ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Documents
10/15/26

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ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

10/8/26 | 2:30pm| VU567

ASWWU Executive Board Members

Present: 7

Maynard – President	Welfare – ASVP Univ Ops
Triebs – ASVP Gov Aff	Montalvo – ASVP Diversity
Plastino – ASVP Student Services	Wald – ASVP Sustainability
Hoover – ASVP Activities-online	

Absent: n/a
Advisor: Lorio
Secretary: Lojewski
Guest(s) in attendance: Aniyah Sterling

Motions Summary – at a glance, actions taken this meeting.

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-F-03	Montalvo moves to approve 10/08/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented.	Passed
ASB-26-F-04	Welfare moves to approve the appointment of the current: AS VP of University Operations and AS VP of Diversity to the 2026-2027 student representative seats on the Ethical Contracts Committee that AS is responsible for appointing.	Passed
ASB-26-F-05	Triebs moves to approve the We Are Jane Doe statement to represent the official position of the ASWWU Executive Board and commit to attending the Stand-In at Red Square.	Passed

1. **Call to order**
   Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

2. **Revisions to the agenda**
   a. None.

3. **Consent Items – Routine business items that do not require discussion**
   a. Approve ASWWU 10/1/2026 Meeting Minutes Doc #1

ASB-26-F-03	**Motion:** Montalvo moves to approve 10/08/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented.
{Last Name} moves to approve 10/08/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented.	
Motion Made By:	**Motion Seconded By:**
Montalvo	Plastino

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Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
6	0	0	Passed

4. **Public forum – Time for WWU & community members to address the ASWWU Executive Board.**
    a. None.

5. **ASWWU Executive Board reports**
    a. **ASWWU Executive Board President Report** (Maynard, Doc 2)
        i. Proposed WSA delegation of Executive Board members for mid November; Maynard, Triebs, Welfare, Plastino.
        ii. Had an interview with KUGS, opportunity to talk about voting and reminder to help CAP with outreach for Voter Hub
        iii. Note about cold & flu season. There's no work that can't be put on hold for a couple days
    b. **ASWWU VP for Governmental Affairs** (Triebs)
        i. LAC applicants have started rolling in. Finalists will be presented to senate and then executive board. Senator Wiens will be joining LAC.
            1. Question from President Maynard about whether or not LAC membership needs to pass through the senate as well as executive board since LAC is a board-chartered committee
    c. **ASWWU VP for Student Services** (Plastino, Doc 4)
        i. Update on the proposed WTA deal. Moving from a yearly based renewal to a four year cycle
    d. **ASWWU VP for Sustainability** (Wald, Doc 5)
        i. Working with Zinta Lucans about the membership criteria for SEJF, making progress.
    e. **ASWWU Advisor Report** (Lorio)
        i. Take care of yourself and others, it's being reported that there's an early and aggressive flu season. The Student Health Center has a literal metric ton of vaccines to be administered.
            1. Whooping cough is going around in the area.
        ii. You can attend online if you're not feeling well, but you do not have to do this.
        iii. CAP LOAC position open, closes in two weeks.

6. **Action items – Items that are expected to need a vote**
    a. **Ethical Contracts Committee ASWWU Appointments** (Maynard)
        i. No discussion.

ASB-26-F-04	**Motion:** Welfare moves to approve the appointment of the current: AS VP of University Operations and AS VP of Diversity to the 2026-2027 student representative seats on the Ethical Contracts Committee that AS is responsible for appointing.		
Draft Language:			
Motion Made By:		**Motion Seconded By:**	
Welfare		Montalvo	
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
6	0	1	Passed

7. **Action items – Items that are expected to need a vote**
    a. **We Are Jane Doe Statement** (Maynard, Montalvo, Doc 6)
        i. Montalvo, it doesn't look like other areas on campus have an official stance so who better than representatives in the AS.
            1. If passed, intends to present to AS Senate to invite them to sign on and make this an whole ASWWU Government endorsed statement
        ii. October 16, 4pm in Red Square.
        iii. Wald wants to make sure that this moment of silence in Red Square is not the only action that is taken. Making sure that students know about the resources available to them.
            1. Montalvo explains that resources will be highlighted in the social media post, clubs and other offices/departments will be invited to sign on as well.
            2. Lorio highlights that often these types of events invite questions about how the institution handles/processes reported allegations on campus. It might be good to have the institutional information on hand.
                a. Reminder to be up to date on the University expressive activity policies. Also check in with Counseling Health and Wellness to let them know ahead of time that this event will be happening and consider their recommendations for supportive services available during/after the event.

