

# ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Documents

4/9/26

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1	Draft Minutes – 4/2/26 Exec Board Meeting
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# ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

04/02/26 | 4:30 PM | VU 567

## ASWWU Executive Board Members

Present: Cates-Doglio, Montalvo Zarate, Maynard, Stegeman, Skinner, Polo, Carnell

Absent: NA

Advisor: Lorio

Secretary: Stensrud

Guest(s) in attendance: none

## Motions

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-S-1	To approve the 04/02/26 consent agenda items as presented	Passed

### 1. Call to order

Cates-Doglio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 16:30

### 2. Revisions to the agenda

- a. Adam's report needs an admin edit to the Roman Numeral on the section

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

- a. Approving ASWWU Exec Board 3/12/26 Meeting Minutes

ASB-26-S-1	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the 4/2/26 consent agenda items as presented.
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Carnell	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b> Montalvo Zarate
<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

None

### 5. ASWWU Exec Board Reports

- a. ASWWU Executive Board Advisor Report (Lorio)

- i. Don't have much of a report. Candidate filing has opened, will close on 4/20. Closer to closing date, Adam will share stats of how many applicants for each position.
- ii. Pay close attention this quarter.

### 6. Information Items – Items that do not need a vote

- a. Looking towards the end of the year (Cates-Doglio)

- i. Discussion regarding projects that are being worked on, what is most pressing, what may be more extended, and reminder now to start really thinking about legacy documents.
- ii. Finalizing a Constitutional update that is basically ready, just waiting to hear on Senate restructure update. Mostly cleanup to be done, not major changes.
- iii. Chair is currently working with Divest Apartheid Coalition on divestment proposal that will go public soon. (Will divest from J.P. Morgan Chase Bank)
- iv. S&A Fee Committee in full swing, voted to oppose the transfer of money from The Centers to the Tribal Liaison Office.
- v. Overarching bylaws to be completed by end of year. Looking to transition from in depth bylaws to policy, having some kind of policy packet to pass by the end of the year.
- vi. Adam reminds that the next two meetings are last opportunities to entertain any ballot measures, and the following week is the meeting to take action on any of those ballot measures. Mentions other fees that have to go on the ballot this year.
- vii. Carnell is working on Food Security Fee Referenda, working on the referenda proposal and it is very close to being ready to bring to the body.
- viii. ASTAC is also trying to bring a proposal forward as soon as possible, but no meetings set up yet.
- ix. More consistent meetings with Joyce Lopes, VP Business and Financial Affairs. Talks and coming presentation relating to increasing housing for students.
- x. Decor workgroup should be finalizing projects within the next month.
- xi. Adam asks for plan of action if ASTAC doesn't bring anything forward.
- xii. Stegeman reports outreach is a big focus. Outreach Workgroup hasn't met this quarter yet. VP Activities work has decreased after the approval of the Athletics Fee Referendum Proposal. Discussed SUAG, and legacy document work, along with trying to envision how the role could be different going forward.
- xiii. Maynard reports on LAF Referendum, will be working with LAC to campaign for that, then work on LAC bylaws. Meeting biweekly now through end of quarter. COLA is back from Legislative Session in Olympia, will be working on impact report. Workshop proposed at Town Hall event, Stella in CAP will be following that lead.
- xiv. Chair forgot to mention Spring GA, April 18-19 here at WWU. Only 8 voting positions available to register, but anyone can attend. Anyone can register and will be fed, but if you don't register, no guarantee of food. Voting members to be designated ahead of time.
- xv. Montalvo reports on starting the new position, still working on what he will be working on with Chair. Will be evaluating organizations or institutions and how students feel about the benefits they get from them, this is all pertinent to Ethical Contracts Committee.

