Present: Eric Alexander, Christopher Bianco, Steve Card, Tina Loudon, Mary Moeller, Hayden Ramsay, Carrie Rosendahl, Marya Rybalka, Caitlin Sommers, Sara Wilson, Karl Sponberg (recorder)

Absent: Bethany Drake, Nanette Jackson, Ichi Kwon, Adam Leonard, Rebecca McLean, Steve Vanderstaay, Raquel Wilson

Members Not Yet Appointed: Faculty representative (voting member)

Chair Rosendahl called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Agenda items for today are approval of February 1 and February 8 minutes and to begin constituent overview presentations.

Hayden moved to approve Feb. 1 minutes. Ryblaka seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.
Moeller moved to approve Feb. 8 minutes. Rosendahl seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Constituent Overview: Athletics
Card provided a handout summarizing the department, some of their accomplishments, and the operating budget. He noted that Western is a Division II member of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. This conference has a very large geographical footprint resulting in significant travel expense. The department spends nearly $900,000 of its S&A fee allocation each year on travel. Card also noted that when their budget is presented at a future meeting it will be based on a typical year occupied in Carver. The budget for the past two years has been very different based on expenses (e.g. rental space for games, storing equipment) and loss of revenue during the renovation project. Carver is expected to be reopened prior to the start of the next academic year.

Clarification from Moeller on the number of staff in Athletics: 40 full and part time.
Clarification from Rosendahl on scholarship funding sources: state-supported waivers for gender equity, fundraising and endowments
Clarification from Alexander on S&A versus state-funding sources.

Constituent Overview: Associated Students
Moeller and Rybalka presented a YouTube clip (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKoHJRheGmg) and Powerpoint presentation explaining the Associated Students services, activities, and resources. They noted that AS is entirely student-funded and has a student staff of 200. They noted that an area of concern that will be featured in their upcoming budget presentation will be the impact of the increase in minimum wage for student workers. Alexander noted that the cost impact is approximately $174,000.

Other Business
Wilson reported that the legislative bill decoupling S&A fees from tuition is still alive in both the House and the Senate. Students at the community and technical colleges had expressed some concerns but that does not appear to be stopping the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Karl Sponberg, Recorder