ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Documents
10/22/26

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ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

10/15/26 | 2:30pm| VU567

ASWWU Executive Board Members

Present: {#}

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

Absent: n/a
Advisor: Lorio
Secretary: Lojewski
Guest(s) in attendance: Stella Keating, Coordinator of Legislative Affairs

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

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-F-06	Hoover moves to approve 10/15/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented	Passed

1. **Call to order**
   Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:49pm.

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-06	**Motion:** Hoover moves to approve 10/08/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented.		
{Hoover} moves to approve 10/08/2026 ASWWU Executive Board Consent Agenda as presented.			
Motion Made By:		**Motion Seconded By:**	
Hoover		Triebs	
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
7	0	0	Passed

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

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5. **ASWWU Executive Board reports**
    a. **ASWWU Executive Board President Report** (Maynard, Doc 2)
        i. Meeting with a club; the financial need for clubs can be difficult and there is a perception of not enough funding
        ii. WSA update, check in with Moya for travel paperwork
            1. Make sure the budgeted hours worked on campus are only the critical meetings, be efficient with work in the week leading up to WSA. There are hours budgeted for those attending, but no more than 25 hours
        iii. Volunteer for Voter Hub, Gwen needs to start training people so please reach out to her

    b. **VP University Operations Report** (Welfare, Doc 3)
        i. Swipe Out Hunger, a program under the Aramark contract, fell through under switch to Chartwells contract. Enochs has said that Chartwells has, in other places, done this program, so there is a probability that we can participate again.
        ii. Finance and Budget workgroup is going to be on pause, in talks with President Curfman.
        iii. ACSRI, who might be interested with President Cufman in a divestment workgroup?

    c. **VP Activities Report (Not Submitted)** (Hoover)
        i. N/a

    d. **VP Diversity Report** (Montalvo, Doc 4)
        i. Meeting with Amy Salinas, lobbying to assist with advocating for more funds to go to The Centers.
            1. Expressed desire to meet with all the VPs since The Centers are too big for one VP to fully support.
        ii. SEJF fund workgroup working with Wald
        iii. We Are Jane Doe update, deciding to postpone the project (the event, not being rescheduled to next Friday). Input more time, hoping for the support of more VPs, senate members, and possibly club members/leaders. Still working on the statement and refining language.

    e. **ASWWU Advisor Report** (Lorio, N/A)
        i. Timesheet reminder!
        ii. It's week 4. It feels like the quarter just started and that it's been happening for a long time. As an executive board, at this point in the quarter, it's normal to still be settling into the work.
            1. Even trying to do workgroups can be difficult since between senate and executive board, there are different norms for how work gets done. For joint workgroups: both bodies need to take action on approving them, but the work to approve them looks different between each body.

2. Clarification on why SEJF is not accepting proposals, it's not that the fund itself is being questioned, but the process that the group uses to disperse funds needs to be refined.

iii. Expression of appreciation for Montalvo in working on the We Are Jane Doe statement and taking in feedback from senate on how to make the statement say what it's meant to say.

6. **Action items – Items that are expected to need a vote**
   a. **None.**

7. **Discussion Items**
   a. **Executive Board Community Agreement** (Maynard, Doc #5)
      i. On preparation, Triebs, in reading board reports, it would be helpful to be able to understand how much work is being done throughout the week.
      ii. On communication, when are agreed upon work times, Wald, typical 8am – 6pm work hours. Additionally, within a day or two of receiving communication, a response should be sent.
         1. Montalvo, how do we make sure we retain the autonomy to do our work?
         2. Lorio, are office hours being spoken about in the same way? If, for example, the group decides that emails need to be responded to within 24 hours, office hours can't have gaps that don't uphold this decision.
            a. Work around campus and with collaborators is typically 8am – 5pm, so sending emails during a late night is modeling something different from what's typically happening
         3. Maynard, office hours have been times when she's available to talk and do work in the office, including one on ones and other meetings with students.
            a. Wald, office hours are when she's physically in the office and able to do work. Montalvo prioritizes events or meeting with students over office hours when necessary.
         4. Welfare, what's the difference between office hours and being open to receiving communication, someone can send a message whenever
            a. Maynard, emails are typically going to be left until office hours, but Teams messages are usually going to be answered
            b. Hoover, are the windows of being open to receiving communication the same window as when people are being expected to respond?
               i. Maynard, for the most part, yes
      iii. On accountability, confidentiality, this work is pretty open especially with OPMA. But sometimes, it's more appropriate to keep information or sources confidential.
         1. Lorio, student information, generally, is FERPA protected. There shouldn't be too much of this in most of the work, but it's best practice to ask, if unsure, if someone wants certain information shared out and attributed to them specifically