- xvi. Polo reports on State of The Centers panel between 10 and 1130 tomorrow 4/3, in VU MPR. Continued discussion of ongoing projects. 4/28 UndocuSupport Network meeting. 5/21 Latine Student Support Network meeting.
- xvii. Skinner presents that her work will be mainly focused on SEJF, which will not be hearing any Spring grant proposals, but will be overhauling the committee structure and policies. Additional committee updates. Working on Fast & Free. Working on update to governing doc and legacy docs.

**b. Written Reports for Spring Quarter (Cates-Doglio)**

- i. Each VP will be asked to submit a written report once a month. Reports will be due 5pm Monday of the week you are reporting.
  - 1. Skinner and Carnell volunteered to report next week.
  - 2. Stegeman and Maynard will report the following week.
  - 3. Montalvo-Zarate and Polo the following week.

VP's will rotate this cycle through the quarter.

During meetings going forward, VP's will give brief highlight, and then there will be time for any Q&A about the report. All VP's will still be responsible for reading each other's reports in full every week.

**7. Call to adjourn**

Cates-Doglio, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 17:11

# ASWWU Executive Board Report

AS VP for Sustainability

April 6, 2026

## Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
No committee meetings have occurred.		

## Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
SEJF Core Group Meeting	4/6/2026	Important Issues that the board should be made aware of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Planning for first SEJF meeting</li><li>- Restructuring grant application timeline</li><li>- At-large students selected for next school year in Spring</li></ul>
SSC Meeting	4/9/2026	Planned meeting for Friday, discuss next steps relating to the coalition. SSC is likely to start next fall with new ASVP.

## Meetings with Students:

Only mention issues that have been brought to your attention by fellow students.

Fast and Free will be happening this Wednesday. Updates to come.

## Important Projects:

What have you been working on outside of committees?

Mainly focused on SEJF restructuring. I have been working on a statement in collaboration with other members of the Executive Board regarding IDF presence on WWU's campus.

### *Administrative Things:*

Creating transition documents and updating VP of Sustainability role description.

How can the rest of the board assist you with your Projects?

N/A

## Additional Notes:

Anything else you think the board should be aware of (i.e. events, learning moments, etc.)

Earth Week starts April 20<sup>th</sup>!

# ASWWU Executive Board Report

AS VP of Student Services

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
Committee Name	Date of Meeting	Important Items: Areas Where Members of the Board can Assist: Other Notes:
SUAG	04/06/26	Had a check-in to discuss upcoming meetings for the rest of the quarter. Mostly regarding budgets involving Non-academic building fee, MCC fee, etc.
WSA Restructuring Taskforce	04/04/26	Final adoption of definitions we have been working on this academic year. A couple to note – rejected a no-dues based organization proposal, rejected a proposal for GAs to be paid entirely by host school.
ASTAC	N/A	We have created the final ATF timeline to be voted on this week.

## Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Staff Member Name	Date of Meeting	Important Issues that the board should be made aware of:
Joyce, Angel	04/02/26	SDSC will maintain current pedestrian traffic reroute until at least Fall '27. The parking lot between AW and the Rec Center will lose 40% of its parking spaces. Joyce assured us there would be enough ADA parking spots available elsewhere.
Michael Sledge, Tulea Enochs	03/17/26	Discussed Food Security Fee Referendum to be voted on this week.

## Meetings with Students:

N/A

## Important Projects:

Decorations Workgroup – Final budget proposal will be voted on in Senate – will have an update on this. Following its hopeful approval, the Publicity Center will move forward with printing and installation of the Window Project. The smaller DW projects will be completed by members of the workgroup on the same day. Outreach and DW will work together to create an unveiling event, an open house for everyone on campus to come check out the new office. Will have more details on this.

Outreach Workgroup – First meeting of the quarter is on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Will provide any necessary updates.

WTA-WWU Negotiations – Will have my first meeting on 04/07/2026. Will have more notes but so far I've been hearing good things, we are making solid progress towards a final contract.

