Official Minutes ASG Grays Harbor College 12/10/2024

# **Call to Order**

# Roll Call

- President: Isaac Humiston
- Executive Vice President: Rebekah Stone absent
- VP for Diversity & Awareness: Selena Guzman
- VP for Community Engagement: Aliviah Chum
- Esports Senator: Peja Springer absent
- DEC Senator: Kenny Plang
- Running Start Senator: Brook Lippincott
- Performing Arts Senator: Sam Dorsch absent
- Athletics Senator: Prashant Chouhan
- CTE Senator: Andy Workman absent
- Veteran Senator: Austin Winkle absent
- TRiO Senator: Cristal Ramirez
- SL Director: Sarah Dalrymple
- SL Specialist: Emma Benson

## Approval of Minutes .

## Unanimously approved 2-0

#### Reports

1. President - working with Charlie's café to lower prices, will be meeting in January to further discuss prices and negotiate. Working with students who don't have enough time to get food on lower campus. Working with Carli on funding CTE students better than last year. Wants student government to keep track of updates and report each year to Carli. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> senator training. Budget meeting, they have decided to hold the intramural position due to budget problems will hold until the 26/27 school year to maintain savings. Concludes report.

2. Executive Vice President - absent

3. VP for Diversity & Awareness - HIV and AIDS awareness activities and international human rights walk through in the DEC. Committee with new opportunities.

4. VP for Community Relations - successful aquarium visit 21 students joined us last week.

5. Esports Senator - absent

6. DEC Senator - International Human Rights Day, have been planning and making a timeline for the DEC walkthrough.

- 7. Running Start Senator no current updates
- 8. Performing Arts Senator
- 9. Athletics Senator tournament this weekend 4 or 5 different teams joining us this week.
- 10. CTE Senator absent
- 11. Veteran Senator absent
- 12. TRiO Senator no current updates

13. SL Director - Hams are being distributed all week, Raymond and Ilwaco on 11th and 12th, working with HR to create 2 work study jobs in Charlie's Café. Working on finding less expensive food options, more to come. Festival of Lights this weekend, van decoration Thursday, virtual new student orientation, vending machine will be delivered soon for emergency contraceptive will be done over break, closed Christmas day and New Year's day.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

## **New Business**

Open discussion to allocate \$2,000 for student-built bench for diesel area.

No open discussion.

# Vote to allocate up to \$2000 for a prebuilt or student-built bench outside the diesel building.

## **Unanimously Passes 2-0**

Open discussion regarding request to allocate \$42,000 for baseball/softball jerseys.

Jody P. (Athletic Director) – We are asking for a little more due to taxes and freight. 35 baseball and 25 for softball, full uniform top and bottom for home and away. Couple years ago, jerseys disappeared. We are out of compliance. Petition the NWAC we got permission last year to be out of compliance for baseball. Softball has not been given new uniforms in the last 4 years. Goals of these uniforms to maintain for 3 to 4 year. *Austin H. (Baseball Coach)* – first year as head coach, playing with mismatched jerseys, hard to track the stats, disservice to athletes because numbers don't match stats. Jerseys were trashed in prior years. As the new head coach, we will create a new culture to maintain uniforms.

*Jake W. (Softball Coach)* – head softball coach. Same set of uniforms as the last 4 years. Uniforms are getting old, not the correct size, hinders athlete's ability. Appreciate time and effort to listen to us.

Jody adds under her leadership, complete inventory of everything that comes in and out for each athlete. Consequences if items are not returned. Wear and tear is normal due to nature of sports other than that will maintain and thank you for your consideration.

## Vote to allocate \$42,000 for baseball and softball jerseys.

## **Unanimously opposed 2-0**

Isaac H: Given the budget concerns the request is too big, prioritizing basic needs, jobs and food for students. Student athletes we are here for you, please come to any meeting and voice any concern you have. Please come to any meeting.