        a. Applications, for committees, testimonies, hiring, etc
    iv. On professionalism, social media, it's a program expectation that anyone involved with posting on social media goes through the proper training
    v. On conflict resolution, Wald, Hoover, Montalvo when conflict spills over into affecting the work that can get done between people.
        1. Asking for mediation, for miscommunication, needing a non-biased third party
        2. Lorio, is there a meaningful difference between facilitator and mediator?
            a. Maynard, mediator has a more active role in the conversation whereas a facilitator is more passive.

8. **Information items – Items that do not need a vote**
    a. Event With Administration Oct 22nd (Maynard, Doc N/A)
        i. Good opportunity to meet with people whose work is similar to your positions but reaches many different parts of campus.

9. **Call to adjourn**
    Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:45p.m.

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: AS President
Date: 10/22/2026

Committees: N/A

Committee	Date	Summary
WSA Board of Directors	10/20	Met the other Presidents and some Vice Presidents of other associated student organizations –cool guys! Decided to hire an accountant to do the WSA's taxes from the last few years because that had not been done. Also discussed meeting bi-monthly, with the next time we meet potentially at Fall GA!

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Board of Trustees	10/16	Student Trustee Lesivya Elsayed was welcomed into the Board. Rebecca Steffenson was just appointed associate vice president for Western on the peninsula. Provost and President are actively working with the legislature to secure funding for the Poulsbo campus. Health & Health Sciences College Taskforce and the AI Taskforce each looking for one student representative. Enrollment is still down... but early signs are positive. Fall 2026 is 14,339 students, continuing students are down 4.54% year-over-year, and this was the same with summer enrollment. First-year applications are up 31.7%, and transfer applications are up 48.8%. The pilot program for the WWU GAP seems to be successful enough to expand statewide. Students with a 2.75 GPA and meeting graduate requirements will receive guaranteed admission. Two major labor contracts required approval from the Board –WFSE and PSE. WFSE's agreement stated that employment decisions will not be made solely using generative AI and will require human review. The Board was asked to approve a $2.067M contract amendment to continue the design phase of the Heating Conversion Project in replacing the aging steam system for the campus' long-term energy transformation. Students appear to be replacing lost federal borrowing options with private loans, Parent Plus borrowing has decreased along with Graduate Plus.

Meetings with Students: N/A

Important Projects:

Resolutions
Workgroups

Additional Notes:

Reception with President's Cabinet rescheduled to November 5th.

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: Vice President of Governmental Affairs
Date: 10/20/26

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
Legislative Affairs Council	N/A	COLA Keating and I have selected our 8 appointments from a pool of 17 applicants to the AS Legislative Affairs Council. The first 2026-2027 LAC meeting will take place next Monday, the 26th of October 2026 at 4:30pm. By the end of this meeting, ASWWU Exec will have made their final decisions and appoint 8 members to the AS Legislative Affairs Council. Decision emails will be sent out this Friday the 23rd of October 2026.

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Director of Governmental Relations for WWU, Nora Selander	10/13/26	The **$10 million** in state-issued bonds previously authorized to backfill the capital budget—which temporarily mitigated critical operating fund gaps at WWU, is understood to be a one-year, non-repayable stopgap measure. Roundtable Funding Formula is to be discontinued due to lack of support from universities and table business representatives. I will be following up with the Roundtable on how the roundtable funding formula came to be discontinued, and following up with WSA student representatives if it was their lack of support or admins. Higher Ed Funding will remain on the forefront of ASWWU legislative priorities this year.

Meetings with Students:

Staff	Date	Summary
Latine Student Union Executive Board	10/15/26	LSU Board members expressed their concerns and gave constructive feedback on ASWWUs Jane Doe statement. ASWWU will continue to accept ESC feedback in efforts to refine the statement.
Jenna Hernandez (The Front)	10/12/26	Met as an interviewee for Jenna's Heritage Month piece for The Front as VP Gov for ASWWU and Board member of the Latine Student Union.