### Additional Notes:

Washington Student Association General Assembly is coming up! (April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>)

# ASWWU Government Official Referendum Proposal

## Referendum Title: Student Technology Fee Renewal

WWU Department or Program responsible for implementation of proposed action: Information Technology Services (ITS)

WWU Department/Program Staff Contact: Chuck Lanham, AVP for IT and CIO (clanham@wwu.edu)

WWU Student (or Student Group) Proposing Referendum: Enter

ASWWU Elected Sponsor: Moose Abou-Harb

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

- ASWWU Executive Board: Enter
- ASWWU Senate: Enter

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

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 Western Washington University renew the current Student Technology Fee (STF) of \$35 per academic quarter (neither increasing nor decreasing) for each student taking 6 or more credits; and, \$17.50 per academic quarter for each student taking 1-5 credits?

If approved for renewal as proposed, the renewed fee would be effective Fall Quarter 2027 expiring at the end of Summer Quarter 2030.

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

The maximum fee can be increased or decreased only with a vote from the student body.

The mission of the [Student Technology Fee](#) is to provide Western students with adequate and innovative technology experiences by:

- Broadening/enhancing the quality of the academic experience,
- Providing additional student access to technology, and
- Increasing the integration of technology into the curriculum.

# ASWWU Government Official Referendum Proposal

## 3) Official Supporting Documentation (additional details)

The STF was created in 1995 by the Associated Students Board. The Fee has been renewed every four to five years since its inception by a vote of the students. The fee is managed closely and has never increased. In recent years, the fee has been used to support the following areas:

- [Student Computer Labs](#),
- [Wireless and Networking](#),
- [Printing Quotas](#),
- [The Student Technology Center](#),
- [The Digital Media Center](#),
- [Information Security](#), and
- [Technology Initiatives](#) through one-time grants across all areas of Western's curriculum.

## 4) Official Fiscal Note (required for any student-voted Fee referendum)

- FY 2025 – FSSTFU – Fund 23312  
Revenue: \$1,051,143  
Expenses: \$624,150
- FY 2024 – FSSTFT – Fund 23344  
Revenue: \$1,048,747  
Expenses: \$789,803
- FY 2023 – FSSTFS – Fund 23343  
Revenue: \$1,052,800  
Expenses: \$1,000,513

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

Existing fee with no increase requested. Current fee oversight structure can be found [here](#).

# ASWWU Government Official Referendum Proposal

## **Referendum Title: Food Security Fee Renewal**

WWU Department or Program responsible for implementation of proposed action: Basic Needs Hub

