

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

VU 567

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

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

AS Student Senate Rep:

Guest(s): Jamie Hoover (KVIK), Eli Martin (KVIK), J. Adam Brinson (AS Review), Brianne Kumar (Senate), Ben Wurtz.

MOTIONS

- 08-S-12** Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, April 16, 2003. *Passed.*
- 08-S-13** Approval of the hiring committee for the Outdoor Center Resource & Events Coordinator. *Passed.*
- 08-S-14** Approval of the appointment of Norbert Rojsza and Diana Beilman to the Election Board. *Passed.*
- 08-S-15** Approval of the Election Board Subcommittee. *Passed.*
- 08-S-16** Approval of the ESC Bylaws as stated in Doc. 1. *Passed.*
- 08-S-17** Ratification of the AS Scholarship Recipients as stated in Doc. 4. *Passed.*

Ramiro Espinoza, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-W-12 by Espinoza

Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC FORUM- There were no public comments.

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS

- A. OC Resource and Events Coordinator Hiring Committee: Weigel
Eric Bortel, Aphrodite Toth and Marcy Alstrom
This hiring committee had to adjust due to scheduling conflicts. The one interview completed will be re-conducted by this committee.

MOTION 08-S-13 by Jansen

Approval of the hiring committee for the Outdoor Center Resource & Events Coordinator.

Second: Lowe Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS—GUESTS

- A. KVIK- Supplemental Funding Request Weigel Doc. 1
Eli Martin explained that while the KVIK this year has been a lot of new programming and there were unfortunately there were some unexpected expenses that put KVIK over budget. They needed new software for the computer that they purchased and one of the cameras fell and broke. They are now short for the rest of the year but have 3 more events planned that would cost them \$1,200. The programs are: the Lord of Zombie City- May 8th. This is a short film that student volunteers have been working on all year. They would like to

rent a red carpet for the premier, originally the plan was to buy it, but they were not able to get the bids necessary in time to get the carpet for the event. There is also an Apple/KVIK Scavenger Hunt planned that would be a video scavenger hunt with Apple providing extra cameras. Also have another You Would Sketch Comedy planned. They are also requesting funds for a KVIK end of the year BBQ and some extra office supplies. Lowe asked how many volunteers have been involved this year. Martin says that there are about 35 core volunteers and 45 who participated in some capacity. Jamie Hoover said that last year had low volunteers and that for the rest of the years there were about 20 core volunteers and during Western Live it was about the same as this year. Espinoza commented that this year has been very successful at KVIK. He wondered if they have an idea for maintaining this kind of programming in future years with budgeting constraints. Martin said that he has been passing on as much information as he can and feels confident the producers are ready to take over programming for the next year. Hoover said that there is now a training process for teaching people how to use the equipment properly. The cameras are used up to 3 times a day for up to 8 hours. Jansen wondered if these events would have been feasible without the outstanding costs that have offered this year. Martin said they would have been. This item will be an action item next week.

VII. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Election Board- Norbert Rojsza, Diana Beilman

Lowe

Unfortunately there hasn't been a lot of interest in the Election Board this year. There are still openings if anyone is interested. He would like to approve these two members.

MOTION 08-S-14 by Lowe

Approval of the appointment of Norbert Rojsza and Diana Beilman to the Election Board.

Second: Britt Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

B. Election Board Subcommittee

Espinoza

There has been an election grievance filed. Due to the lack of interest in the Election Board, Espinoza is requesting that a subcommittee be appointed. He recommends Brooke Hayter, Diana Beilman, Norbert Rojsza, Morgan Holmgren and Ramiro Espinoza.

MOTION 08-S-15 by Garcia

Approval of the Election Board Subcommittee.

Second: Lowe Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

VIII. ACTION ITEMS-

A. ESC Bylaws

Britt Doc. 2

This is the final approved draft of the ESC Bylaws. Lowe told Britt she did a great job and Garcia dittoed.

MOTION 08-S-16 by Britt

Approval of the ESC Bylaws as stated in Doc. 1.

Second: Lau Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

A. Senate Resolution on Student Technology Fee

Jansen Doc. 3

The Student Tech Fee deadline has passed, but Jansen would like us to look the Student Senate's Resolution for next year. The STE Fee will disappear unless some action is taken by the end of next year. Please pay special attention to the last three bullet points. Currently the fee is \$17 and only full time students pay. The resolution supports changing the fee to \$25 for full time students and \$17 for students taking 6-11 credits. This might not be permanent but is the Student Senate's suggestion. This will be an action item next week.