Important Projects:

WSA

Jae Ranney ASWWU Press Creative Feature-style Article Request

Additional Notes:

Options Munroe Institute RoundTable

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: VP of Student Services

Date: 10/22/2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
ASTAC	10/21	N/A

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Tulea Enochs	10/19	We organized a meeting to discuss creating a proposal for a Swipe Out Hunger pilot program. This meeting consisted of a Swipe Out Hunger coordinator, WHOLE Pantry staff, at-large students, and VP Welfare. The current plan for this group is to develop what Swipe Out Hunger might look like back on campus and how we can reimplement the resulting pilot.

Meetings with Students:

N/A

Important Projects:

Completion of the WTA deal and creation of referendum and fee language, and creating a Swipe Out Hunger pilot program proposal.

Additional Notes:

N/A

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: Vice President of Sustainability
Date: 10/22/2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
TAC Meeting	10/20	Logistical updates on various transportation projects on campus. Highlights- reviewed WTA contract agreement as discussed two meetings ago (0.75 cents per ride rolled out in phases over the next three years, capped at around 1 million rides), starlight shuttle is running a Winco ride service on Sundays for students for free (can sign up through WIN), Starlight Shuttle also to operate as a charter service as soon as registration method is implemented, bike counter averages 226 bikes accessing campus daily (counted through conductive loops in the concrete), implementing flashing crosswalks at Garden and VU as well as Garden and Maple. Need to put together a recommendation for the next TAC meeting on student perspectives, will be sending out a poll to students maybe? Or just having it a discussion item for a board meeting next week.
ASTAC General Meeting	10/21	TBD

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Kate Beck (SEI Director)	10/9	Introductions between my role and hers, discussed SEI directives– pretty much entirely concerned with updating and maintaining SAP initiatives, which will be discussed with the President's Sustainability Council once it starts back up again. Really emphasized opportunities that Student Sustainability Coalition presents.
Katy Potts (Chief of Police) and Rylie Erfe-Johnson (CENV Senator)	10/13	Discussed confusion around the membership requirements of the TAC charter (Student Representative vs. Senator), and the differences between TAC and ASTAC. TAC is an informational committee that updates staff about current university operations, while ASTAC is specifically about recommendations from the student perspective.
Adam Lorio (advisor), Rachel Marin (Active Transportation Coordinator),	10/13	Brief meeting discussing proposal to change language in ASTAC charter surrounding the role of student representative.

Rocco Plastino (VP of Student Services)		
Zinta Lucans (SEJF co-chair)	10/14	Solidifying SEJF workgroup proposal.
Joyce Lopes (Chief Financial and Business Officer)	10/19	Introductions between my role and hers, discussed start of PSC (will be asap once she hears back from staff Senate), went through the SAP and clarified uncertainty around mechanisms (will be a major priority this year in terms of PSC), also emphasized support for Student Sustainability Coalition– was very willing to support in terms of meeting spaces and food provided for regular meetings but also administrative help with proposed Clothing Swap event (will elaborate further)

Meetings with Students: N/a

Important Projects:
SEJF workgroup proposal (to be discussed today)
Student Sustainability Club Coalition, have been debating whether to follow through on creating substantive coalition but have solidified ideas about what could be accomplished through it- hoping to do major move-out event at the end of Spring

Additional Notes:
Volunteered for Munroe Institute Teen Talk (colloquial)
Reaching out to Eukia at Community First Whatcom about meeting (has slipped off my radar so far, will not continue to let it!)

Date: 10/16/2026

To: ASWWU Student Government

From: Greg McBride - S&A Fee Committee Staff Facilitator

Subject: Services and Activity Fee Reps

This memo includes the following students to be recommended by Student Government as members of the 2026-27 Services and Activity Fee Committee. Guidelines approved by the WWU Trustees define the membership to include up to four (4) At Large positions in addition to seven (7) seats nominated by constituent representatives. The intent of including At Large positions is to include more student voices in decisions about the S&A Fee. At Large committee members completed an application that was posted on Handshake during the first two weeks of Fall Quarter. In that time, we received 40 applications for these positions. Applications were reviewed by a group of staff who were tasked at identifying students that represented the diverse interests of students and presented minimal conflicts of interest based on their involvement in campus activities. Student representatives from constituent areas were chosen by the constituent group and communicated to the Staff Facilitator by advisors or managers from these areas. Membership listed at "TBD" will be brought to you at a future meeting before serving on the committee.