WWU Department/Program Staff Contact: Michael Sledge – Dean of Student Life

WWU Student (or Student Group) Proposing Referendum: ASWWU Executive Board

ASWWU Elected Sponsor: AS VP of Student Services Taylor Carnell

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

- ASWWU Executive Board: 04/09/2026
- ASWWU Senate: 04/08/2026

Proposed General Election Ballot for Referendum: Spring 2026

Administrative/ASWWU Advisor Notes: To be entered by Gov Advisor

## **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:

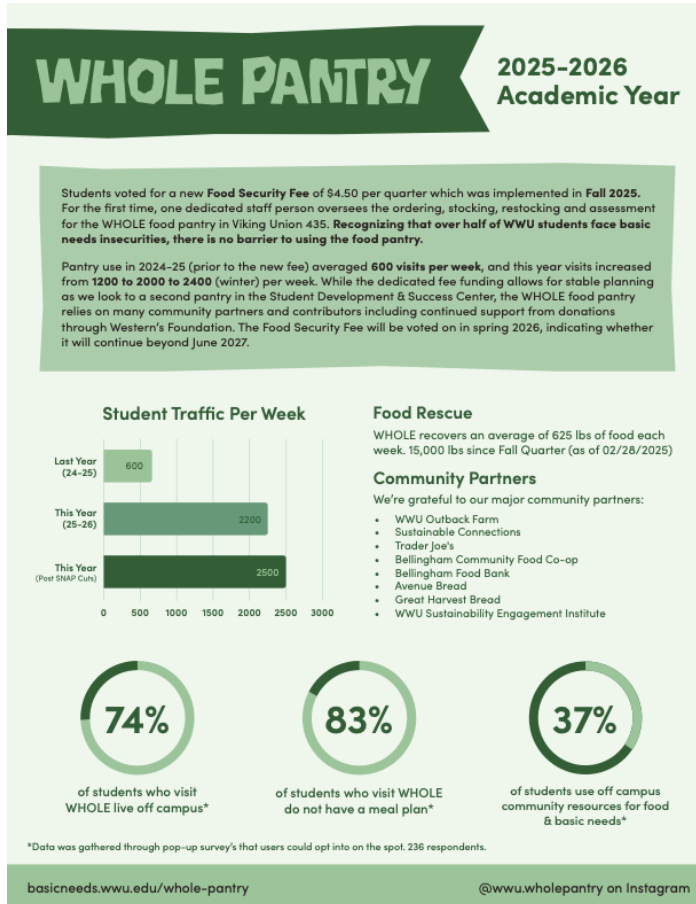
Shall the Food Security Fee be increased from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per academic quarter for every full-time Western Student enrolled on WWU's Bellingham campus beginning Fall 2027 to create a secondary pantry location on south campus and extend the full-time pantry position? Should a vote of "yes" fail in the Spring general election, the Food Security Fee will expire in June 2027.

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

The Food Security Fee (FSF) was first implemented in Fall Quarter of 2025 and provided direct, consistent funding to the WHOLE Food Pantry. The FSF covers the funding for food supplies and one full-time WHOLE Pantry staff who is responsible for organizing and restocking the pantry. Before the FSF was passed, the WHOLE Food Pantry had an average of 600 students visiting per week. This year, with the FSF implemented, an average of 2200-2500 students visited the pantry each week. Additionally, increased funding will allow for a secondary pantry location to be created on south campus within the new Student Development and Success Center. Passing this referendum will allow the WHOLE Pantry to continue working to alleviate food insecurity at WWU while expanding the number of students it can reach on campus.

# ASWWU Government Official Referendum Proposal

## 3) Official Supporting Documentation (additional details)



<https://wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025.BasicNeedsReport.pdf>

## 4) Official Fiscal Note (required for any student-voted Fee referendum)

See attached file for [fee projection](#)

Additional Info Here: [Food Security Fee Report](#) (Attachment N)

This referendum, if approved, increases the Food Security Fee by \$2.00 per student per quarter. It will continue funding the existing position(s) and fund costs associated with stocking the WHOLE Pantry and the secondary location when the Student Development and Success Center is completed in Fall 2027.

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

None Proposed

**Alternative D: one Senator for Undergraduate Colleges, with 2 Senators for Graduate School, and a Dedicated Vice Chair.**

2. The Senate will consist of the following voting officers:
  - a. Senate President, Chair of the Senate
  - b. Vice Chair
  - c. One Senator from each of the following colleges:
    - i. College of Business and Economics
    - ii. College of Fine and Performing Arts
    - iii. College of Humanities and Social Sciences
    - iv. College of Science and Engineering
    - v. Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
    - vi. College of the Environment
    - vii. Woodring College of Education
  - d. Two Senators for Graduate School
  - e. Four Senators to represent students At-Large

Voting membership = 15

**Alternative E: Proportional representation, with 2 Senators for Graduate School, and a Dedicated Vice Chair.**

The Senate will consist of the following voting officers:

- Senate President (At-large)
- Vice Chair (At-large)
- 2 Senators for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2 Senators for the College of Business and Economics
- 2 Senators for the College of Science and Engineering
- 2 Senators for the for Graduate School
- 1 Senator for the College of Fine and Performing Arts
- 1 Senator for the Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
- 1 Senator for the College of the Environment
- 1 Senator for the Woodring College of Education
- 2 At-Large Senators

Voting membership = 16



# The Associated Students of Western Washington University (ASWWU) Government Constitution

For Approval in the Spring 2026 General Election

## Preamble

Based on the granted authorities and in order to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the currently approved ASWWU Government Charter the mission of ASWWU Government is:

To represent student interests and promote student welfare through shared governance of the University, including advocating to university administration, local and state governments, and the WWU community. They do this by focusing on empowering students to thrive socially and academically both on campus and beyond.

