ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Documents

11/19/26

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ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

11/5/26 | 2:30pm | VU 567

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	

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

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

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-F-15	Hoover moves to approve the Oct 29 Consent Agenda Items as presented.	Passed

1. **Call to order**
   Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

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

3. **Consent Items – Routine business items that do not require discussion**
   a. Approve ASWWU October 29, 2026, Meeting Minutes Doc 1 + S&A Fee Committee Appointment

ASB-26-F-15	**Motion: Hoover moves to approve the Oct 29 Consent Agenda Items as presented.**		
Draft Language: To Approve {Meeting Date} Consent Agenda Items as presented.			
Motion Made By:		**Motion Seconded By:**	
Hoover		Wald	
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. **n/a**

5. **ASWWU Executive Board reports**
    a. **ASWWU President Report** (Maynard, Doc 3)
        i. First Gen students are not being retained well due to a lack of staff/resources. WWU, as a first gen forward school in name, does not qualify for grants for first gen schools, because there are so few resources on campus for this population of students.
            1. VP Hoover offers to speak in support of TRiO programs at WWU
        ii. Univ budget committee, expenses are outpacing revenue
        iii. CALC, for the townhall, clarity about the focus and goals of the townhall and how student leadership across campus will be involved
        iv. WA State initiatives update
        v. WSA, VP Welfare, VP Triebs also going and will have adjusted schedules for next week
        vi. Appreciation for volunteers at Voter Hub
            1. Appreciation to Adam

    b. **ASWWU VP Governmental Affairs** (Triebs, Doc 4)
        i. LAC meeting last week, appreciation to SGA
            1. Discussed possible legislative priorities
            2. Finalized Lobby Day for February 8
            3. Hiring process has started for legislative assistant

    c. **ASWWU VP Student Services Report** (Plastino, Doc 5)
        i. ASTAC meeting with VP Wald, ATF update
        ii. Shelby & Andrea, desire to have a better line of communication with WTA re: bus lines and the PAC stop
        iii. Conference reflection later in the meeting

    d. **ASWWU VP Sustainability** (Wald, Doc 6)
        i. ASTAC, more in-depth conversations around future projects involving increased bike activity/bike lanes/e-bike charging around campus
        ii. We Stand With Jane Doe project continuation with VP Montalvo
        iii. AI Workgroup working on proposal, contact Wald if you want to be involved

    e. **ASWWU Advisor Report** (Lorio)
        i. Re: midterms
            1. Make sure to be kind with community members, different members within community have varying reactions to a few individual pieces of election news/results.

6. **Action items – {None}**

ASB-26-F-	**Motion:**
Motion Made By:	**Motion Seconded By:**

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Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**

7. **Discussion Items – Items for discussion, may proceed to action if desired/required**
    a. **None**

8. **Information items – Items that do not need a vote**
    a. **ACUI Reflection** (Plastino)
        i. Association of College Unions International
        ii. Organizational Change, communication is highly valued
        iii. Portland CC food pantry program
            1. VP Montalvo, questions around budgeting, how can WWU get to a place where we can do that? (Plastino, had the opportunity to talk with Greg McBride and Michael Sledge about feasibility)
            2. Location plays a big role, at PCC the pantry is in a premiere space on campus. While our pantry is not, there is benefit to having students need to navigate through spaces to get to the pantry
                a. PCC also has budget for more staff
        iv. Univ programs that support students having to navigate immigration for themselves or those in their direct community
        v. UW space reservation differences
            1. HUB, students have to pay to use resources in this building, we don't do that in the VU so that impacts the resources and ideas we can get off the ground
        vi. Maynard, what was the makeup of the conference? (Region IV: WA, UT, ID, CO, AK, MT, OR, WY + Canadian provinces)
            1. Were there conversations around the Big Beautiful Bill? (not really)
        vii. Maynard, what are wishlist programs you'd want to implement? What's achievable?
            1. Ideally a pantry like PCC, but the credit system is very different. What works for a school that big would probably not work for us. The Den getting built out more with more games would be interesting and likely happening.

