

# ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Documents

3/12/26

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# ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

3/5/26 | 4:15 PM | VU 567

## ASWWU Executive Board Members

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

Absent: NA

Advisor: Lorio

Secretary: Stensrud

Guest(s) in attendance: Guests from Athletic Dept, CAP, Senate President John Hardgrove

## Motions

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-W-30	To approve the 3/5/26 consent agenda items as presented	Passed
ASB-26-W-31	To approve Athletics Fee Referendum Proposal to be included on the Spring 2026 AS General Election Ballot as presented	Passed
ASB-26-W-32	To approve the Statement of Support for SB6346 and send it to Rep Timmons	Passed

### 1. Call to order

Cates-Doglio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 16:17.

### 2. Revisions to the agenda

S&A Alternate to add to the committee fee membership update, Jane Hmura. Adam's birthday today hence the root beer floats.

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

a. **Approving ASWWU Executive Board 2/26/26 Meeting Minutes** (Doc #1)

b. **S&A Fee Committee Membership Update** (Doc #2)

ASB-26-W-30	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the 3/5/26 consent agenda items as presented.
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Maynard	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b> Davis
<b>Vote Count:</b> 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain	<b>Action Result:</b> Passed

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

TJ, student athlete, here to speak in support of Athletics Fee Referenda on behalf of Elizabeth Swift

CAP members here to ask members to sign up for candidate filing tabling, for those who are graduating or not running again.

### 5. ASWWU Executive Board Reports

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- a. **AS President Report** (Cates-Doglio)
  - i. Verbal report only, S&A Fee Committee, heard from child development center and student engagement centers. First meeting with everyone in attendance. Next steps for the committee will be budget presentations. John and Aspen looking at a constitutional update to possibly change Senate membership, may be an action item next week. Has been in contact with Senator Curfman about gov culture. SHB1570 passed out of the Senate and WAWU membership will double.
- b. **ASVP University Operations Report** (Davis)
  - i. Verbal report- Carnell and Davis met with Joyce Lopes at her request. Joyce shared some updates relating to buildings on campus. Also met with Faye Gallant about budget cuts and budget questions along with university standards and practices. Informed about structure of S&A Fee. Follow up questions may be directed to VP Davis.
- c. **ASVP Student Services Report** (Carnell)
  - i. Verbal report- Dining updates, Starbucks will be moving probably in the next year, trying to get 1<sup>st</sup> floor Arntzen hall space, but looks like will be new Starbucks space. King's Hawaiian had grand opening. Students want more variety in dining options on campus, progress in that arena including Pizza Time. Big disruption coming with new construction project near flag plaza lasting until Fall 2027. Starlight Shuttle looking to open internal and external reservations for day trips to increase revenue.
- d. **ASVP Governmental Affairs Report** (Maynard)
  - i. LAC has been working on updating the LAF for the upcoming election, hoping to have proposal for the body before last meeting next week. Working on call to action for students for SB5828, restoring financial aid funding only to private schools, want this bill to fail.
- e. **ASWWU Executive Board Advisor Report** (Lorio)
  - i. Successfully navigated timesheet system update last week. Some are still using old banner 8 interface, if any issues arise, reach out to Adam.

**6. Action items – Items that may need a vote**

- a. **Athletics Fee Referendum** (Cates-Doglio, Doc 3)
  - i. Some admin updates made to proposal, Chair asks for any discussion, questions, or changes. Giving the body 5 minutes to review the updated proposal.

ASB-26-W-31	<b>Motion:</b> To approve Athletics Fee Referendum Proposal to be included on the Spring 2026 AS General Election Ballot as presented	
	<b>Motion Made By:</b> Stegeman	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b> Maynard
	<b>Vote Count:</b> 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain	<b>Action Result:</b> Passed

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

**a. Millionaires Tax Support** (Cates-Doglio)

- i. Chair provides background on proposed Millionaires Tax, and the proposed statement of support. Chair hopes that our statement of support will help sway Representative Timmons who is a major swing vote on this subject. Question about metrics relating to all student emails. Brief pause to get new document on screen sharing. Maynard presents statement of support, and background context.