2026 Services and Activity Fee Committee:

Voting Membership

Representation	Name	Alternates
AS WWU Government	Sophia Maynard	Hayden Welfare
Student Engagement	Priscila Nunez	TBD
Athletics	Ruby May	Elizabeth Swift
DRAC	Ella Horner	Jack Petrie
Campus Recreation	TBD	TBD
The Centers	JJ Aguirre Alarcon	Marz Eafford
Residence Hall Association	Alyssa Phillips	Laura Free
At Large	David Free	No Alternate
At Large	Skyler Stensrud	No Alternate
At Large	Jacob Moore	No Alternate
At Large	Jonas Salazar	No Alternate

At-Large Student Appointments to Legislative Affairs Council Pending Approval of AS Executive Board

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Presented and Prepared by Vice President of Governmental Affairs Triebs

ID	Name	Major	Year	Approved?
4	Sophia Allard	Pre Computer Science	2	
5	Freya Saunders	Political Science and English	3	
6	Aspen Wambolt	Political Science	2	
8	Kenyon Satterwhite	Political Science	3	
10	Ruffaro Guzha	Economics and Env Science	3	
16	Jonas Versaw	Political Science	2	
17	Aiden Mckee	Political Science	3	
18	Milli Maithly	Political Science and Philosophy	3	

