Student Government Association

Proposed Agenda

January 21st 2015

I. Roll Call
Rachel
Mia
JP
Erin
Josh - class

II. Approval of Agenda
Scott: I would like to add myself for Extended Cabinet to Discussion Items.

III. Approval of Minutes from 12/10/14
Kiera: Motion to approve the minutes
Second: Adam

IV. Guest Speaker
a. Julie Feier: Tuition and Fees

Julie: I graduated in 1994 and served as senate chair. I want to say how great SGA has helped my life and how impressed I am. I am the facilities director at Western. I am also the CFO. If you have any questions on finances and facilities as well. We look at the Boulder-Denver CPI each year when doing budgeting. We rounded to the nearest nickel. If you go through the percent change you’ll see they are mostly between 2.6-2.8%. The BoT sets the fee rates.
Gary: I want to clarify with the HB 1319. The most they will increase is 6% for this year and last year. Traditionally, Western has always been at the lowest end. It has been increasing tremendously but in dollar amount it is lower than other schools.

Scott: Upon reading the report that you sent out. I was wondering how this 2.7% is cost of living.

Julie: I want to understand the total impact of the students. It is higher for students living on campus because of dining, and so forth.

Scott: How do we compare to other institutions?

Julie: I sent out a comparison sheet in this. Other schools have not yet decided on their numbers. The governor has continued to invest in higher education. It is shocking that we got the money for Quigley last year. I have gotten requests for updating Hurst and making it more comfortable (heat and so forth).

Katie: The 6% gap from the state was something created by the state to promise to give higher ed more funding right? Is the 6% gap a permanent thing? Had the state not stepped in two years ago the tuition increases would be over 10%. They have other things to fund but they are trying to keep it down and they felt that 6% is good way to keep things down.

Ben: I was looking at comparison between in state and out of state. Is there going to be any more financial aid available since tuition is going up?

Julie: As tuition raises, you can see institutionally that aid has increased approximately 40% over the last five years.
Adam: I would be interested on seeing more on the facility fee breakdown.

Julie: I will get you the ten year projection on this one.

Sara: Will graduate students have tuition fee increases and how does that work?

Julie: Everything is different for each program which I think should change. We do not just look at the state but we also look across the entire country. There are going to be deficits in students going to college. However, people want to move out to Colorado and Colorado has higher numbers. We continue to draw students from out of state. I think that we are better situated and we are in one of the most beautiful spots in Colorado.

Scott: In the discussion of tuition increase. People are wondering in line with the strategic plan. In the university’s goal to increase marketing in what ways does the increase sustain to what we have and what ways will it build into other programs.

Julie: I don’t see everything. Teams on the campus are increasing. The marketing team was one and now we are up to four. We have more than doubled what we are spending and the foundation is giving 500,000 more dollars each year. I don’t know if ever in the history of Western if there has been this much money used towards Gunnison and it is in line with the Strategic Plan.

Scott: There was a part in your report with a bullet point section. One was “the process for approving and appealing changes in student fees”. Could you elaborate on this?
Julie: The first step is in February when we go to BoT meeting if there is a change I would have Katie bring it to the meeting. Each bullet point is structured differently. Everything is unique and different.

Gary: The process for approving fees. If there is any fee discretion that we want to vote on or talk about it is something where we meet.

Katie: Is it a discussion or action at BoT.

Gary: It is an action item.

James: Do you have a strong connection with our alumni?

Julie: Yes they work very closely with our Foundation.

MK: If we were trying to make a new student fee that we are going to make available to the student body. A development fund for the entire student body. How would you go about this process? Get a petition and have students bring it out?

Gary: Get a petition, bring it to SGA, vote on it, etc.

Sara: Would it be placed in effect next year?

Gary: Yes.

MK: I’m thinking it is an opt in fee.

b. Josh Holmes-Sullivan: Alternative Spring Break

Josh: I am very interested in promoting an alternative spring break program. A variety of different universities are implementing this around the country. It is to support student development and leadership. There will be service learning, volunteer work, and other aspects. My goal is to possibly
have an alternative break on Spring Break. We would be working with Selma in Alabama. We would be working with racial discrimination, non-violence, and so forth. I am currently looking for students who are trying to apply for this.

