauren Hatch & Laura Cable

Weigel Doc. 2

Drug War Addiction: an Insider's Perspective a lecture by Norm Stamper- former Seattle Police Chief. Lauren Hatch contacted four departments with funding requests. The Political Science Dept. will propose some funding to their committee and report back to Hatch. Hatch thought the board might be concerned about the large budget the Drug Information Center has at this point. The \$1,500 budget will have \$600 allocated to this program and \$900 to two other large events- Drug Information Movie Week in April and Natural High Week- including massages, food, aroma therapy, etc to promote alternative forms of enjoyment. Lowe expressed concern about the timing of this program because it is only 3 days after classes start. This date is necessary due to scheduling the concert hall and the speaker's schedule, also there are other large events happening later in April. Espinoza was concerned about adequate publicity to fill an area as large as the concert hall. Lloyd said the speaker usually brings about 500 attendees. Espinoza also asked if they had talked to the Cold Beverage Contract. Hatch's advisors were concerned about the meeting being too late in the quarter and felt it might not be a good use of time. They have been unable to show an academic link and felt that the board would be a more appropriate place to get funding. Kristina Mader, ROP Director was also concerned about the time commitment to create a proposal for funding. Garcia wondered if they should just give the program \$500 to encourage them to find funding from other sources. The board began discussing giving a grant to cover the entire request, but to make half of it an underwrite. Britt would like to stipulate that they request money from CBC. Majkut did not feel that the dollar amounts were significant and suggested just funding the event. Britt feels that it is important to encourage looking for multiple funding sources in order to avoid the supplemental fund running so low that we have to turn down funding for other events.

MOTION 08-W-035 by Britt

Approve a \$350 grant and a \$350 underwrite from supplemental to the Drug Information Center for the Drug War Addiction: an Insider's Perspective program with the stipulation that a proposal is submitted to Cold Beverage Contract for \$350.

Second: Garcia Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Lau, Weigel) Action: Passed

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD**A. Operating Enhancement Transfer**

Weigel

There is about \$25,000 in the Operating Enhancement Budget and Weigel proposes transferring some of this to Supplemental Funding. She was thinking about moving about \$7,000-10,000. Espinoza suggests \$8,000; he also added that this has been done in the past. Majkut said that Operating Enhancement was created to provide the board with a significant dollar amount to use to fund what they feel would be the best way enhance the operations of the AS (i.e. starting a new program, hiring a new staff person, or funding additional programs through the supplemental fund). This item will be an action item next week.

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT**Student Senate Meeting Information**

Senators Brown & McLaughlin had their smoking forum and felt it was a success. There were an equal number of smokers and non-smokers, along with Espinoza and Garcia. A great dialogue happened and attendees left their email addresses so that they could be contacted for more information. Senator McLaughlin will be pursuing this issue into next quarter. Senator Tamburini is going to research election software for the AS. On March 12th Senator Beilman will give a presentation on her work with the health committee to the board. Fletcher will not be present next week due to the AS Job Fair. Senator Provezano will be providing his resolution by the 2nd week of next quarter. The Senate is working on a new logo with the Publicity Center. Senators Fletcher, Beilman and Hernandez will be wandering around the VU and Red Square asking for opinions on the Tech Fee. The Senate Website is going well and will be rockin' next year. Senator Kumar is using connections with Wearhouser to assist the Recycle Center with Earth Day programming. Senator Hayman said By-laws are making progress and the senate had a couple of really good meetings with Greg McBride about areas that they can change to make the Senate function more effectively.

XI. BOARD REPORTS**VP for Legislative & Governmental Affairs**

Erik Lowe reported that he went with eight Leadership Advantage students on a visit to the State Legislature today. They met with the chairs of both of the Senate and House Higher Education Committees as well as Governor Christine Gregoire's chief of staff to discuss the program and its future. They learned a lot about the legislature and leadership. It was also a good chance for the movers and shakers in Olympia to see what Western has been pushing for during the session when it comes to Leadership Advantage. On Monday, he sent in the application for the Electoral Action Training which he hopes to hold after AS elections. Currently, the ESC, LGBTA, Elections Office, as well as various AS clubs will collaborate on making this event a success. Lowe is very excited and hopes that each of you will attend. Ben Murphy and Lowe are hoping to bring Secretary of State Sam Reed to campus in mid-April as a part of his annual College Civics week, tentatively this event will be held on April 14th, for more information or to get involved, contact Lowe. On Friday he will be finalizing the travel arrangements to send Devin Branson, AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator, and AJ Garcia, a member of the AS Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee, to Reno for the annual Transportation & University Communities Conference put on by the American Public Transportation Association. Their involvement in this two day conference will help us to better administer the Alternative Transportation Fee next year. Lastly, Lowe congratulates the SIRC and all other partners in The Naked Truth on an incredible job. He attended the show on Friday night and was blown away by the powerful performances by all involved.

VP for Diversity

Kayla Britt reported that she went to the Naked Truth, was inspired and might even want to be in the cast next year. The AS Spring Hiring Fair is next Wednesday from 6-8 p.m in VU 565 and so she will not be at the board meeting next week. The Ethnic Student Center President's Council presented the new proposed By-Laws to the Steering Committee. She is also working on the last Charge and Charter.

VP for Activities

Aaron Garcia reported that Activities Council recognized 4 new clubs: Capoeira Club (African-Brazilian Dancing Club), WWU Snowboarding, Board Game Club and Backyard Brawlers Football Club. AC is currently running a negative balance for conference funding so that budgeters for next year will see the additional need in this area. Promotions Committee met and is scraping the current logo ideas for the 100th Anniversary and starting new. They are also doing this with the Western Wednesday T-shirt Design. They are starting fresh spring quarter. The Zombie Poster has been tabled and it will be recommended to next year's promotion committee to use it during Halloween.

VP for Academic Affairs

Anne Jansen reported that she did not go to Academic Coordinating Commission meeting because she is in the Vagina Memoirs. There are several more performances and she encourages people to attend. Jansen got an email about the Registrar Search Committee and Catalog Committee. She will be serving on committees. She has been fielding questions from students about policies, etc. and has forwarded a concern to the Student Senate.

President

Ramiro Espinoza reported that Alternative Transportation Committee raised a concern about the Waterfront and he is having them put together a proposal for the Waterfront Committee. Student Affairs and Academic Support Services did a presentation and discussed support means for faculty for students of color. A faculty member asked if they should learn Spanish to try to connect with students. Espinoza suggested understanding and building sensitivity to people with different backgrounds. He would like to have Britt's assistance on this matter. Espinoza has been working with Students for Sustainable Foods on the language for an initiative banning bottled water on campus; he would like to get the Senate involved in this. He has encouraged them to think about what they are really bringing forth and what alternatives they are offering. They have to get 5% of the student population to sign the petition. This initiative will come to the board for approval. He is also working with the same group on the Co-op and will likely have a presentation on this early Spring Quarter. Espinoza caught the tail end of President Morse's House Recognition due to heavy traffic on the way to Olympia. However, he had a very productive meeting with some members of the WSL, the Council Presidents and Sherry Burkey. Sarah Ishmael, Legislative Liaison is doing well and she may end up being governor by the next he goes back to Olympia. He also had some discussions with people about the proposals concerning the Recycling program. The Presidential Search Advisory Committee is chugging along, but is a lot of work.

VP for Business & Operations

Abbey Weigel was ill and not in attendance.

VP for Student Life

Nina Lau is out of town this week.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS-

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:52 P.M.