B. AS Scholarships

Espinoza Doc. 4

Each board representative announced their selection committee's choices the recipients of the 2008-2009 AS Scholarships. Jansen was very impressed with the applicants, they not only had excellent grades (including 3 4.0 candidates) but also incredible life experiences and one is a grad student who learned English in a year. Garcia looked at all campus activities, not just those in the AS and was pleased at the wide range of activities Western students are involved in. Espinoza chose people who had a clear understanding of what leadership is. Lau chose three people who considered community to be Western, Bellingham and anywhere they go. Lowe the Political Involvement applicants made him proud to go to Western. One worked in the office of the Senate Majority Leader, one fought for LGBT rights in the military, and one has worked locally and nationally for disability awareness. Britt said there was a wide range of diverse populations represented who contributed in many different ways. The recipients have fought for women and Latino rights, one represents the LGBT community, and one looks at diversity through different languages and is fluent in many different languages. Espinoza was very impressed with all of the parents who applied. They all had amazing stories that demonstrated significant need and achievement. Espinoza thanked everyone for reviewing the applications; he was blown away by all that applied. Britt thanked Cindy Monger for her assistance through this process. The Board enjoyed hearing about all of the amazing things that students at Western accomplish.

MOTION 08-S-17 by Lowe

Ratification of the AS Scholarship Recipients as stated in Doc. 4.

Second: Garcia Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 (Absent: Weigel) Action: Passed

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

Chelsea Fletcher emailed this written report:

- ~Senators Brown and Holmgren will be looking into the issue of the CBC contract.
- ~Senators Provezano and Hernandez are planning the Bike/Skateboard Safety Forum. Dates will be coming soon.
- ~The Senate website will be up and running for next school year so the future Senate and Chair won't have to bother much with it. It'll be coming online very soon as well as the new logo.
- ~Issue of the Month for May and June will be decided next week. The WWU chapter of ACLU came to visit us last week and would like some student input on the rule of three zoning that the city of Bellingham has on the books. They mentioned it may be a quiet issue because it can't be enforced but would still like student input.
- ~By-Law changes are being typed into a document for review of the committee so we don't just have scribbles to work with. By-Laws should be done fairly soon and will be presented to you soon. There is a By-Laws meeting this Thursday (tomorrow) at 6.
- ~Senators Kumar and Corsini's resolution about proposed changes to the tech fee was sent to Espinoza and President Morse. The tech fee doesn't come up for renewal until Spring of 2010. This resolution is stepping stone for future Senates to bring it up as an issue of concern to students in either raising or sustaining the technology fee. This resolution will also be sent to Lisa Spicer the secretary for the Tech Fee committee to pass along to next years' committee. It has been provided to you for review here. Should you want to talk about it further please don't hesitate to ask.

Brianne Kumar informed the board that they are trying to get more senators involved.

XI. **BOARD REPORTS****VP for Business & Operations**

Abbey Weigel was not in attendance.

VP for Academic Affairs

Anne Jansen reported that she had her first Performance Contract Committee meeting at 7 a.m. and she enjoyed it. They will be forming a resolution by mid June. She has catalogue meetings coming up. They are looking at new catalogue software that will make the catalogue interactive. The Registrar Search Committee is still going well, they have 14 applicants. Jansen is excited about the preferred candidate for President of Western being announced. She had the Academic Coordinating Commission Exec meeting yesterday. All of her AS hiring committees are finished.

VP for Activities

Aaron Garcia reported that the 100/50 year Anniversary Committee Job description was sent out and they will be coming to the board with a job description proposal and possibly a budget. The VU Marketing Coordinator has been hired and the candidate is Rahim Korja. The Promotions Committee last week did not have quorum so they just spoke about the designs for the 100/50 year logo design. There were three new clubs United Students of East Asia, Western Writer's Guild, and Western Allies (work with the Ally Building Network.) The Blood Center is having an all time low in donations. Please encourage people to donate.