Kiera: How much is the cost going to look like for students to go.

Josh: It is over a week. Housing and travel would be included. It is looking between 400-600 dollars per student.

Ben: What organization?

Josh: Freedom Project

MK: A lot of service projects have a lot of church spins on things like this. I would be very specific on what it is.

Josh: It is not faith based at all. It is all about trying to make a difference and look at problems within our country.

Katie: I think this is awesome. What kind of help do you need from us?

Josh: Potentially funding if that is possible and if anyone is interested in going.

Katie: We can get you in contact with a senator to fill out a bill.

MK: We have an application or a cheat sheet online to help write a bill. It has fee break downs and so forth. We need to know what students are paying for and what kind of money we are giving towards.

Sara: I have been working with Josh on this. He is looking for more people so if there is anyone that is interested in this we can get together as a group and write a bill. You spend part of the day doing service work in schools,
painting, and maintenance. They also give students diversity training which
would be huge to bring back to the school.

Scott: We will get you in touch with a senator and look forward to working
with you.

c. Jake: Wrap

Jake: You all worked with me last semester on the party packs. Got
overwhelmingly well reviews on that from students, SGA, and faculty. I want
to continue and expand the program. We want to continue providing the
party packs not only on campus and safe ride, but also on the late night bus
on Crested Butte on Fridays and Saturdays. Prevention education under the
LEAD office has little to no budget. We are looking for funding resources
outside of SGA. I spoke with someone from PC and other possible ways to
fund. For the time being I wanted to ask for some feedback as to if there is
anything you would like to see different than the way I ran it in the past as
well as roughly how much funding you all would be willing to give me. Last
time they gave me 500 which produced close to 300 party packs. I am just
now getting to the end of these. With the expansion I would like to get more
and with additional funding it would give me the availability to purchase
items when they are on sale. If I have residual funding it will allow me to be
more fiscally responsible for me.

Stefano: Can you briefly describe what is in the party packs.

Jake: They currently consist of a sugar free sports drink (propel powders)
which help with hydration, a granola bar of some sort, a piece of candy, safe
ride information, a card that includes information on how to roughly calculate someone’s blood alcohol level, and condoms.

Stefano: A quick recommendation to make it easier to get money: please bring packs for night, price per pack, and other information. What you want instead of what we want.

Bryce: I would like to see emergency contact in there (suicide prevention hotline, DV hotline, etc.). I would also like you to encourage local businesses to see if they would donate anything. Aclimate, P Stop, etc.

Jake: One of the ideas that I had was using some of the free bread from free bread Thursday to make pb and j sandwiches.

Adam: MK do you have bill budget remaining. My recommendation would be to write the bill for a grand, everyone that I have talked to loves what you are doing and would love to see the program expand.

James: What would your plan be for the late night bus?

Jake: That is part of our questions that we run into. The packs are designed to reduce the problems associated with drinking. I don’t want to tell someone that just because you are not drunk that I am not going to give you one while I give your drunk friend one. I am going to have to talk to RTA on how to regulate this.

V. Action Items

VI. Discussion Items

a. Leadership Conference: Stefano

Josh: I love your tie Fano.
Stefano: Rocky Mountain Peer Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. We were invited again this year, but were invited to present and shape it. The second time that this conference is happening. It is on March 7. We are inviting people to come to the conference with us and potential presenters. They are doing everything from diversity leadership, working on groups. It is peer to peer interaction so we will be working with students in similar positions as us. We do have an active role in this. We have a committee going on with this and we are working with Sara on this. We have two ideas on presenting. The first is, “getting out of the bake-sale mentality: successful fundraising for student organizations.” And “Positive community interaction and involvement.” If you are interested send me an email with ideas and you can come sit down with the committee. See the power point for more (WILL BE ATTACHED). Pre-conference on March 6th they are going to have a cultural awareness training. The cost of the conference is 110 dollars per student. Hotel room, transportation, and registration. We are thinking about proposing a bill for students to offset costs. SGA students will come out of internal budget.

Josh: What is the goal wise for people?

MV: We are looking for people who are interested. We have lots of hotel rooms booked and five vans right now.

John: How many people did we have last year? Two vans full.