ASB-26-F-05	**Motion:** Triebs moves to approve the We Are Jane Doe statement to represent the official position of the ASWWU Executive Board and commit to attending the Stand-In at Red Square.		
Draft Language:			
Motion Made By:		**Motion Seconded By:**	
Triebs		Wald	
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
7	0	0	Passed

8. **Discussion Items**
    a. **ASWWU Code of Ethics** (Maynard, Doc 7)
        i. On neglecting duties
            1. Montalvo, working in the office contributes to fostering community and having the opportunity to connect with students more easily. Meeting students outside of the suite, in other resources areas is also helpful
                a. Discussion about how physical presence can be difficult for many reasons
            2. Triebs, ignoring constituents. Making sure to connect with people who come into the office.
            3. Maynard, consistently not showing up to duties without letting someone know. If you have a class conflict, that's okay, but there needs to be a plan for how to still get work done.
                a. Missing a certain number of regular meetings without notice, discussion of a baseline of effective communication. What may be easy to identify may not be the best way to define neglect.
            4. Lorio, any guidance on the advisor's role in this process (e.g can the advisor independently act/bring allegations of "code of conduct breach" to the body needs to be explicit. Question about what makes the advisor of this program more able to question neglect over an autonomous body.
        ii. On misuse of public funds
            1. Hoover, how to deal with bias in funds that don't necessarily benefit the individual, but a group they're part of
                a. Lorio, recusal guidelines need to be clear. Abuse of power can be an issue here.
9. **Information items – Items that do not need a vote**
    a. **"Black Student Experiences: What to Consider?"** (Sterling, Doc 8)
        i. Aniyah Sterling, a former CHSS Senator presents a project initially created for senators during the 2025-2026 school year. Focused on how senators can use their platform to advocate for Black and brown students in their work, in the classroom, and on and off campus.
            1. Lorio asks how can non-minority students advocate while not inappropriately putting themselves into situations they may not be needed.
                a. On campus, support clubs, go to events to support the work other students are doing.
                b. Supporting in daily actions, not only large scale issues that bring up a lot of emotions.
            2. What are events Eboard can go to?
                a. Welcome Black student orientation, check the club Instagrams, go online

10. Call to adjourn

Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:46p.m.

ASWWU Executive Board Report

AS President
10/15/26

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Sislena Ledbetter & Micheal Sledge	10/9	Discussed Student Affairs priorities at the start of their second year as an "area" and not "division" and what operations look like now because of that. We discussed some of the findings from the latest ACHA Health Assessment. Drinking's down (47.3% drank in the past 2 weeks compared to 49.8% in 2024), cannabis use is up (36.8% used cannabis within the past two weeks compared to 36.1% in 2024), and suicide-related indicators are concerning (46.0% reporting thinking about suicide at least once in the past year). Mental health support also remains in high demand with 73.3% of respondents reporting having received mental health services at some point, and 83.6% of students reporting that they would consider seeking help from a mental health professional if needed. Food insecurity is also a major issue, with 47.8% of respondents reporting that they had high or marginal food security and 52.2% reported experiencing either low or very low food security. 32.4% ate less than they felt they should because they lacked money for food. 53.3% of students reported that they've had problems with finances. We also discussed the breakdown of the Student Health Fee, with roughly 60% going to the Student Health Center function and 40% going to the Counseling and Wellness Center. Of that 60%, about 70% goes to paying our providers along with COLAs. A major struggle they are dealing with is the high cost of living increases needed to sustain our providers staying in Bellingham and staying working for WWU. A major demand they are trying to balance is psychiatry at the SHC. Expressed interest in working with us to build up the immigration legal fund framework from the $5,000 donated by the 24-25 ASWWU Executive Board. Another great ASWWU outreach idea would be to carve out a spot of real estate in the *What's New WWU* Newsletter as it's actually gaining good traction. Also discussed the necessity for creating an unused funds policy for S&A which would be a good project for a workgroup.

Meetings with Students: Met with a constituent about frustrations with lack of nuance about club statuses and financial needs.

Important Projects:
Resolutions for the November 3rd Ballot.
WSA Travel planning w/ VP Triebs and Moya Lojewski.

Additional Notes:
Volunteer for Voter Hub November 3rd!