Sophia Allard - Pre Computer Science

Freya Saunders - Political Science

Aspen Wambolt - Political Science

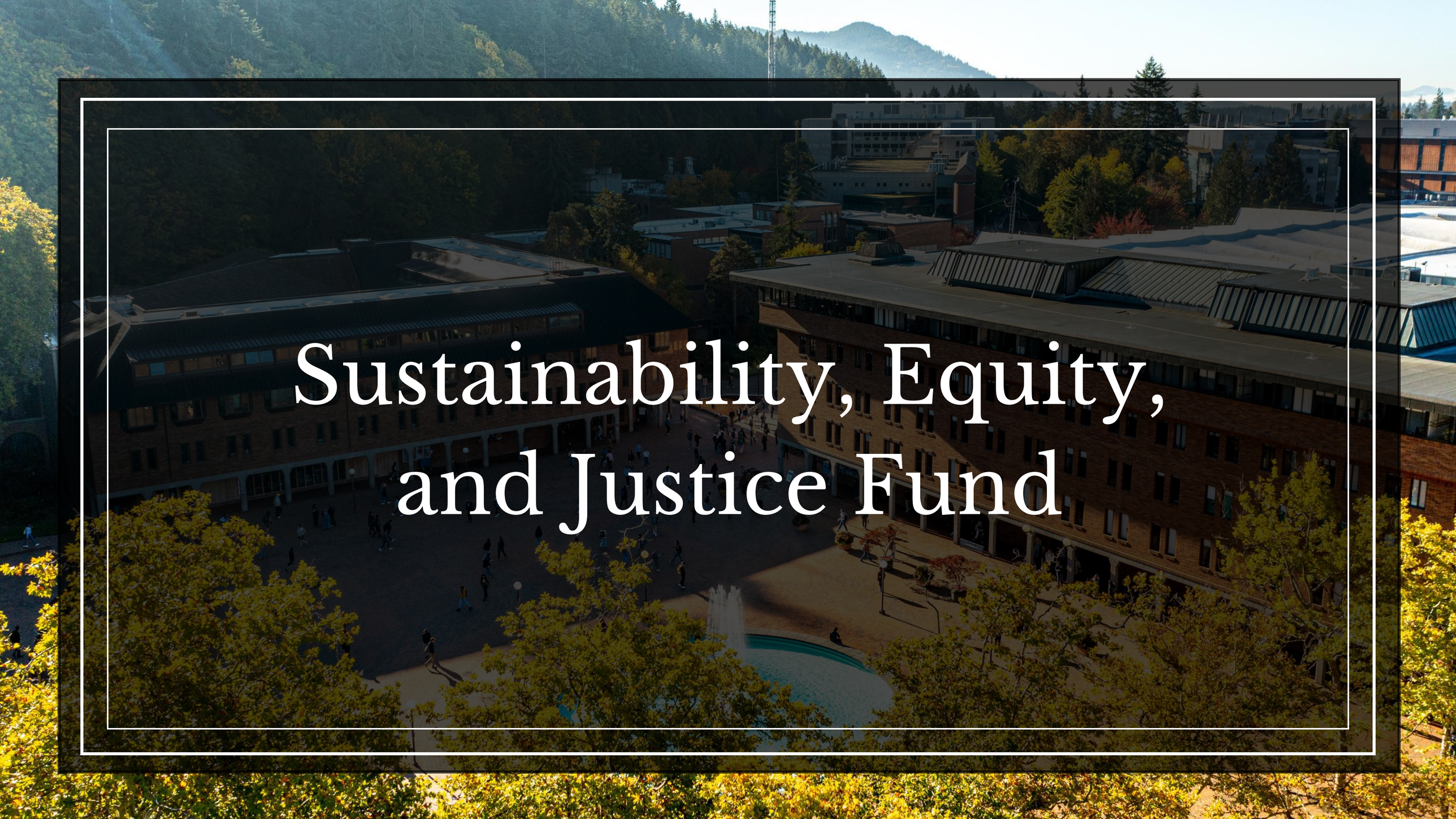
Kenyon Satterwhite - Political Science

Ruffaro Guzha - Economics and Env Science

Jonas Versaw - Political Science

Aiden Mckee - Political Science

Milli Maithly - Political Science and Philosophy



Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund

Mission

The Sustainability, Equity, & Justice Fund grant program promotes sustainability by providing grants to create and implement projects that positively impact environmental, social, well-being, and economic practices on our campus and in our community.

What is SEJF?



Co-Curricular & Beginner-Friendly



Student Fee Funded



Sustainability is a broad topic



Student, staff, or faculty member can apply

Program History

2005
- Green Energy Fee
- Established by student vote
- Purchase renewable credits to offset 100% of campus electricity usage

2010
- Sustainable Action Fund
- Renewed by student vote
- REC purchasing
- Grants begin to be offered

2018
- Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund
- Renewed by student vote
- Fee increase
- Support of green initiatives

2022
- Renewed by student vote
- Continued support of green initiatives such as Green Direct

2025
Fund and grant program remain the same

2030
Next vote!

Funding Overview

Annually takes in about $350k
Different funding mechanisms in recent years:

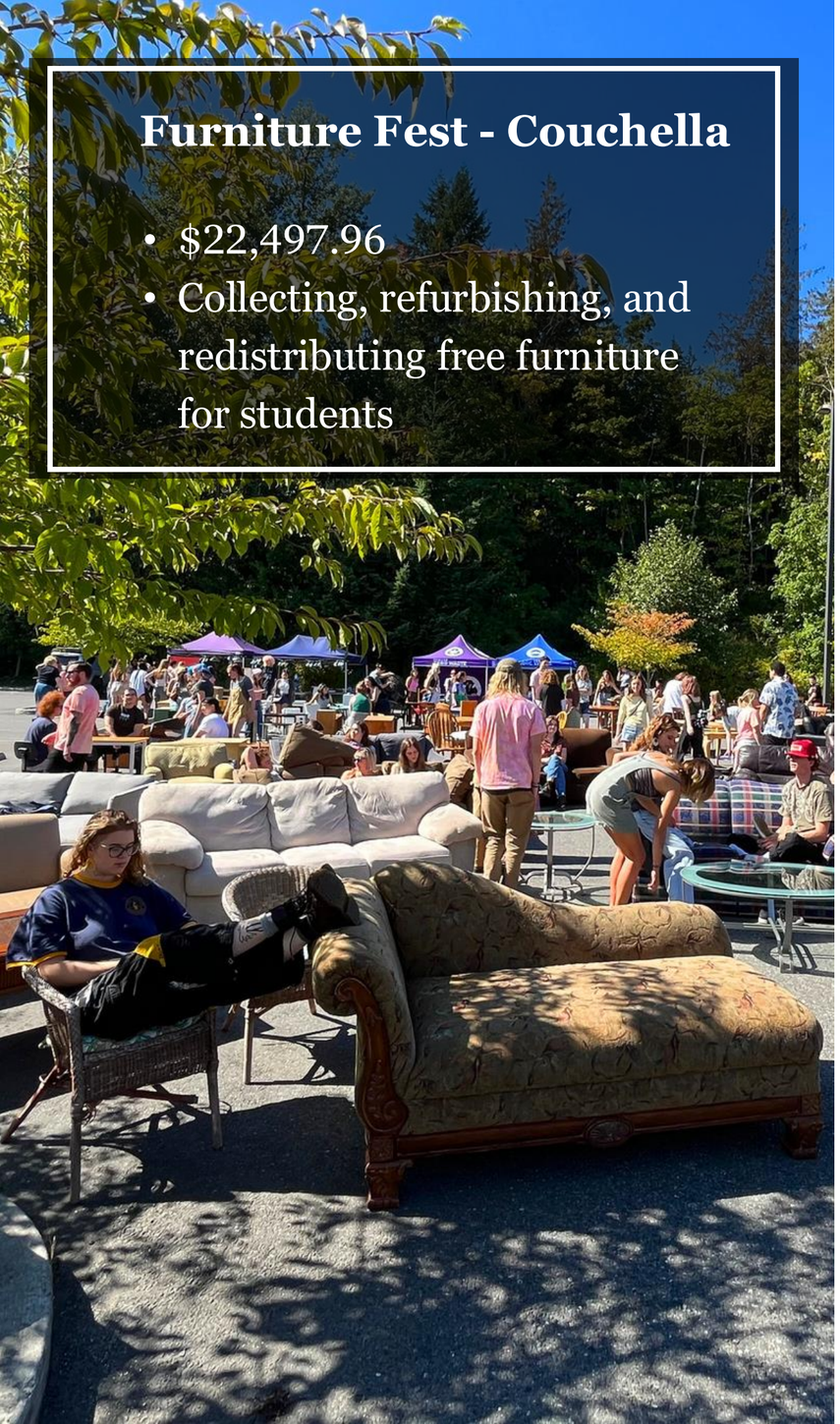
- Small (<$5k), Medium ($5-35k), Large (>$35k)
  Different process for small, medium, and large