9. **Call to adjourn**
    Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:20pm

ASWWU Joint Meeting Minutes

11/12/2026 | 6pm| Bond 105

ASWWU Senate and Executive Board

Present: 19

Heather Curfman (Chair)	
Corbie Brantner (CFPA)	Eden Guthrey (CFPA)
Chris Lee (CBE)	Emma Wiens (CBE)
Diya Hayre (CSE)	
Max Ruhlman (Fairhaven)	
Rylie Erfe-Johnson (CENV)	Cassie Paetkau (CENV)
Emma Brown (At-Large)	Bridget Keough (At-Large)
Ashley Martinez (At-Large)	
Brooke Cooperrider (CHSS)	
Sophia Maynard (Executive Board Pres)	
Ashlye Triebs (ASVP Government Affairs)	Hayden Welfare (ASVP University Operations)
Rocco Plastino (ASVP Student Services)	Angel Montalvo (ASVP Diversity)
Abby Hoover (ASVP Activities)	Lilliana Wald (ASVP Sustainability)

Absent: Senators Madrid, Tun, Smith (CSE), Jackson, Bartoli, Smith (At-large), Gill, Stark
Advisor: Lorio
Secretary: Lojewski
Guest(s) in Attendance: Dr Jacqueline Hughes, Eva Goldberg, Jace WAWU representative

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

Motion #	Title	Result
ASB-26-F-16	**To extend the joint meeting on 11/12/2026 10 minutes.**	Passed

1. **Call to order**
   Co-chairs, Curfman and Maynard, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

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

3. **Consent Items – Routine business items that do not require discussion**
   a. None

4. **Public forum – Time for WWU & community members to address the ASWWU Senate**
    a. Question from VP Hoover about public notice of the meeting.

5. **ASWWU Government Reports**
    a. **Senate Report (Curfman, Doc 1)**
        i. Univ workgroups, senators appointed to these seats.
        ii. The Senate is full, three appointments last meeting.
        iii. Workgroups across the bodies – getting finalized. Exciting to see what work will be coming up.
        iv. GUR reforms in CUE, big, abstract project.
        v. Faculty Senate unhappy with AI tool Respondus Monitor, program that tracks eye movement during online proctored exams.
        vi. How can ASWWU work on the Student Bill of Rights since they will probably need to be passed to the bodies for full student body vote.

    b. **Executive Report (Maynard, Doc 2)**
        i. Pres Maynard
            1. Invitation for feedback after this first joint meeting between the bodies.
            2. Thank you to members of the bodies who are working on outreach projects. Hopefully these will be taken on by the Outreach Workgroup once voted on
        ii. VP Triebs, WSA legislative priorities
            1. Lobby Day will be on February 8, with applications hopefully going out the week before Thanksgiving.
            2. “Stop Cuts” initiative will be prioritized at WSA.
        iii. VP Welfare
            1. Workgroups in progress, it’s important to know who will be taking the lead of each workgroup. Keep having these conversations
            2. Club funding, club leaders want more transparency for how to access funding.
        iv. VP Hoover
            1. Appointing students at-large to committees, applications will be going out soon. The plan is to have these applications out by the end of this week.
        v. VP Plastino
            1. WTA contract, moving to a 4-year contract instead of yearly
            2. Swipe Out Hunger, meal swipe donation program. Basic Needs Hub and Chartwells to figure out how to bring this back.
        vi. VP Wald
            1. Sustainability, equity, justice club forum. Sustainable development of these clubs on campus and beyond time at WWU.

2. Student Bill of Rights and AI. Concern about the lack of policy or guidelines around AI use on campus.

vii. VP Montalvo

1. We Are Jane Doe project – thanks to the members of the senate who are collaborating on this project. The project is moving towards changing its name, not focusing on Jane Doe or any one gender or sexual orientation. Wanting to hear from the general student body about what people would like to see from ASWWU.

c. **Gov Advisor Report (Lorio, N/A)**

i. Timesheet reminder!

1. For those going to WSA – please fill out timesheets early.
2. Senator Lee, ATUS is doing updates, web4u will be down this weekend.

ii. Workgroups – they do not start work until the proposals have been submitted to Senate VC Brown and then voted on by each body.