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: VP for University Operations
Date: Oct 13, 2026

Committees: Currently N/A

Committee	Date	Summary

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Tulea Enochs	Sep 29	Meeting with Tulea Enochs and VP Plastino about the WHOLE food pantry. Tulea expressed that the biggest limitation regarding the state of the food pantry was storage space for food, especially perishables and refrigerated items. As it stands right now, the WHOLE food pantry is in a relatively stable financial state as long as the number of students who come through every week stays at current levels. The most helpful thing people can do is donate money right now. Tulea said they would love to have a walk-in freezer, but again there is no available space for that to be added. Tulea is also the main transporter of the food, where they drive to buy a lot of goods in bulk and haul it back to the University.
Michael Sledge	Oct 13	Discussed the state of the $10,000 off-campus housing and legal defense fund still being in limbo, currently trying to find a lawyer to allocate this. Talked about the new WHOLE pantry location still being a go, storage may or may not be fulfilled with the addition of the new location.

Meetings with Students: N/A

Important Projects: Bring back Swipe Out Hunger, form Finance and Budget Workgroup (waiting for Senate approval), report on club funding and University Investments

Additional Notes:
-We used to participate in Swipe Out Hunger under our previous food caterer Aramark, but it fell through when we switched to Chartwells.

-ACSRI committee has a memo published stating they aren't convening unless someone submits a request for review of an investment
-Coordinating with Senate President Curfman over divestment groups on campus
    -Divestment workgroup idea floated, open to those interested

-WSA Finance committee? Vanessa Ponce

-Planned committee meetings
-Ethical Contracts Oct 27, Conference Committee Oct 17

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: VP For Diversity
Date: October 13, 2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Skye Flores	Sept 24	We discussed the future and visions we each had for the ESC. We mentioned collaborations between ethnic student centers and AS Gov. I debriefed her last year and gave my perspective on how best we can support student clubs.
Amy Salinas	Sept 26	Amy and I discussed our visions for the future year. Had a conversation about how funds go into the Centers and ESC. I mentioned it would be amazing if she could stop by to an Executive board meeting and educate us on the details. She emphasized hope she had on not just the VP For Diversity checking in with the centers and ESC but all VP's.

Meetings with Students: I spoke with a student leader about the SEJF

Important Projects: We Are Jane Doe. ASWWU Executive Board voicing their stance against sexual violence and spreading awareness to our campus. We created a post that emphasizes our solidarity with Jane Doe, victims of sexual assault and abuse, and college students demanding better from their institutions. – Awaiting Senate Approval and vote. Awaiting ESC clubs, DRAC, club hub, AS Advisory Committee and Counseling & Wellness Center support.

Additional Notes: N/A

ASWWU Executive Board Community Agreement

As leaders entrusted with serving the student body, we commit to fostering a board culture grounded in trust, accountability, open communication, and respect. To that end, the ASWWU Executive Board for the 2026-27 term agrees to the following community agreements:

- Collaboration & Teamwork
  - Assume positive intent while remaining accountable for impact.
  - Support one another's successes and share information openly.
  - Participate in meetings actively and come prepared
    - Prepared means arriving on time having reviewed the agenda and documents attached.
  - Follow through on commitments and communicate promptly when challenges in your capacity arise.

- Communication
  - Practice honest, direct, and respectful communication.
  - Address concerns with the person involved before escalating them.
  - Listen to understand, not just respond.
  - Be mindful of tone, timing, and accessibility in communication.
  - Respond to emails, Teams messages, and other communications within an agreed-upon timeframe.
    - Agreed-upon timeframe means when I am open to receiving work related communications...
  - Set agreed upon expectations for what situation entails emails, Teams messages, and other communications respectively.

- Inclusivity & Belonging
  - Support and create spaces for all voices, especially those from underrepresented communities.
  - Commit to continuous learning and conversations about equity, inclusion, and accessibility.
  - Use people's names and pronouns correctly.

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- Accountability
  - Hold ourselves and each other accountable with compassion and honesty
  - Accept feedback with openness and a willingness to grow.
    - Feedback means constructive advice, critique, or praise that does not seek shame or belittlement…
  - Maintain confidentiality when appropriate.
  - Uphold the ASWWU policies, bylaws, constitution, and ethical standards.

- Professionalism
  - Arrive on time and prepared for meetings with others.
  - Minimize distractions during meetings
  - Give proper notice of when you will be late or absent from a commitment and follow-up with next steps.
  - Represent ASWWU professionally in public and online spaces when acting in your role.
  - Respect organizational processes and shared governance.

- Conflict Resolution
  - Engage in disagreement respectfully and focus on issues rather than individuals.
  - Ask for mediation when necessary
    - Necessary means …

- Wellness & Sustainability
  - Respect personal boundaries and working hours
  - Encourage a healthy balance between leadership, academics, other work, and personal life obligations.
  - Recognize and voice when support or accommodation may be needed.