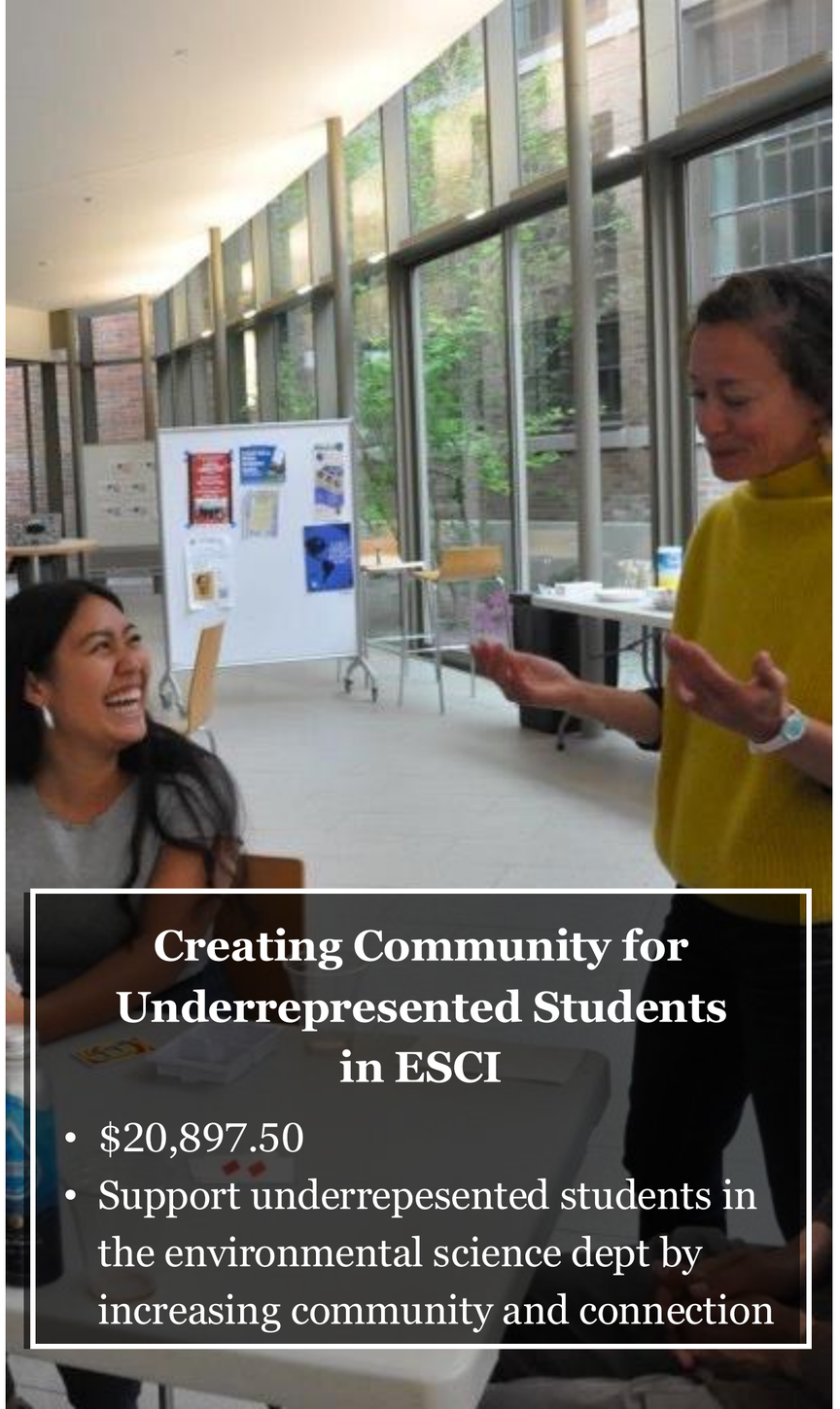
- Any amount
  All the same process

- Any amount under $30k
  All the same process

Furniture Fest - Couchella

- $22,497.96
- Collecting, refurbishing, and redistributing free furniture for students





Creating Community for Underrepresented Students in ESCI

- $20,897.50
- Support underrepesented students in the environmental science dept by increasing community and connection

Campus Micromobility Counters

- $99,185
- Installation of three micromobility counters in high traffic areas across campus



Application Process

Team works with SEJF on proposal research and writing

Proposal reviewed by SEJF committee

Project implementation with SEJF help

Final metrics report submitted

SEJF Committee

9 Voting Members:

- 7 students
  - AS VP of Sustainability/Co-Chair
  - AS VP of Diversity
  - AS Student Senator
  - 4 At-large positions
- 1 Faculty
- 1 Permanent Staff

5 Non-Voting Members:

- SEJF Program Manager/ Co-Chair
- SEJF Ambassador(s)
- Student Governance Assistant Secretary
- ASWWU Governance Advisor

SEJF Committee Duties

- [ ] Review grant applications
- [ ] Attend committee meetings
- [ ] Ask questions and engage in committee discussions
- [ ] Vote on grant proposals
- [ ] Review and approve annual budget

Why a Workgroup?

- Lack of consistent timeline and process for approving grants in recent years
- Subjective understanding of what kinds of sustainability projects can be accepted
- Lack of training & knowledge building within SEJF Committee
- Unclear membership roles & responsibilities for SEJF Committee

ASWWU

Associated Student of Western Washington University Workgroup Proposal

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Workgroup Name: SEJF Program Restructuring Workgroup

Reasoning: *Write one to two sentences about why you want this workgroup to be formed.*

We would reaffirm the purpose of the Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund by looking at the fund's history, functionality, and the language of the program charter and its goals.

Point of Contact: Lilliana Wald, asvp.sustainability@wwu.edu

Membership proposal:

Name	Position	Justification
Angel Montalvo Zarate	ASVP of Diversity	Leadership representation; social justice & wellbeing sustainability representative; student voice
Adam Lorio	Director of Student Governance Advising & Programs; Advisor to ASWWU	Governance representative; institutional knowledge
Lilliana Wald	ASVP of Sustainability and Co-Chair of SEJF	Co-chair of SEJF Committee; leadership representation; political & governance representation; sustainability representative; student voice
Zinta Lucans	SEJF Program Manager and Co-Chair of SEJF	Program representative; co-chair of SEJF Committee; institutional knowledge; intersectional sustainability representative

Goals: *1-3 concrete items that the workgroup will be tasked with completing*
Priority 1: Define the mission and priorities of the Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund.
Priority 2: Examine the purpose and procedural structure of the SEJF Committee.
Priority 3: Create a broad expenditure plan for the fund.