## Article I. Membership

### Section A – Voting Membership

Consistent with the ASWWU Student Government Charter, the voting membership of ASWWU shall include all full-time, part-time, graduate, and undergraduate students who are registered for at least one academic credit at any WWU location where students pay Services and Activities Fees.

## Article II. Elections

All ASWWU Elections are subject to all regulations and procedures published in the currently approved ASWWU Elections Code.

### Section A – General Elections

Once a year, during Spring Term, a general election open to all eligible ASWWU voting members must be held to decide the following:

- Election of all ASWWU voting officers as outlined in Article III
- Any/all duly filed and approved ballot measures

### Section B – Special Elections

Special elections may be held for the purpose of:

- Filling vacant ASWWU Government voting officer positions
- Recalling a current ASWWU voting officer
- Deciding urgent Ballot Measures (excluding those proposing new/renewed student fees)

### Section C – Ballot Measures

ASWWU Government must maintain mechanisms to allow ASWWU voting members to decide on important issues within ASWWU Government's authority directly by student vote on an election ballot.

In addition to the information provided here, all ballot measures are regulated by current, approved, ASWWU governing documents (e.g. applicable policies, by-laws and ASWWU Election Code).

The two, currently approved, allowable types of ballot measures that can be proposed for inclusion on an election ballot are:

- Referenda:
  - o Referenda are the mechanism by which either ASWWU Government Body may present a question on a single issue of concern directly to ASWWU voters for a vote.
  - o Referenda that propose the establishment, modification, or abolishment of voluntary student fees must be passed by both the ASWWU Executive Board and Senate in identical form before being placed on the ballot and are subject to any/all prescribed timelines (renewal votes, etc) in ASWWU Government policy and/or governing documents.
- Initiatives:
  - o Initiatives are the mechanism by which any eligible ASWWU voter can present a single issue of concern directly to ASWWU voters for a vote.
  - o An initiative proposed by general ASWWU membership requires a petition containing the verified signatures or electronic ID verification of no less than forty percent (40%) of the number of votes cast in the last general election as defined in the Elections Code to be included on an election ballot.

### Section D – Recall of ASWWU Voting Officer

Recall of any voting officer of the ASWWU government may be initiated by:

- A super majority (2/3) vote of both the Executive Board and the Senate, or
- A petition containing verified signatures or electronically verified ID of no less than forty percent (40%) of the number of eligible votes cast for the position in the last general election as defined in the Elections Code.

The removal of the elected member shall then be decided by the membership of the ASWWU via a special election as directed by current ASWWU Election Code.

### Section E – ASWWU Election Code

ASWWU Government is responsible for maintaining an election code. The provisions set forth in the ASWWU election code shall apply to all general elections, special elections, ballot measures, and recalls regarding process and deadlines. The election code will conform to this Constitution. If any provision of the election code conflicts with this constitution, that provision will be null and void.

ASWWU Government shall charter an Election Advisory Committee (EAC) chaired by the ASWWU Election Coordinator (student staff) that includes 1 representative from each ASWWU Governing Body, and up to 3 additional student positions and shall be advised by ASWWU Governance Advising Program permanent staff.

The EAC shall be responsible for annual review and recommendations for revision of the ASWWU Election Code to be presented to and approved by ASWWU Government prior to each Spring Term General Election.

ASWWU Election Code may not be revised during an active election.

## Article III. Governance Structure

### Section A – ASWWU Government

ASWWU Government shall be the governing board of the ASWWU. It shall consist of an Executive Board and a Senate. The rights and responsibilities for shared governance of the whole ASWWU are vested in these two bodies.