ASB-26-W-32	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the Statement of Support for SB6346 and send it to Rep Timmons
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Maynard	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b> Carnell
<b>Vote Count:</b> 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain	<b>Action Result:</b> Passed

**b. S&A Committee Letter from President Randhawa** (Cates-Doglio, Doc #4)

- i. Chair presents letter from President Randhawa asking to move funds from Multicultural Student Services to Tribal Relations Office to fund an Assistant Director of Tribal Relations, ask of about \$70,000. Chair wants preliminary discussion about this. Chair presents more info and states this is connected to “getting the longhouse going”. First time for this type of funds transfer request in at least 25 years. Ongoing discussion and questions. Adam offers procedural/administrative reminder. If this fund transfer is denied, position would still be funded in some way, and the money would remain in MSS funds. Centers were projected \$508,000 from S&A Fee Committee, including the \$66,251 involved in this request. Senate President speaks about potential harmful/dangerous precedent that can be set here, and expresses concern with administration thinking that S&A Fee Committee will always be ok with this going forward. Chair will bring discussion to S&A Fee Committee, and invite Amy and President Randhawa to answer more questions on the proposal. Adam has provided RCW for reference in meeting chat.

**8. Call to adjourn**

Cates-Doglio, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 17:07

# ASWWU Government Official Referendum Proposal

## **Referendum Title: Renewal of the Legislative Action Fee**

WWU Department or Program responsible for implementation of proposed action: ASWWU Governance & Advising

WWU Department/Program Staff Contact: Adam Lorio

WWU Student (or Student Group) Proposing Referendum: Legislative Affairs Council

ASWWU Elected Sponsor: AS VP of Governmental Affairs Sophia Maynard

Date(s) Referendum Proposal to be officially presented to ASWWU Governing Bodies:

- ASWWU Executive Board: 3/12/26
- ASWWU Senate: 3/11/26

Proposed General Election Ballot for Referendum (e.g Spring 2026): Spring 2026

Administrative/ASWWU Advisor Notes: Gov Advisor to Edit: e.g. Proposal packet has been reviewed for complete contents and meets the requirements outlined in current ASWWU Election Code for consideration by ASWWU Governing Bodies.

## **Official Final Draft Referendum Information Packet (what will be available to voters if passed to go on ballot):**

**Note: all information below is exactly as submitted in final draft by referendum sponsor and support program staff.**

### 1. Official Ballot Question:

Shall the Legislative Action Fee be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per academic quarter for every Western Student taking 2 or more credits starting in the Fall quarter of 2027 until the Spring Quarter of 2030? Should a vote of “yes” not pass, the fee will be retained at \$1.00 per student per quarter.

### 2. Official Referendum Statement of Support (250 words or less):

The purpose of the Legislative Action Fee (LAF) is to more directly represent WWU students in local, state, and federal legislative manners through the decisions of the ASWWU. The LAF has been used to fund our ASWWU Lobby Day, support our full-time student lobbyist during legislative sessions, and pay membership dues to the Washington Student Association to participate in a student power coalition. Increasing the LAF from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per academic quarter will allow WWU students to maintain and strengthen our voice in critical policy conversations that affect tuition, financial aid, housing, and overall access to higher education. Without this adjustment,

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our capacity to advocate effectively may be limited while costs and demands continue to rise. While a surplus developed after COVID, current expenditures match annual revenue, making it unsustainable to rely on that surplus to continue delivering strong services and programming in the future. With this increase, the LAF can be allocated to support more than just one Lobby Day trip a year. Opportunities for students to represent themselves to their legislators like forums, topic-specific Lobby Days, townhalls, or trips to testify on certain bills are crucial to maintaining and expanding student power in the state and beyond. A “yes” vote is an investment in student power. It ensures that Western students remain active, informed, and influential participants in the policies that shape our education.

3. Official Supporting Documentation (additional details)
4. Official Fiscal Note (required for any student-voted Fee referendum)

See attached for fiscal note data: [2026 LAF Fiscal Note Data](#)

This referendum proposes renewal of the current Legislative Action Fee, with an increase of \$0.25 per student per quarter. At this time, the increase will support our ongoing work to represent Western students including updating a long-term legislative outreach plan to accessibly engage students in advocacy while maintaining and improving the programming it provides currently (i.e. Lobby Days, WSA participation, etc). Major recent expense increases include our WSA dues (increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per student) and inflationary costs associated with Western Lobby Day. Future plans to support student voices include potential expansion of program opportunities, and the need to establish more effective student engagement mechanisms. The update (if approved) will begin in Fall quarter of 2027 and is maintained as a quarterly fee until Spring 2030 when it will be up for another renewal vote. The fund is currently spending more annually than it brings in. A small fee increase now, allows us to carefully draw down the current fund balance while continuing to support students' participation in legislative action at a level we believe is critical.

5. If the referendum is proposing a student fee, what will the fee oversight structure be?

As chartered by the ASWWU Government, the Legislative Affairs Council is authorized and expected to approve an annual operational budget for the Legislative Action Fund including projected expenditures and revenue.