**ASCWU-BOD Public Meeting**

**May 2, 2014**

**8:00 AM BOD Conference Room**

**Call to Order 8:04am**

**Introductions**

Bryan Elliott – President

Jacob Wittman – Executive Vice-President

Cassie Dubore – VP for Legislative Affairs

Scott Kazmi – VP for Student Life and Facilities

Spencer Flores – VP for Equity and Community Affairs

Mary Orthmann – VP for Clubs and Organizations

Kelsie Miller – VP for Academic Affairs

Bob Ford – Director of Campus Life

Arturo Arellano “Turtle” – Public Relations Director

**Approval of Minutes** none

**Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

Kelsie moves to strike officer reports and Scott seconds.

*Discussion:* What is the learning commons task force?

* It’s a task force that was created at a public meeting. Motion passes5-0-1.

Jacob moves to strike learning commons task force. Scott seconds No further discussion. Motion passes 5-0-1.

**Approval of Agenda** Bryan entertains a motion to approve the agenda as corrected. Jacob so moves and Spencer seconds. Motion passes, 5-0-1.

**Officer Reports**

* ***~~Executive Vice President: Jacob Wittman BODEVP@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~Vice President for Clubs and Organizations: Mary Orthmann BODClubs@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~Vice President for Academic Affairs: Kelsie Miller BODAcademic@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~Vice President for Equity and Community Affairs: Spencer Flores BODCommunity@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~Vice President for Student Life and Facilities: Scott Kazmi BODStuLife@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~Vice President for Legislative Affairs: Cassie DuBore BODLeg@cwu.edu~~***
* ***~~President: Bryan Elliott BODPresident@cwu.edu~~***

**Communications:** Communications may be submitted to Bryan Elliott in person or via email [BODPresident@cwu.edu](mailto:BODPresident@cwu.edu).

**Unfinished Business**

**• Fee Policy Proposal**

* The Board of Trustees cannot impose a fee without student consent. The ASCWU-Board of Directors can create a fee without the Board of Trustees’ approval. It would be beneficial for students because it would allow for student input on Student Health and Counseling fee by allowing an advisory report. This fee policy proposal make it difficult for the Board of Trustees to increase, impose or change a fee on the students.