6. **Action items – Items that are expected to need a vote**

	Motion:		
Motion Made By:			**Motion Seconded By:**
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
			Passed/Failed

7. **Discussion Items – Items for discussion, may proceed to action if desired/required**

a. **Officer of Equity Development of Divestment (Hughes, Doc 3)**

i. The Univ has multiple pockets of funds, The Foundation is a separate entity that the wider Univ does not control. For the purposes of this presentation, Hughes will only be referring to the funds that the Univ *does* control

1. Becca Kennna-Schenk (Socially Responsible Investing)
2. Andrea Rodger (Ethical Contracts Committee)
3. WWU benefits from the investments that the Foundation controls, while not controlling these investments itself

ii. Questions

1. Curfman, What percentage is the $15 mil in funds that were redirected of the larger investment budget?
    a. Becca, not sure, would need to check
    b. Are there any examples of contracts that have been terminated through the ethical contracts committee?
    c. Andrea will need to check
2. Lorio, are the bodies agreeable to having a list of questions sent out to Becca and Andrea? (groups agree)

b. **The MOU and You (Goldberg, Doc 4)**

i. WWU's encampment is one of a handful on college campuses that had their Univ make changes based on the work of the students involved and leading the encampment.
ii. Socially responsible investing policy for the Univ can be found online.
iii. The ACSRI does not meet regularly, they convene when a proposal is submitted with signatures from Faculty Senate, ASWWU, and a petition from the public
    1. The Foundation does not comply with the ACSRI
    2. Private Foundation funds
        a. Managed by Russell Investments
    3. Public WWU funds
        a. Managed by government portfolio advisers
iv. Ethical Contracts
    1. To dissociate from a contract, endorsement from ASWWU, Faculty Senate, petition from public
    2. The VP for Finance and Business Services is the one person who decides whether ECC will convene to discuss and vote on the contract status
v. Unfulfilled
    1. Full scholarships for Gazan students
    2. Formation of Study Abroad Committee
    3. Review of contracts with companies on the BDS list
vi. Partially fulfilled
    1. Updated policy on Ethical Procurement
vii. Ask for allies
    1. Formally sign on and agree to support applying pressure to the Univ to comply and fulfill more of these items
viii. Questions
    1. VP Montalvo, for the dissociation request about Oracle, what is the preparation for questions about alternatives?
        a. As this moves forward, there will be research done
    2. Pres Curfman, thanks for the presentation and clarity on the specific ask for ASWWU

c. Removal Article: ASWWU By-Laws (Curfman & Maynard, Doc 5)

i. Jace, WAWU representative.
    1. Explanation of just cause.
    2. Removal from office doesn't fit in currently with the contract. Where does the investigation fit into this if the decision comes down to a vote? If a termination is brought about without just cause, the union must challenge the democratic interests of the body.
ii. Pres Maynard, taking this very seriously since it's very impactful to representation and the greater student body. Removing someone from office disrupts representation

iii. Pres Curfman, neglect of role was not monitored in the way the bodies have been discussing in previous years. Concerns around the process as currently discussed.
iv. Senator Lee, documentation is still an important aspect to consider.
    1. Lorio, who should take lead on this paperwork? Typically, supervisors do this work and as elected representatives, you do not have supervisors.
    2. Curfman, peer accountability in these roles may not make sense for this situation.
        a. Jace, students don't typically have this power over other students. Currently, the advisor (Lorio) would need to take this on.
    3. VP Montalvo, the freedom that comes from not having a direct supervisor in the day to day process allows work to be done in a unique way.
        a. Curfman, don't want to move into an environment of policing each other. The autonomy in these jobs is unique and there's no desire to minimize that, just plugging an administrative hole to allow everyone to continue doing the work they want to do
            i. VP Wald, want to center rehab over punitive measures. Being conscientious of the culture the group may be creating. Rather than a system of ticking boxes, have a timeline with conversational check ins to understand what's going on.
            ii. Senator Keough, defining what 'not working' means since that's the main issue that the group is focusing on
                1. Jace, a formal investigation, whether that's the full time staff or some other group. Encourage not having people just saying someone is 'not working' based on the definition.
                    a. VP Montalvo, want to make sure we're not using hearsay as evidence. Having direct conversations around what proof looks like. Being mindful of bias.
                    b. Senator Keough, there needs to be a good reason to remove someone from their position and taking away their livelihood.
                2. Senator Peatkau, creating categories for different types of needs for removal. Neglect of role is different from someone using hate speech.
        b. Jace, Lorio can still administratively carry out the instruction that the bodies vote on that works with the bylaws
    4. The bylaws, as written, leave a lot of room to be misused in these situations.

a. Senator Ruhlman, the Student Code of Conduct, integrating this document might be useful
    i. Senator Brown, the Office of Student Life's physical space is no more. Currently expanded Financial Aid space.
b. Senator Wiens, the minimums for work could be established so that the bodies can understand what it looks like for someone to not be doing their job. How can we involve the general student body in this process?
    i. Curfman, neglect of role is such a loose term that it has happened and then the year ends and nothing happened.

