

ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2/12/26 | 4:15 PM | VU 567

ASWWU Executive Board Members

Present: Cates-Doglio, Davis, Maynard, Stegeman, Skinner, Polo, Carnell

Absent: None

Advisor: Lorio

Secretary: Stensrud

Guest(s) in attendance: none

Motions

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-W-17	To approve the 2/12/26 consent agenda items as presented	Passed
ASB-26-W-18	To approve Charter as presented.	Passed
ASB-26-W-19	To approve Policy as presented	Passed
ASB-26-W-20	To approve the Mission Statement as presented	Passed

1. Call to order

Cates-Doglio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 16:15

2. Revisions to the agenda

Adding discussion item (may become action item) about app deadline for Univ Ops position (Cates-Doglio & Davis, 5 min)

3. Consent Items – Routine business items that do not require discussion

a. Approving ASWWU Exec Board 2/5/26 Meeting Minutes (Cates-Doglio, Doc 1)

ASB-26-W-17	Motion: To approve the 2/12/26 consent agenda items as presented.	
Motion Made By: Skinner		Motion Seconded By: Maynard
Vote Count: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain		Action Result: Passed

4. Public forum – Time for WWU & community members to address the ASWWU Executive Board

None

5. ASWWU Exec Board Reports

a. AS President Report (Cates-Doglio)

Approved 2/19/26 - Motion # ASB-26-W-21

- i. Working on all-student email for town hall that will go out tomorrow. Town hall to be discussed later in the agenda. Chair has received a letter from the President of the University relating to S&A/athletic fees. Lots of conflicting information, will be meeting with Faye Gallant tomorrow. Two claims: money already being spent on a move from S&A fees, Asst Director to Multicultural Center moved to Asst Director of Tribal Relations office. First claim: this is currently funded by S&A fees, second claim: not currently funded, but they want it to be. Contradiction impacted by RCW's as well. Sign On letter for WTA that will be coming soon.
- b. ASVP Diversity Report (Polo)**
 - i. Met with Simone (Asst Director of Tribal Relations), today and talked with some of what chair addressed. Excited about longhouse opening in May. Tomorrow there will be a tour of the barebones version of the longhouse to the BOT. Working on outreach survey, met with Josh in Student Engagement. Josh presented corrections to outreach workgroup last week. Working on elections related outreach. Working with Sophia on upcoming townhall event. NASU possibly working on special presentation for townhall. Went to Black History Month event, saw new exhibit, Rhythm and Rhymes. Made other connections in an effort to get more student engagement with government.
- c. ASVP Activities Report (Stegeman)**
 - i. Goes over things they have been working on. Meeting with a lot of senators to give space to answer questions about the athletics referendum.
- d. ASVP Sustainability Report (Skinner)**
 - i. Was at Enviro Club Showcase last week. Over 10 clubs there, Dean of CENV came and spoke. Did some outreach at the show for coalition she is working on. Meeting with someone from UW about their coalition. SEJF going well reviewed, 6/8 grant proposals so far.
- e. ASWWU Executive Board Advisor Report (Lorio)**
 - i. Timesheets due EOD tomorrow, due to Monday Holiday. Don't work on holiday.

6. Action items – Items that may need a vote

- a. Student Trustee Appointment Recommendation Charter (Cates-Doglio, Doc 2)**
 - a. Chair presents Charter proposal, view doc in packet for details. Provides some context of what the group does, thinks the charter and process are mediocre, but not worth time to make major overhauls. Some improvements made. If anyone has ideas they would like talked about, this does not need to pass today. There are a couple changes that need to be made, such as spacing and formatting issues; the doc can be passed with the changes made. Adam asks if this will go to Senate, Chair states, no, and Adam reminds of pertinent policies. This will go through Senate next week.

ASB-26-W-18	Motion: To approve Charter as presented.	
	Motion Made By: Skinner	Motion Seconded By: Carnell
	Vote Count: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain	Action Result: Passed

b. ASWWU Voluntary Fee Referendum Policy (Cates-Doglio, Doc 3)

- a. Chair goes over Policy background, review doc for details. Discussion. Concerns voiced about aspects of the proposed policy. Chair adds that he likes the policy, understands concerns about voter suppression. Believes the ability to see exactly what students are paying in fees is important. Current system is all over the place. Chair feels AS Gov should be getting more in to the fees and fee oversight.

ASB-26-W-19	Motion: To approve Policy as proposed	
	Motion Made By: Stegeman	Motion Seconded By: Carnell
	Vote Count: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain	Action Result: Passed

7. Discussion Items – Items that do not need a vote

a. Referendum Proposal Template (Cates-Doglio, Docs 4-5)

- i. Adam presents the Referendum Proposal Template, no substantive changes other than the final item, which asks for explicit description of fee oversight structure. Was presented to and approved by the Senate yesterday. If this body passes it, it can be sent to athletics for their upcoming referendum. Adam asks for any desired updates/deletions/changes, and gives some historical context. Chair mentions that one of the most important thing about referendum proposals that should be called out is the fee oversight structure. Continued discussion about committees as relates to the topic at hand. Relevant section of current AS charter, Sec 4.1 Letters e and f are points of reference.

b. ASWWU Mission Statement (Cates-Doglio & Davis, Doc 6)

- i. Chair presents Mission Statement proposed by Conference Committee. Refer to doc for details. Had conversation with Faith Pettis (BOT), she had two notes, changing “student interests” to “all student interests”. This is difficult to do, and technically not within the purview of AS Gov. Other note, changing “student welfare” to “work to benefit students”. SGA suggests different term for welfare because of connotation, Chair is concerned that welfare is broader. Discussion about semantic and pragmatic definitions of welfare.

ASB-26-W-20	Motion: To approve the Mission Statement as presented	
	Motion Made By: Maynard	Motion Seconded By: Stegeman
	Vote Count: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain	Action Result: Passed

c. ASWWU Student Townhall with Reps from 40th and 42nd LD’s (Maynard & Polo)

- i. Maynard & Polo present about upcoming Town Hall with Reps from 40th and 42nd LD's so Western Students can come and ask questions of the reps that impact WWU students. Will be other community town halls for public, and WWU students can attend both. This town hall will be specifically for WWU students. Town Hall will be moderated by Maynard. Please spread the word as much as possible. Feb 21st, 2-3pm in MH138. Working on outreach related to the townhall event. Adam asks for some context as to how this came about, Maynard explains this came from WWU performance at Lobby Day. Chair states that Sophia killed it on the planning end of Lobby Day, no real major notes for improvement.
- d. Signing the Budget Letter to Deliver to WWU BOT (Davis & Cates-Doglio)**
 - i. Chair mentions Letter that this body passed, he wants the Board members to sign the letter. Will pass it around for signatures.
- b. Discussion relating to app deadline for VP Univ Ops Vacancy.**
 - i. App opened last Friday, all student communication didn't go out until Tuesday. Doesn't leave a lot of time with midterms, has received emails asking for extension. Chair proposes extending the deadline to Monday, 2/16 at 11:59pm. Adam states there are 12 applications currently. Discussion about extending the deadline. Seems fair because of midterms. Original deadline is tomorrow. Body commits to reviewing all apps by next Thursday's meeting. Continued discussion about how to inform all students about extended deadline and about the town hall. No extension of deadline.

8. Call to adjourn

Cates-Doglio, Chair, called the meeting to adjourn at 17:12pm