Ben: That conference got me to join SGA and it got me to think outside of the box. It has the potential to do a lot for student leaders around Colorado.
Stefano: We are looking for everyone interested in going to submit a paragraph on why you are interested in coming to the conference, what you will bring to the table, and how it will benefit the organization you are in around campus. We are going to have a submission.

MK: We have 3,790 for internal and 5,700 for bill money.

Sara: Applications are due next Friday.

b. Retreat Recap: Scott

We will talk about this next week.

c. Extended Cabinet: Scott

Scott: Yesterday was Tuesday and I met with the Extended Cabinet. I walked in on evaluation on first year programs such as Headwater. 75% of the student body over the last two years has reported that outside of class time they study less than 9 hours each week. I thought that was interesting. Dr. Salsbury was haunted on this.

Josh: Does this fall on part of the student or teachers?

Scott: This has been done on first and second year teachers and it gets better as these increase.

Bryce: Do you want feedback? My comment on that is a word of caution in changing that. It is your decision if you do your work. What we have in Gunnison which is unique is community involvement. This allows me to work with partners and other institutions around the community.

Scott: The study has been done on the Headwaters program which is rooted on involvement in the community. The bookstore has come under a certain
amount of scrutiny as well as customer service and product service. Brad Baca in the meeting asked if in the midst of all of the stuff we are doing in the community is the bookstore really worth our time? Dr. Salsbury responded with that it has come to the attention of BoT members that there is possibly not as much going on in the bookstore as should be.

Ben: The idea that they think that they can get 30k more each year is kind of ridiculous. The BoT members come in and they do not need customer service. Customer service helps us find books, they don’t need books.

Scott: They think that collared Western long sleeve.

Nate: We went to NACA and went to the bookstore to find matching Western gear and it took 45 minutes to find stuff. Maybe someone who would be more fit to make cooler shwag. Integrating the art students.

Scott: We have gone through two logo changes already so there is a lot of stuff that they cannot sell. They have to buy things in bulk.

Josh: I kind of like the bookstore and just bought the sweatshirt the other day.

Scott: Dr. Salsbury was interested in asking if we added more professional attire in, could we be making more money.

Josh: I think that clothing is not an issue. Money back is an issue that we need to address before anything else.

Katie: I would love to see an online way of ordering stuff.

Scott: They are working on this in progress.
MK: If they can order it for you, they will. If there is something people are looking for, they will do it for you. If somebody needs something specifically, we should advocate to go and talk to her.

MV: They will order books and other entities.

Scott: Is customer service at the bookstore good?

Ryan: Depends on the person.

VII. Advisor Reports

Gary: No report

Sara: Orientation applications are available online.

VIII. Executive Board

Katie: Applications are due for senator positions available. Tomorrow during lunch time if somebody wants to join me I am going to talk to students to see if they are interested. It would probably be 12:30-1:30.

Sara: I was going to mention to freshman ALPS you should come down. One of these rooms.

Ben: I’ll go with you to ALPS and lunch.

Stefano: The ice skating event at 7 at Jorgenson. Free ice skating. City Council they just approved their grants for things going on in the city. The list of money and where it is going is on the written report. An interesting project being proposed. Someone is applying for project for a renewable farm just north of town. It will be a three year contract. It will be voted on next Tuesday at 7. This week is the first week that we will be starting the table for advisory Board.

Punch in to see what you are doing. Get on that. If you didn’t get the email let
me know. The weeks will be Wed-Wed. If you feel like you aren’t making an impact. Go do what you are supposed to be doing. Let’s keep doing great work.

Luke: No report

MK: Please come to the meeting on Friday at 2 pm. Advisory if you cannot make it email MK.

Scott: Senators I sent out an email. The google doc is up and running. It should be a good process. The chairman and I will tally up what you are doing. I’ll make sure you are doing what you need to do. Marielle asked me for a more clear and concise idea of what needs to be done. This week, make sure information on elections should be on your boards. Last semester was a hard semester on how to wrangle in the group and give enough freedom. If I don’t have enough direction, you guys don’t know what is expected. I will make it clear that you need to complete office hours, come to meetings, and so forth. Notify me in advance if you are not going to be at this meeting. Come to the meetings.