			Motion: To extend the joint meeting on 11/12/2026 10 minutes.
Motion Made By:			**Motion Seconded By:**
Cooperrider			Paetkau
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
10	1	1	Passed

ASB-26-F-16			**Motion: To extend the joint meeting on 11/12/2026 10 minutes.**
Motion Made By:			**Motion Seconded By:**
Hoover			Montalvo
Vote Count:			
Aye	Nay	Abstain	**Action Result:**
7	0	0	Passed

d. AI and Student Rights Townhall Introduction (Curfman & Maynard, Doc 6)
    i. Maynard, at the latest, this would be sent to the bodies for a vote to go to the general student body to vote on in the spring elections
        1. Curfman, this is an opportunity, by attending, to be involved early in this process. There's no clear way forward yet
    ii. VP Wald, the AI workgroup, when established, could make a connection.

8. Information items – Items that do not need a vote
a. Senator Cooperrider, Health Sciences Taskforce – establishing Health Sciences College, two subgroups. Connect with senator to give feedback on which subgroup to join.

9. Call to adjourn
Co-chairs, Maynard and Curfman, called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

Date: 11/17/2026

To: ASWWU Student Government

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

Subject: Services and Activity Fee Reps-Updated

This memo includes an updated membership of students to be recommended by Student Government as members of the 2026-2027 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 in adding these At Large positions is to include more student voices in decisions about the S&A Fee. At Large committee members completed and application that was posted on Handshake during the first two weeks of Fall Quarter. In that time, we received 40 applications for these At Large 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.

2026 Services and Activity Fee Committee:

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

ASWWU Executive Board Report

AS President
11-19-2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
Retention Council	11/12	Broke out into groups among the council to brainstorm first generation retention programs, ideas, and services. I was in a break out group with CDO Jaqueline Hughes, Senior Instructor and Underrepresented Student Advisor Lucas Senger, and Provost COS Samara Taber. In this group we discussed specific internship and vocational navigation supports for students, first-generation faculty mentorship and events, as well as imbedding first-generation or first year support lessons into preexisting or expanding first-year seminar programs.
President's Sustainability Council	11/12	Introduced myself along with VP Wald and Senator Paetkau to the other seated members of PSC. Discussed the future agenda items that whole meetings will be dedicated to. Meetings in the future will be dedicated to explaining and generating ideas for oversight and commitment to the various SAP goals.
Services & Activities Fee Council Kickoff	11/13	Ate Pizza. Played trust games with the new S&A committee members. Greg McBride made me do the helium avalanche sticks again. Good group of folks on this years committee!
WSA Board of Directors	11/14	Had a very interesting conversation about granting fee waivers to ASUW and their GPSS. Did not end up granting ASUW a fee waiver, motioned instead to negotiate with ASUW on payment options, offers, and asked that they put more thought into their whole dues situation as well as if they value WSA. That took up the majority of the meeting. Appointed the BOD Chair, fast tracked the dues review system, and discussed our tax filings.
Services & Activities Fee Council	11/18	Overview of S&A.

Meetings with Staff: N/A

Staff	Date	Summary

Meetings with Students:

On Monday, Co-Presidents Curfman and I helped facilitate the AI and Student Rights discussion along with CALC. It was really interesting to hear from so many students their perspective on AI and confusion on it's use in the classroom. There was noted discontent with certain WWU contracts in AI, privacy and data collection unclarity, and forced use of AI in classrooms. It sounded like there was a lot of interest in a bill of rights, so we'll see how the river winds and flows on that once AI workgroup is off the ground.

Important Projects:
Workgroups: Guys. Get those proposals in. Please. Send them to Senate Vice Chair Emma Brown.

Additional Notes:
WSA was informative and interesting as always. We had a really great delegation that tackled questions, priorities, and concerns critically. Thank you, Hayden and Ashlye, for dedicating your time and hours to that. From my perspective, this was the most successful and productive GA I've ever gone to. I am excited to see how our COLA Keating narrows down the legislative agenda and represents ASWWU to our fellow AS and Student Government partners. ASWWU Presented their "Stop Cuts to Higher Education" legislative proposal and it passed in Legislative Committee and General Assembly unanimously. Let's keep up the good work!

