

November
13, 2013

ASBTC Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

❖ **Call to Order:**

Marlon called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

❖ **Attendance:**

Executive Board was all present, as well as, Nicole, Malcolm and Linda.
Senate attendance was documented by Gagan.

❖ **Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were handed out. Marlon asked for approval. Welding-motoned, Legal seconded. All approved.

❖ **Important Information:**

- Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare will be in the cafeteria tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013.
- Gideon Bibles are being distributed today in the cafeteria (not sponsored by ASBTC)

❖ **New Business:**

Constitution

Marlon opened discussion on the Constitution tabled from the week prior. Only one person attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the changes that was held Tuesday, November 12, 2013. A second Q & A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center for any Senate that wishes to attend. Senate is encouraged to attend – attendance will not be counted and the meeting is not mandatory.

Questions asked:

Increasing senators pay? Where does the pool of funding come from? Marlon answered that it is a line item in the budget, will not affect program funding. Marlon also explained that it has been in the works for 2 years to update the Constitution and that increases for Executives was tabled last year in order to focus on getting pay for Senate. Statistics that have been gathered support the fact that the BTC Executives are the lowest paid in the State (for Community & Technical Colleges).

Penalty for not meeting attendance requirements? Marlon explained that no decision has been made on this but presented two examples of possibilities:

1. Cutting funds for next year
2. Over a certain amount of time release funding in smaller increments

Are the changes to the Constitution Beneficial to Student Body? Executive Board responded that yes they are.

What is the plan to use funds no longer allocated due to not meeting the 75% attendance? In the past, funding requests have been re-opened in the spring. The Executive Board will discuss and respond to Senate on this for the 2013-2014 year.



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Executive Board is aware that other aspects of the Constitution need to be adjusted to better define the details of the attendance requirements. This will be a priority and all information will be shared at Senate Meetings.

Others on the floor mentioned in support of the Executives that due to the strike, and the need to fill the positions recently vacated that this had been delayed by at least a month and Senate should consider voting on the Constitution since further clarification had been offered. Senators were reminded by someone from the floor about the responsibility they have to attend meetings and support ASBTC.

Gagan made clarification on attendance for those programs that have clinicals and cannot attend the Senate Meetings. They are required to share the minutes with their programs within 5 days after the minutes have been posted and submit a signed copy to her.

Danielle suggested if students have questions or concerns to please pull her aside, she is open to answering your questions and concerns.

Policies and procedures will be the source of checks and balances once the Constitution is approved and all changes will continue to come to Senate for Vote.

A motion to vote again on the Constitution was made by HVAC. Legal seconded. 22 approved. 6 opposed. 2 abstained. Constitution approved. Meeting tomorrow is still being held for those that want to discuss this topic.

Legislative Academy – Marlon shared with Senate about the recent Conference the Executive Board attended in Olympia. Rachel also added that BTC was well represented and our voices were heard through the very well-spoken Executives

Next meeting will be held in Haskell 108B on November 20, 2013 at 11:10 a.m.

Senate 101 Meeting will be held today at 3 p.m.

❖ Adjournment:

HVAC motioned to adjourn. Legal seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Senate Meeting Minutes Approved By:

Susan Paull – Director of Administrative Affairs - Minutes

Marlon Jennings –ASBTC President

Program: _____

Senator: _____

Instructor: _____

Date: _____

[E] = Excused Absence [U] = Unexcused Absence [P] = Present