IX. Advisory Reports

Amy: Tomorrow there is art convocation at 12:30 in Quigley. Top is looking for an assistant editor. It is open for anyone. Mountaineer Media is making a new commercial for themselves. Pathfinder is looking for stories that they can put in. They do not only have art and poetry but events or anything relevant on campus.

Kyle: Men and women BB play here. Women at 5, men afterwards. Track is traveling to Airforce Friday and Saturday.
Ryan: Hockey won 17-6 and 19-1 this past weekend. Those who know are not hockey scores. We had over 700 people show up over the two days. Lacrosse is putting their team together for Spring season. Let me know if you know anyone. Nordic is going to Winter park and alpine to Echo Mountain.

Lindsay: Apply to be an orientation leader. The Knockout is on the 29th. If you are familiar with a group that wants to make money let them know about it.

Rachel: We have volleyball coming up, basketball coming up, and student pickleball tourney and faculty pickleball tournament coming up.

Bryce: We do run a lot of trips/certs for our staff. We have a highly experienced staff that do what they do and could go anywhere else and make lots more money. Ice training, backcountry ski training at Maroon Hut, we were able to award two avi level one courses to our staff which is a first. We are trying to start a fund so our staff can go out and be certified as an outdoor instructor at the end. Trips coming up: Basic ski and board tuning clinic- all clinics free- this one is on the 27th. We can design a custom or skills clinic for anything you want to do within our knowledge. 30th-1st of February. Avi one course. 250 dollars and this is subsidized. We have incredibly qualified people teaching this.


Long ways out but want to create support. Targeted at student population that are not traditional college students or those who are not able to attend a two day trip. We will be in Ouray, you get yourself there, and we’ll help you climb. Lake City Icefest in February. I left two posters in the SGA office. If you don’t climb
still come down and check it out. Every year it is questionable if it will happen or not and it needs a lot of support and grow the support networks.

MV: SYE is having a potluck on Sunday in Mears Lounge. RA applications are out on the website. Res Life has a new housing software that is all computerized.

John: Western Knockout next Thursday. Thank you for hearing out and engaging Jake.

Nate: PC had first meeting of semester. Next Wednesday pool party 8-10.

Hawaiian outfits too. Wear them next week.

X. Committee Reports

Curriculum- not meeting

CCE- No report

ICC- No report

Student Affairs- No report

Foundation- No report

Academic Policies- We need people to sit on Academic policies. Every third Thursday of the month at 3. Josh.

Constitution- met yesterday. We have met and slated out the calendar for scheduling. We are going to sit down for the next three weeks with advisory members about their duties for SGA, other entity and figure out a fair price. We want these to be more consistent and clear. Schedule piece of paper is coming around. Meet 6-8 pm in SGA room on Tuesdays. This will sync up with budget committee presentations. Be thinking about all of your duties.

Adam: Advisory members that come bring your handbooks if applicable.
XI. Senator Reports

Ben: Valentine’s Day Sodexo is attempting to have dinner and scary horror movie. She is hoping to have 120 people. It is not free- 20 dollars. Very nice food.

Adam: The Gunnison Sockeyes Lake Fishing tournament may be canceled.

Kiera: The radio station is having a suicide prevention week. It is the first full week of April. Trying to get as many people as involved as possible. Jessica is going to be going to get us resources. Event Wednesday and concert Friday.

Everyone wear yellow.

Marielle: No report

James: No report

Josh: Move meeting.

Katie: Josh and JP have class 6-7:15 on Wednesdays.

Vote we will keep it at 7

XII. Special Topics

XIII. Remarks for the Good of the Order

Katie: E Board meet with me after.

Amy: Rugby is back in the swing of things. Working out two nights a week. If anybody wants to work out with us and join the team. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 in the Fieldhouse.

Kyle: Does anyone have a strong knowledge of the graduation application process.

Adam: I would like to announce that this is the last meeting as SGA Chairman.

I’m a bit of a fish out of water in getting students and representing.
Kiera: Senators get paid two dollars an hour.

Scott: Trying to make it more equitable. We will look into this.

XIV. Late Roll Call

JP
Mia
Lindsay
Erin
9:04

XV. Adjournment