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: VP of University Operations
Date: November 17 2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
Fall S&A Fee Committee	11/18	

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Paul Wilson-Scott, Lauren Doll, Gabby Brower		Resident District Manager for Dining Services, Sr. Marketing Manager, Campus Dietician. Manages catering as well as dine-on-campus. Discussed feedback methods and what kind of feedback they receive from students. The staff as well as relevant dining hall staff get texts when students write to the QR codes on the napkin dispenser boxes at tables. They seemed mostly focused on replies that asked for different food items or more options, but there is no guideline so students or even parents will write reviews asking about meal plans and help with financial aid which needs to be redirected. But if there's a problem with food at a dining hall, that text will pop up on staffs' phones at that dining hall. Seemed open to the idea of some sort of meal donation format, but had reservations when it came to interfering with students' financial aid eligibility. Paul is currently looking at implementing a 'meal trade' system, students could exchange a meal swipe at places outside dining halls eg south campus locations serving hot food or to-go bags to increase options.
John Stubblefield		Western Success Scholars Program Manager. Met in the basic needs hub following meeting with Paul. Said that the financial aid aspect was already considered when looking at meal donations, where the students that would be opted into the program would only be students that can receive the help and remain eligible for their aid. Basically comes down to getting people in contact with each other, the problem is just communication disconnect between different departments. Might be good to bring Dina Murphy from financial aid and Paul from dining to a meeting together to iron out where the limitations are rather than guessing or getting different info. Gina in basic needs also commented that we have a very positive relationship with financial aid, so a plan is realistic.

Meetings with Students: N/A

Important Projects: Swipe Out Hunger, Funding Report work w/senator Lee

Additional Notes: WSA went great, meeting other student leaders, discussing proposals. Potential for closer cooperation with CWU in the future, more powerful lobbying together with other Universities. BOD meeting yielded non-binding results but are hopefully still followed through on. ASUW asked for a full waiver on $48,000 owed to WSA, even though they have the money to pay it, it sounds like UW's Board of Directors sees WSA as low on their priority list compared to their own reception and their VP for Finance said paying it would be an "irresponsible use of student dollars". Us and other Universities in the meeting did not accept the terms of a full waiver, but sent the ASUW delegate back to 1) Figure out why UW wants to be in WSA, and 2) Pay no less than $12,399 or up to $24,000. It was clear that given the rocky past in WSA it has been hard for UW to develop a sure relationship, but the situation leaving the BOD meeting was hopeful for continued cooperation and good faith efforts to keep working together. There will be another BOD meeting scheduled to discuss this topic again once more information is found about how they might pay using a payment plan and contacting more UW administration.

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: AS VP of Activities
Date: 11/19/2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary
DRAC	11/4	Clarifications regarding DRAC's Reserve Policies were given; Including clarifying that the transferring of funds from Earmarked Reserves to Equipment Reserves was not conducted with the intention of withdrawing the transferred money to be spent on anything. Secondly, they clarified that allocation within Earmarked Reserves of 10K to the Opera was already set aside from last year. Travis Cram also clarified a policy stating that, "earmarked reserves are only allowed to hold maximum 10% at year end," and how this policy may become less enforced due to Western's drop in enrollment. During this meeting two requests for DRAC Support Reserves were voted on; $15,000 for the Western Symphony Orchestra International Tour, and WWU Racings request of $7,544 for wages for an After-Hours Lab TA position. Both requests were accepted by DRAC.
Committee	Date	Summary
Art Advocacy Workgroup	11/12	First Draft of the Art Advocacy Workgroup's Workgroup Proposal was created. Further polishing is still needed after this day. We are currently scheduled to meet again on 11/20 to finish this process.
Committee	Date	Summary
Divestment Workgroup	11/17	Angel, Rylie, and I met and worked together on creating the Workgroup Proposal for the ASWWU Divestment and Procurement Procedure Modification Workgroup. This proposal is now mostly complete, with input from Hayden and a revision of the Reasoning section. We plan to meet again on December 1st to complete this process so that the workgroup can begin in full at the start of Winter 2027.
Committee	Date	Summary
Decorations Workgroup	11/18	The planned agenda for this meeting is for me and the other members to work together to create the Workgroup Template for this Workgroup.
Committee	Date	Summary
Outreach Workgroup	11/20	The planned agenda for this meeting is for me and the other members to work together to create the Workgroup Template for this Workgroup.