VP for Student Life

Nina Lau reported that Meredith Robinson is the new RHA President and Janelle Cutuli will be VP, they are both currently freshman. Lau would like to see a closer relationship with the AS Board next year. The National Communications Coordinator of RHA is now Megan Schierman and next year will be Brandon Turpin. There were some students concerned about the marketing materials about their sustainability table tents not being on 100% recycled paper. It was 30% recycled. Western Wednesdays did not get kicked off yet, but they are hoping to set up a t-shirt give away for next quarter. Espinoza said that he had a conversation with Chris Roselli about partnering with the alumni office to try and get students t-shirts when they enter Western. The Rec Center Committee, despite the concerns voiced by the board about the increasing fees, voted to increase the Rec Center Fee by \$1 per quarter.

VP for Diversity

Kayla Britt reported that she spoke to a sociology class today and spoke to them about the AS and all of the resources that are available to students. She would like to thank the board for passing the ESC Bylaws she feels very relieved now. The Latino Heritage Celebration is on Saturday, tickets are available now and last year they did not have a very good turnout. She has been busy with her 3 hiring committees.

VP for Legislative & Governmental Affairs

Erik Lowe reported that he was approached this morning by many members of the ACLU club who asked him to participate in a panel about Bellingham's Rule 3 (no more than 3 non-related persons can live in the same single family residence) in May. There will also be representatives from Huxley and community members. The Legislative Affairs Council is still working on the information they will be passing on to next year's council. The Electoral Action Training is this weekend and they have just under 30 confirmed attendees. Western's first College Civics Week went fairly well despite the fact that it was also Canada Week and Disability Awareness Week. KVIK did a great job on the AS Election promo video. It is on the front page of the as website. Monday he turned in all of the budgets that he is responsible for. They have some hopes that in the year of the Presidential Election they will be able to engage more students in voting. Tuesday he will be meeting with Sue Guenter-Schlesinger from the Equal Opportunity Office and Sherry Burkey to discuss ADA compliance issues. He

had a good weekend at home and found the Breast Cancer March that he did with his mother to be inspiring.

President

Ramiro Espinoza reported that the Presidential Search Advisory Committee has suggested a candidate for President and they are hoping to have this all wrapped up by Friday. There are open forums with the candidate on Thursday from 4-6 p.m. and Friday from 8-9:45 a.m. in the VU Multipurpose Room. The potential candidate is Chancellor Bruce Shepard, who he had the opportunity to interview, meet and reference throughout the search process. Espinoza is very excited because he really engages the campus community and students. Despite what was represented in the Western Front on Tuesday, there are still plans for a new Residence Hall addition. The reason that it is not being built right now is due to the immense cost associated with building a residence hall. At this point it is more cost effective for the university to rent apartments in the area in the short term, while the hall is under construction. Espinoza had a conversation with Dr. Coughlin about the oversight of the Departmentally Related Activities Committee. Due to the fact that the University Services Council is no longer meeting, she suggested that DRAC bring their Charge and Charter to the AS Board of Directors for approval. Espinoza will inform DRAC of this. He has been working with Kevin Majkut and Ted Pratt on coming up with a guideline of defining our relationship between the University and the Board of Trustees. Hopefully in a couple of weeks they will have something for the board to look at. He had a conversation with a graduate of Western who is representing T-Mobile who would like to do an affinity program with the University. He has asked for more information on it at this time. The Services and Activities Fee meeting was interesting and they did end up approving the maximum 5% rate increase for next year. Espinoza voted against it. Britt, Majkut, and Renee Collins have been discussing how to better support the Ethnic Student Center, they are starting to move forward with their ideas. He also had a lengthy discussion with Students for Sustainable Foods and there are some concerns about the short timeline they are hoping for. There will be a meeting the club, VP Coughlin, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, and Housing and Dining. They will try their best to accommodate the interests and passions surrounding this project. Espinoza was on a panel for Disability Awareness week and feels that he could do nothing but devote his time to the ideas they came up with and be busy all the time. He will be sending out an email with many of the comments he received and hopes that people will be able to help improve the access and awareness. One of the things they talked about was the bricks. Apparently some people steal Western's bricks when they graduate. Espinoza offered to the Alumni board that since we replace thousands of bricks every year, why don't we give students bricks when they graduate. Also he is hoping to have the Alumni Board help seniors through the process of graduation because it is somewhat confusing. He knows this because Weigel had to drag him through the process of applying to graduate. Espinoza has also been appointed to serve on the alumni board for two years. He is not yet an alumni and hopes he graduates so that an embarrassing situation is not created. He had a meeting with President Morse about the Student Tech Fee and they approved the proposals that the committee recommended.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS- There was no other business.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:09 P.M.