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following voting officers:
  - a. President, Chair of the Executive Board
  - b. Vice President for Activities
  - c. Vice President for Diversity
  - d. Vice President for Governmental Affairs
  - e. Vice President for Student Services
  - f. Vice President for Sustainability
  - g. Vice President for University Operations
2. The Senate will consist of the following voting officers:
  - a. Senate President, Chair of the Senate
  - b. Two Senators from each of the following colleges:
    - i. College of Business and Economics
    - ii. College of Fine and Performing Arts
    - iii. College of Humanities and Social Sciences
    - iv. College of Science and Engineering
    - v. Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
    - vi. Graduate School
    - vii. College of the Environment
    - viii. Woodring College of Education
  - c. Four Senators to represent students At-Large

## Section B – Permanent Bodies

1. A Conference Committee shall be chartered by the Executive Board and Senate to resolve differences in respective versions of any action they both take that must be passed in identical form for effective implementation and focus on ensuring joint, collaborative, governance on behalf of ASWWU membership. No single body shall have sole authority over the Conference Committee; both bodies shall be equally reflected in membership of the committee and include the Chair of each body.

## Article IV. Meetings of Governing Bodies

### Section A – Quorum

A simple majority (50%+1) of currently seated voting officers shall constitute a quorum for every governing body of the ASWWU. The governing bodies may only take final action when a quorum is present.

### Section B – Voting

In order for a motion/final action to pass, it must obtain a simple majority (50%+1) of the legal votes cast. Abstentions do not count as legal votes.

### Section C – Open Public Meetings (RCW 42.30)

All meetings of the Executive Board and Senate shall adhere to the Open Public Meeting Act of Washington State.

## Article V. Powers and Granted Authorities

### Section A – ASWWU

The ASWWU shall hold all rights associated with its recognition as the sole recognized student association of Western Washington University under state law.

### Section B – ASWWU Government

Jointly, the Executive Board and Senate shall:

1. Establish the structures necessary to govern the ASWWU;
2. Delegate their vested powers to ensure the efficient operations of the ASWWU Government;
3. Appropriate all funds allocated to the ASWWU Government and act with fiduciary responsibility with regards to the assets of the ASWWU Government;
4. Formulate the official opinion of the ASWWU Government through a joint resolution;
5. Exercise and delegate the authorities granted to the Student Government in Article 4 of the ASWWU Student Government Charter:
  - a. Ensure that monies allocated to the AS Student Government by the Services and Activities Fee Committee are used to support continuous, safe, and efficient operations, consistent with federal, state, and university policy.
  - b. Provide recommendations regarding any increases and/or renewals of mandatory and voluntary student fees.
  - c. Hold elections to determine changes to or establishment of voluntary student fees.
  - d. Review all information pertaining to the expenditure and usage of student fee dollars.
  - e. Ensure a majority of student voting members on fee committees overseeing mandatory and voluntary student fees, with the exception of operating and building fees.
  - f. Exercise the right to appoint a student chair, with the concurrence of the University President or designee, on all committees overseeing and appropriating mandatory and voluntary student fee dollars, with the exception of operating and building fees.
  - g. Obtain and review information on the affairs of the University,
  - h. At the request of University committee chairs, to appoint student representatives to standing University committees, and to other bodies.
  - i. Allocate funds to support the employment of student and permanent staff as needed to fulfill the goals and maintain the operations of the AS Student Government, consistent with the regulations, policies, and procedures of the university.
  - j. Manage its allocated funds in accordance with regulations, policies, and procedures of the university and with fiduciary responsibility on behalf of students.
  - k. Participate in the management of the AS Bookstore's net operating revenues, where applicable.

Before a final action can be adopted by the entire ASWWU Government, both bodies must pass every measure in an identical form.