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Caitlyn Daniels	11/13	Social Media Training.

Important Projects:

At our first meeting of the winter quarter, Rocco and I will be presenting some appointees for student-at-large positions to be judged for approval by the Executive Board. These appointees will be for two positions on DRAC, and one position on SUAG.

ASWWU Executive Board Report

Position: VP For Diversity
Date: November 17, 2026

Committees:

Committee	Date	Summary

Meetings with Staff:

Staff	Date	Summary
Diedre Evans	November, 12	Diedre and I discussed the "We Are Jane Doe project's" point of view and the committee's thought process. She will be coming to our meeting this Friday.
Sislena Ledbetter	November, 18	Sislena and I had our first meeting. We conversed our goals and future visions on how best we can assist in bettering student affairs.

Meetings with Students:

Important Projects: We Are Jane Doe project – thanks to the members of the senate who are collaborating on this project. The project is moving towards changing its name, not focusing on Jane Doe or any one gender or sexual orientation. Wanting to hear from the general student body about what people would like to see from ASWWU. We meet weekly on Fridays and are currently discussing our objectives and goals; long term & short term.

- ASWWU Divestment and Procurement Procedure Modification workgroup is currently working on completing its proposal.
- The SEJF workgroup has begun meeting consistently.

Additional Notes:

- Voter Hub was an amazing experience, kudos to everyone who helped.
- Johan the LGBTQ+ Director and I will meet soon. It is Trans week!!\
- The Centers & AS Government meeting was amazing! I believe Skye Flores should attend the next meeting, or we could coordinate with her.

ASWWU

Associated Student of Western Washington University Workgroup Proposal

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Workgroup Name: AI Workgroup

Point of Contact: Cassie Paetkau
Secondary Point of Contact: Bridget Keough

Reasoning: Write one to two sentences about why you want this workgroup to be formed.
We believe that this work group is necessary to keep up with growing concern and development of AI use and policy, both within AS government as well as the broader Western Washington University. We aim to represent student voices in decisions being made about AI, acting as a bridge between faculty, student leaders, and the broader student body.

Membership proposal:

Name	Position	Justification
Bridget Keough	**Senator-At-Large**	**I care about AI affecting students**
Cassie Paetkau	**CENV Senator**	**I want to represent CENV interests in the discussion surrounding AI**
Emma Wiens	**CBE Senator**	**AI is becoming an increasing focus among CBE students and faculty**
Lilliana Wald	**VP of Sustainability**	**Student sustainability voice, executive board representative**
Emma Brown	**Senator-At-Large || Vice Chair ASWWU Senate**	**I care deeply about the effects AI currently has and will have on higher education. Having been appointed to the Provosts AI workgroup I feel it is necessary to share the information gathered with a dedicated group, ensuring I represent the Interests of both ASWWU government bodies**

Goals: 1-3 concrete items that the workgroup will be tasked with completing
Priority 1: Drafting a policy that would outline AI use within AS government
Priority 2: Research and determine student and professor perspectives/attitudes on AI
Priority 3: Support and advise the provost's policy on AI

Timeline:

Associated Student of Western Washington University Workgroup Proposal

- **Sample questions to address:** When will the workgroup convene, how often will it meet, when will it be finished with the work/goals, when/how will the workgroup report to AS Gov?
- We will meet weekly at 5:30 pm in the gov office
- Meetings will be roughly an hour, but will most likely vary depending on weekly workloads
- We aim to have our 3 priorities completed by the end of winter quarter
- We report to AS Government biweekly to both bodies

Associated Students of Western Washington University

AS Transportation Advisory Committee Charge & Charter

Expires December 1, 2027

I. CHARGE

This committee has responsibilities in two sectors: managing the administration of the Active Transportation Fee and implementing ongoing transportation advocacy on behalf of the Associated Students.

Managing the operations of the Active Transportation Fee entails:

- Upholding the fee mission of supporting a transportation program for the benefit of students.
- Overseeing the finances of the Active Transportation Fee and program funds.
- Identifying issues related to transportation and gathering student input
- Recommending changes in the fee as well as advising the Transportation Services office on issues relating to active transportation.