Timeline:
We will be meeting weekly until the end of the Winter 2027 quarter, with the opportunity to request an extension to the end of Spring 2027 if needed.

AS Senate President report to the AS Executive Board

October 22, 2026
Presented by AS Senator Cooperrider
Prepared AS Senate President Curfman

Dear Executive Board,

We have had a busy start to fall quarter and are excited to share our progress.

Short Term Goals

1. **Vice Chair Appointment:** At-Large Senator Brown was appointed as Vice Chair of the Senate. Vice Chair Brown has hit the ground running, and our leadership core is stabilizing after a turbulent start to the quarter. Thank you all for your patience as we have been coming up to full speed.
2. **Faculty Senate Shared Governance Appointments:** Senate begins the year with a portfolio of roughly 20 committee seats to appoint Senators to by consensus, 12 of which are for Faculty Senate committees specifically. This is a powerful part of shared governance that we are proud to participate in as the student voice representatives. A full spreadsheet of specific Senate committee appointment confirmations is available via past meeting minutes, and via a consolidated spreadsheet in our teams drive folder.
3. **University Committee Appointments:** Senators have also been selected for general university committees such as LAC and ASTAC. More committee appointments are being presented to our body for future consideration as they are received.
4. **Senate Vacancy Appointment Update:** We started the year with 3 vacant Senate seats: Woodring, Fairhaven, and Graduate. We are mid-way through our process of vacancy selection as on now. The application window closed yesterday, and our temporary vacancy selection committee will review applications and forward the finalists to Senate for discussion and appointment by consensus. Finalists will be reviewed and appointed in our October 28 meeting. We are looking forward to having a fully seated body.
5. **Washington Student Association Fall General Assembly:** Senate is also looking forward to a great weekend at UW Tacoma's campus November 13-14 with our fellow student leaders around the state. Senate designees were chosen last night at our regular meeting.

Long Term Goals:

1. **Workgroups:** Thank you all for the collaboration on getting workgroups rolling. Workgroups in ASWWU are only in their second year as a concept, and it is a great opportunity to make adjustments and improve implementation. The leadership team is finalizing details in conference committee to open the gates on workgroup initiation very soon. We are so excited to work together on these projects!
2. **Legacy Documentation Project:** In our first few weeks in our roles, we collectively noticed a large spectrum in the quality of documentation left behind to guide us forward and teach us about these roles. We are undertaking a collaborative project of documenting our roles extensively as we go in order to accumulate enough data to leave behind comprehensive legacy documents for future generations of Senate. This will be an ongoing endeavor to steward these roles and leave behind better scaffolding than we found.

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3. **Outreach:** As a body, we have identified a glaring need to improve outreach between ASWWU Student Government and the student population. There is a lot of interest in Outreach workgroup, CSE Senator Allie Smith is working on a Student Feedback Form, Senators are currently waiting on WWU Social Media training, and the Senate President email has already received first-hand student feedback suggesting we improve our outreach. This will be an ongoing concern and project that we are looking forward to collaborating on with ASWWU Exec Board.
4. **New weekly Shared Governance Report:** In order to uplift our participation in Faculty Senate Shared Governance, we are starting a weekly shared governance report during Senate regular meetings. These will include summaries of all Faculty Senate committee work in a given week, and will help keep Senate and Exec Board in the loop with the cycle of shared governance on campus. The first of these reports will be shared in our October 28 meeting.

Student Concerns:

1. **Outreach:** We received a student email about outreach just this past week, further confirmation of our shared goal and enthusiasm in improving ASWWU outreach.
2. **Scholarship Portal:** Faculty Senate requested student feedback about experiences using the Scholarship Portal process to inform future projects. This was our first feedback request of many to come, and we discussed the need to improve channels of receiving student feedback to be able to cast a wider net in the future.

Thank you for a great start to this year. We cannot control the ocean, but we can surf the waves. Now that Senate is almost up to speed, we are excited to dive into shared projects with you all. It is going to be an awesome year!

With gratitude,
ASWWU Senate

Report prepared by AS Senate President Curfman