**Please refer to Appendix A for a copy of the letter.**

**• Honor Cord Policy Proposal**

* **Kelsie** - Touch base with Linda H., she works in the Associate Provost Office helps determine who is included in the honors.
* **Jacob** – there is a policy that states that internships are not graded and do not affect GPAs.
* **Mary** – From an administrative point of view; why is the honor policy structured this way?
* **Bob** – its his own opinion from an administrative view. Its probably because if you are going to bestow the highest academic honor of an Institution of a college, someone should be finished and not have anything lingering.
* **Jacob** – it makes sense if an internship was graded.
* **Bob** – No argument on GPA, its about totality of the body of work is completed before you walk across the stage.
* **Bryan** – We made a motion at the meeting and it should be important to clarify what direction we want to take it. Our motion was to review the policy. We also have these six students that brought this to our attention, so are we sole focused on reviewing the policy for future students or are we going to do something in the short term to help these students as well?
* **Jacob** – Spoke with the students who are concerned about this issue that it might not get done this year.
* **Bryan** – are we trying to do something in the short term to help these six students by working with the Associate Provost office to get this waived with the intent that this policy will change or what is our direction?
* **Kelsie** – it would be more effective if we focus on policy change realizing that asking to both change their policy and do extra effort in short term could cause conflict if we ask for too much. Worried that it would discourage any other efforts that we have set forth.
* **Jacob** – Agrees with Kelsie because we aren’t giving them much time to gather the cords, and identify those students, basically asking them to change their policy in the Registrar’s office right before graduation as people are signing up for summer quarter classes. It would be more effective to focus on the policy change for next year.
* **Mary** – will those six students who brought this question will have a peace of mind knowing that we are achieving it for other people. Feels that they might be upset
* **Jacob** – spoke with Jolynn and she would be disappointed if it doesn’t get changed this year, informing her that chances are not likely, but she feels that if she gets it changed for next year than its great.
* **Kelsie** – in general when anything gets changed, there’s always someone who was affected by it that probably spoke about it and it might not happen for them. It happens more than just this specific situation.
* **Cassie** – its exactly what happens in the legislature, the reasons why we change policies is so it doesn’t affect future students.
* **Jacob** – still would like to use Jolynn’s story and other students as an emotional testimony.
* **Kelsie** – what if we find another way to recognize them, like Student Academic Senate has honor cords that we give to senators, is there anything we can do as a BOD to recognize those seniors?
* **Cassie –** Brianna started doing honor cords for Washington Student Association Senior class standing members and it was an easy process.
* **Jacob –** thinks it has to be approved? But it would be cool to have BOD honor cords for those students to be recognized this year
* **Bob –** we have BOD honor cords that we give to BOD officers, you get those from Paula when you hand in your key and cell phone. The dialogue seems to be a precedent now and an issue that and students that are affected, may be have a discussion and have that dialogue as an effective process of how the BOD deals with long term, if there is a need to change the policy. Thinks that is the question the BOD is still grappling with. Bryan question is great, if we look at the short term, it might drive a policy change if there is a need for that change.
* **Kelsie –** the other side of the conversation on the completion of work, wouldn’t want to take away from students who complete the totality of work by taking the integrity away from their honors by allowing exceptions.
* **Mary –** understands that perspective of completing the totality of work before graduation.
* **Bryan –** given the discussion, our focus is on the policy.
* **Jacob –** do we have a short term answer?
* **Bryan –** his own opinion, wouldn’t mind the question to registrars by asking if they can change the policy or if the policy looks like its going to change, is it feasible for them to do an exception for these students? If they say, no then that’s the answer. Wouldn’t mind asking the question if it looks like the policy might change.
* **Jacob –** don’t send out the letter until they have further conversation with registrars and the Associate Provost office

**• ~~Learning Commons Task Force Update~~**

**New Business**

**• ESC Constitution & By-Laws**

* The ESC constitution is ready for approval. The changes that were made to the constitution and by-laws was changing language to be gender neutral, formatting, grammar, changing BOD to Student Government and a section concerning Organization Presidents attendance that another person can represent their organization. Funding request has been changed to include that if a request is over $200 that it requires 10 day notice and if under $200 then it only requires at 5 day notice. A few job titles have been changed as well.
* **Spencer would like to entertain a motion to approve the updated ESC by-laws. Jacob so moves and Kelsie seconds. Do you have to get your by-laws approved by the BOD? 5-0-2 motion passes**

**Issues/Concerns/Announcements**

* Student Academic Awards for Evening of Recognition

Evening of Recognition is coming up and Kelsie called Joanne about Student Academic Senate awards. She was informed that someone from VP for Academic Affairs office purchased the award. At this time, there will be nothing that will be added or changed. Kelsie feels that it is unfair that Student Academic Senate awards must be paid through her office when ESC and other entities receive funding for awards and feels that Student Academic Students should be recognized for the work that they do and have accomplished. There is a possibility that the ASCWU-BOD can purchase awards for Student Academic Senate. A suggestion is to have a meeting with Joanne, Coordinator of Evening of Recognition to discuss this issue for future Evening of Recognition events.

* Cassie is excited to announce that Matthew Pattie is the recipient for most inspirational student for Evening of Recognition.
* Cassie congratulates the recipients for the Outstanding Leadership Award, Spencer Flores – VP for Equity and Community Affairs and Jacob Wittman – Executive Vice President. Congratulations!

**Public Comments:** Public Comments may be submitted Bryan Elliott in person or via email BODPresident@cwu.edu. Public comments may also be presented at the time of the meeting

**Adjournment**

Bryan entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31am. Kelsie so moves and Scott seconds. 6-0-1.