Implementing ongoing transportation advocacy on behalf of the Associated Students entails:

- Researching, developing, and revising a student transportation agenda, including shortcomings and proposed solutions to student concerns relating to any method of transportation used by the WWU community.
- Promoting and soliciting feedback on the agenda among the students and the surrounding community of WWU.
- Marketing resources and creating educational campaigns for ways to increase student participation in active transportation.
- Creating services to expand our transportation network, by collaborating with partners, including but not limited to, Transportation Services, Off-Campus Living, Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), Skagit Transit, Whatcom Community College, the Sustainability Engagement Institute, and the City of Bellingham to increase involvement in active transportation.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Voting:

Active Transportation Coordinator (Chair)
AS Vice President for Sustainability (Vice Chair)
AS Vice President for Student Services (Vice-Chair)
Disability Outreach Center (DOC) Advocacy Representative
Off-Campus Living Peer Advisor
1 Residence Hall Association (RHA) or National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) Student Representative
Financial Manager for the Alternative Transportation Fee (or Designee)
AS Student Senator
WWU Director of Transportation

Non-voting:

Student Government Assistant (Secretary)
Commute Options Program Manager
ASWWU Government Advisor
Civic Action Programs Student Staff Representative
Director of Environmental Health and Safety
Starlight Shuttle Manager

III. CHAIR

The Chairperson shall be the Active Transportation Coordinator. They shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside over all meetings. The Vice Chairs shall be the AS Vice President for Sustainability and the AS Vice President for Student Services and act in the Chairperson's absence.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The committee shall generally meet every other week with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with the support of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

V. VOTING

Decisions shall be made by consensus. Any voting member can make a motion if consensus cannot be made. In order for a motion to pass it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast. If a voting member is unable to make it to committee meeting(s), they may delegate their seat to a trusted proxy person who may vote in their stead. Voting members seeking to delegate their seat must notify the Chair prior to the meeting, indicating the length of time in which their delegate will be voting in their stead.

VI. QUORUM

A simple majority of the seated voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule it to a new day and hour.

When the committee is not in session, the committee responsibilities fall to the Active Transportation Coordinator and Financial Manager for the Active

Transportation Fee (or Designee). Any other member of the committee who is available out of session to discuss and vote on transportation services issues can also do so.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEES

In order to provide for coordination and direction, the council may establish subcommittees, as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the council with respect to procedure.

VIII. RULES OF OPERATIONS

The council may adopt and amend the rules of operations governing its operation by a majority vote of the council, subject to review and approval by the AS Executive Board.

IX. AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Executive Board, with input from the committee membership.

X. REPORTAGE

This committee shall report to the AS Executive Board through the AS Vice President for Sustainability and AS Vice President for Student Services.

WSA Fall General Assembly Overview

Introduction

Committee Days

- Will be week-long session because of newly elected House; needs more support

WSA Student Engagement Competition

- Campus wide student mobilization purposes, practices and value

Rep Scott Keynote Speaker

Rep. Scott give an overview of legislative priorities impacting communities across Washington State:

Stop cuts to Running Start and Higher Ed in General (Rep Slatter Bill on Backstopping Cuts to Research in Higher Ed), Scott wants to co-sponsor Slatter bill)

Surveillance

Millionaires Tax

- Does not make many promises to Higher Ed though??

Washington State Universal Healthcare

Work Blocks

Block 1: Legislative Advocacy & Life of a Bill (WSAC)

Washington Student Achievement Council:

- Leads statewide strategic planning to improve educational coordination and transitions

Overview of Legislative Process

- Bill Introduced, Public Hearing (House of Origin policy committee), Public hearing and executive session, public hearing and executive session (house of origin fiscal committee), Bill pulled from Rules Committee (house of origin), Bill goes to floor and passes) (house of origin); NOW its going to the other house committees, so Public hearing and executive session (opposite house policy committee), public

hearing and executive session (opposite house fiscal committee),Bill pulled from Rules Committee (opposite house), Bill goes to floor and passes (again!) (opposite the house).

- Once a bill has passed both chambers: Concurrence or dispute and conference committees, the Governor signs bill; or vetoes part or all bill.