### Section C – ASWWU Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be granted the authority to fulfill its duties within the provisions set forth herein and to act in any University related matters while adhering to University policies and procedures. The Executive Board shall have the authority:

1. To serve as the primary body of representation and advocacy for student needs in university governance structures relating to student activities, diversity, governmental affairs, student services, sustainability, university operations, other university governance structures, and external government bodies.
2. To communicate official opinions/positions of the Executive Board through resolutions.
3. To sit on and appoint student representatives to standing and ad hoc committees relating to activities, diversity, governmental affairs, student services, sustainability, university operations and Associated Students committees in coordination with the Student Senate.
4. To obtain information and provide recommendations with regard to university administration pertaining to activities, diversity, governmental affairs, student services, sustainability, and university operations.

### Section D – ASWWU Senate

The Senate shall be granted the authority to fulfill its duties within the provisions set forth herein and to act in any University related matters while adhering to University policies and procedures. The ASWWU Senate shall have the authority:

1. To serve as the primary body of representation and advocacy for student needs in university governance structures relating to academic affairs.
2. To communicate official opinions/positions of the Senate through a resolution.
3. To sit on and appoint student representatives on standing and ad hoc committees relating to academic affairs and Associated Students committees in coordination with the Executive Board.
4. To obtain information and provide recommendations with regard to university administration pertaining to academic affairs.

## Article VI. Amendments and Bylaws

### Section A – ASWWU Government Bylaws

ASWWU Government must maintain current Bylaws in order to support efficient function and common understanding of the role and function of ASWWU Government.

The Senate and Executive Board shall have the authority to adopt and amend individual body and/or joint bylaws as deemed necessary to support ASWWU Government operations, with the consent of the Conference Committee and other body. This shall be done for the purpose of governing their respective branches in a manner consistent with this constitution and the policies and procedures of the University.

### Section B – Constitutional Amendments

All amendments to this constitution must be approved by a simple majority vote (50%+1) legal votes cast by ASWWU voting membership in a general or special election (Article II) and will be presented to the University President for their acknowledgement.

### Section C – Construction

The ASWWU Student Government Charter supersedes this constitution. Where any conflict exists between these documents, the language in the Charter takes precedence. In such cases, this constitution must be amended as soon as practicable.

All other governing structures and documents of the ASWWU must conform with this constitution.

## Article VII. Abolition

### Section A – Abolition of the whole ASWWU

Consistent with the ASWWU Student Government Charter, the ASWWU may only be abolished by a vote of its membership. To abolish the whole ASWWU, a supermajority (2/3) vote of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the eligible voting membership of the ASWWU must be obtained. In such case, the ASWWU Charter, this ASWWU Constitution, and all other ASWWU structures become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held. This would include both the AS Student Government and the AS Programs and Services operated or funded directly by ASWWU Government.

### Section B – Abolition of the Student Government

Consistent with the ASWWU Student Government Charter, the Student Government may only be abolished by a vote of the voting membership of the ASWWU. To abolish the Student Government, a supermajority (2/3) vote of at least ten percent (10%) of the membership of the ASWWU must be obtained. In such case, all ASWWU structures relating to student government shall become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held.

### Section C – Restrictions

No single election shall decide on both the abolition of the student government and the abolition of the whole ASWWU. Where both questions are appropriately filed (Article II) only the first filed will be placed on the ballot.

# ATF Timeline Proposal

April 3, 2026

AS TAC would like to defer the Spring 2026 referendum vote for the Active Transportation Fee until Spring 2027. Either way, the self-assessed Active Transportation Fee would not change until Fall 2027. The Board of Trustees is anticipating the Active Transportation Fee for Fall 2027 to be presented to them by June 2027 for their approval. We are requesting this vote to be delayed because Transportation Services, along with student representation from AS TAC, is currently in negotiations with Whatcom Transportation Fee for a multi-year contract. In Winter 2026 WTA doubled their fares, WWU is anticipating the contract to provide student bus passes to increase beyond what the Active Transportation Fee at its current assessed rate can cover. By delaying this vote, we will know the long-term cost for student bus passes as well as other resources provided by the ATF.