## Stacey with Charlie's Café:

Stacy – I run businesses different and an open book and gives back to the community more than other businesses. As a college to bring more people in, you want it nice for everyone. Good facilities, good café, etc. how will this serve someone and what people take into consideration. We have a beautiful facility there has been a lot of challenges. It's a rough business, high failure rate in first 5 years. Teach time management and good at training, offering business training to teach students when she is not here. She is offering to break down the price and cost. Then we have an answer to give students. We all want healthy food but junk food is what sells. Wants to offer diversity. What's going to sell here, has to consider how many people are coming in. 60-85 people on average. Glad we have food grant program. Not sure if this will be here next year. Without those we get half coming in every day to payroll and other expenses. She wants it to be a winwin. Wants to make money and have this working out in the future. She has start-up costs, she doesn't take a pay yet. She is putting in 50-60 hours. She is not here to profit off the students. Wants to teach when she is not here. Could be student lead in the future. It's a different type of restaurant. If she lowers anymore she won't make it. We are in a stressed community. Wants to get it down as far as she can for everyone. Wants to find a happy medium. Wants to work with us. Salad bars are costing money and food is being thrown away. Gives food away at the end of the week. She cares about our needs. She doesn't just want to make a profit. If anyone wants to stop and see her, she will give an hour or two a week to train to hopefully be student lead one day. *Isaac H*: could create a survey to see what students want and get everyone a happy medium.

#### Announcements

*Anthony, Esports Specialist*: Esports Trivia this Friday in Esports – 5 p.m. prizes and food everyone is welcome.

## **Open Floor**

*Austin H.* - Without the allocation we cannot play and we are letting every single athlete down. Every athlete turned down multiple scholarships and opportunities to play and represent GHC.

*Baseball Player* – they had 2 different jersey numbers all year, focus on allocating for freshman next year. I have not gotten anything that I was promised.

*Isaac H.* – is not sure if everything is part of NWAC regulations. You can request another contingency and we will hold an ad hoc meeting.

*Aliviah C.* – budget is for every single student, not just for the ones who wear jerseys. *Softball player* – how are we supposed to get all of the uniforms

Softball player –  $5^{th}$  season of the same uniforms

*Softball player* – have to wear so many layers, pants are showing through, inappropriate. A little bit for some new pants.

*Isaac H.* - Not all of this is going towards pants so we need to make some cuts *Baseball Player* – we are the only school out of NWAC, everything we have on people have paid out of pocket.

Senator for Athletics – one person managing everything and anything we can do can help *Austin H.* – I understand 42k is a large ask, unfortunately baseball and softball is an expensive sport, we have an unfortunate circumstance that I have inherited. Uniforms purchased were not built to last. I understand the sticker shock, its to fund the roster that NWAC approves. Athletes are here to be proud and support our college. Students already paid 38k collectively for matching travel gear. Asking you to believe in them and support them. They cannot do it without you. Outfit our athletes that bring in new students. We can throw them in things that barely get them by and we are trying to get them out of that culture. If we invest in our students they invest back to us. Being an athlete is much more. They need these uniforms to compete. We are taking their dreams away by saying no.

*Softball player* – you know how much sports mean to us, we cannot afford to spend what baseball personally has. How many families could help to contribute, they can't afford to work full time, they have tried. I signed to grays for the same reason others, it's a rebuild. We signed to zero wins, first team last year to get to NWAC. 1 out of 3 teams to do this. At least 5 girls will get uniforms that don't fit. I understand it is a lot. There has to be something we can do to compromise. We can't wait until the next year. We don't have time. Teams will be disqualified. It's a forfeit.

Jody P. – I think it's important to note that the reason this allocation request took so long, we were trying to find the cheapest options that would brand our school. Having these athletes speak to you from their heart can really speak to you and it speaks to me. I want to be emotional for them. This is their experience they are here for a reason. We did allocate some funds to basketball to have travel gear and branding. We have not allocated towards these two sports, would like to remind the council of this. If we don't vote on some type of funds, we will be fined, because we already petitioned last year. None of this is wanted at GH because we are trying to turn this around. Can we have an executive meeting that we can shoot for or try to. We can try to fundraise for things. At least something similar to what basketball was allocated. If we do not do this now, we will be coming back and asking to help us cover fines.

*Isaac H.* – will meet with Sarah and Laurie and senators to figure something out. *Jake W.* – uniforms are needed for freshman, biggest thing to get people to come back. *Senator for Athletics* – already paying for housing, uniforms are most basic need. *Isaac H.* – 42k is just too much we are not going to undo our vote, like Jody was saying, it could be lower. We will figure it out. I'll talk with Laurie and Sarah.

ASG Board Members – we want everyone to play we just want to come to a good agreement

Austin H. – we need to figure this out today

*Laurie F.* – I have a meeting with Isaac tomorrow, there are by-laws that they have to go through, they can't go and change they have to follow rules. Thank you for sharing your reality to athletes. We need to go back and look at numbers. Don't want to put sports against each other. Budget forecast is drastically different than what it was last month. This is what we are currently working on since this change from one month ago. Can commit to special session (Isaac agreed) So, we can get a decision sooner than later.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.