Bills and Legislative Priorities, bills relating to WSAC

- E2SHB 2158 (Workforce Education Investment Act) —— 2019
  - Replaced the State Need Grant with the WA Grant
  - Created WEIA and the WEIA Oversight Board
  - Expanded career connected learning
  - Modified other financial aid and public assistance programs
    - Ex. working connections childcare, or scholarships
  - PASSED
- WA Grant —— Nations Most Generous State Financial Aid Program
  - Filing early for financial early was the name of the game.
  - State forecasts how many Washington state students will be applying, and the legislature is entitled to pay that.

What is WEIA?

- Workforce Education Investment Account
- Agreement to tax business community to produce credentialworkers
- 2 Sources to Fund WEIA
  - Business and occupation tax
  - Computing Businesses (i.e Amazon)

What does WEIA fund?

- Funds Higher Ed Programs, Operations and Aid
- State funded student aid programs
- Workforce Development including career connected learning

What is the WEIA Oversight Board? (The overwatch and surveillance board of how funds are being used)

- Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight

Career Connect WA

- Coming to an end
    - Money from this initiative will wind down, not a Ferguson priority, we can money being just cut out from budge, Inslee advocated for it.

Life of a Bill (feat. 2SHB 1559 (2023) —— Basic Needs Act)

Spearheaded by WSA in response to data from WSAC, prior to 2023 that students around our state have been struggling with Basic Needs.

- Data is important, but can we collect student stories and testimony?
- Student Basic need Task Force
- Hunger-free IHE plans
- IHE benefits hubs
- Full-time benefits navigators
- BN Grant Program
- Low-cost meal pilot programs
- Annual Basic Needs Survey

Stonier signed onto bill?

SHB 1559 faced various changes in House and Senate and within that fiscal committee, illustrating how back and forth, language of law can alter an outcome. The bill was passed in May and is the bill that established a low-cost pilot program for Food Security at WWU.

The life of this bill captures critical points of the legislative process:

- Urging Legislators to move the bill forward despite financial and time constraints
- Making strategic compromises while remaining prepared to restore the bill's original provisions.
- WSAS Influence and Mobilization made a difference
- Compromise, like making it cheaper and practical

What a journey!

As you move through 2027, know compromises are not the end all be all

- ASWWU Priorities?

Connect Careers Washington (Preserve its Legitimacy)

Basic Needs

- Contact
    - For WWU, Basic Needs Navigator is a tool for students as Western

Block 2: Media & Student organizing around legislative Session (Sienna)

Essentials for Engaging

- Informative cover image, Background information, Clear call to action, short summary caption, where to find more info, Direct links in story posts

Start thinking about the timeline for the next few months to organize efficiently

- LAC Agendas, Update Fall Timeline?

Provide Updates

- Via social media and word of mouth (events?)

Graphics and Visuals

- Create a Personal Narrative to it, along with facts
    - Background Info will prompt students to take action obvi
        - Make complex bills as simple as possible
        - Focus on the big things that will impact students most directly
        - You can always link or mention where students can find more info/the exact bill or language
- Clear Call to Action can look like
    - Testimony (in-person, or virtual)
    - Sign in Pro or Con as a "a student of ___"

What to Do Now???

- Create a consistent posting timelines
    - Reminders for posts after each cutoff, a focus on educational posts for the beginning of session, recap post, etc.....
- CAP (Civic Actions Programs) LAC?
    - Instagram
    - Website?? Testimonial Blog? Make that a LAC workgroup?

        - Events? Townhalls? Blogs? Classroom visits? Can we expand beyond just social media?
    - Submitting Testimony
        - Create templates for students to use and enhance
            - Outline Safety Guidelines and possible outcomes of submitting testimony negative or positive

Block 3: Leg. Committee

WSA Proposals

- Campus + Student Safety
- Financial Aid
- Basic Needs
    - 7 of WSA Proposals
        - Childcare Needs
        - Housing Insecurity
        - EBT Restrictions
        - Healthcare Services
        - Transportation
        - Emergency Assistance Grant (SEAG)
- Other

When discussing a meeting time for next quarter, ask:

- Does this current meeting time and day work for your schedule next quarter? (This time works for me, Sophia Maynard, personally).
- If not, what day and time would work?
- If you need more time to think about it: fill out this when2meet (don't make that face) by the next business meeting so we can hammer out a time.

-AS President, Sophia Maynard