

ASWWU Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2/05/26 | 4:15 PM | VU 567

ASWWU Executive Board Members

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

Absent: Skinner

Advisor: Lorio

Secretary: Anderson

Guest(s) in attendance: Rey Darby-CAP OCC, John Hardgrove-ASWWU Senate President

Motions

| Motion # | Title | Result |
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| ASB-26-W-13 | To approve the 2/5/26 consent agenda items as presented | Passed |
| ASB-26-W-14 | To appoint a new VP of University Operations to fill the vacancy left by VP Davis when they graduate at end of W26 | Passed |
| ASB-26-W-15 | To approve the Vacancy Appointment Procedure as presented | Passed |
| ASB-26-W-16 | To approve the Vacancy Appointment Timeline presented and appoint Maynard to review committee | Passed |

1. Call to order

Cates-Doglio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 16:15.

2. Revisions to the agenda

Add discussion item – 10 minutes – Hardgrove – Workshopping strategies to pass athletics through senate

Add discussion item – 5 minutes – outreach coordination

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

a. Approving ASWWU Exec Board 1/29/26 Meeting Minutes

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| ASB-26-W-13 | Motion: To approve the 2/5/26 consent agenda items as presented. |
| Motion Made By: Polo | Motion Seconded By: Maynard |
| Vote Count: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain | Action Result: Passed |

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

5. ASWWU Exec Board Reports

a. ASVP University Operations (Davis)

i. Conference committee still meeting

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- ii. Working on creating mission statement
- iii. Revisiting fee ballot presence
- iv. Meeting with students interested in running for AS Gov
 - 1. Great to point interested people to positions they might be especially interested in (ie academics to senate)
- v. WWU budget deep dive—please reach out if you have any feedback or resources
- vi. Vacancy appointment—Davis is graduating this quarter
- b. ASVP Student Services Report (Carnell)**
 - i. AS TAC
 - 1. WTA negotiations team update
 - 2. WWU negotiation team does not particularly want students in the room aside from AS ATC
 - 3. Cates-Doglio: Katy Potts has reached out to other individuals who showed up to the meeting with Carnell
 - ii. Working on reviving defunct committees like housing and dining
 - 1. Implementation phase (budget and such are being planned)
- c. ASVP Governmental Affairs Report (Maynard)**
 - i. Lobby Day!
 - 1. Huge success
 - a. 40 and 42 LD representatives are interested in having town halls at WWU
 - 2. Meetings with 62 legislators
 - 3. HB 1570 (WWU specific OCE bargaining bill) is moving through the process
 - 4. COLA and Maynard are continuing to keep an eye on bills
 - ii. Policy committee cut-off just happened, waiting on fiscal committee cutoff
- d. ASWWU Executive Board Advisor Report (Lorio)**
 - i. Expect highly activated emotional states among students and staff and busyness through the rest of the year
 - 1. Several campus advisories this week, Lobby Day, protests this last week

6. Action items – Items that may need a vote

- a. Vacancy Appointment for VP University Operations (Cates-Doglio, Docs 2-3)**
 - i. Appropriate changes have been made (change of mentions to Senate advisor)
 - ii. Next steps: voting on whether a vacancy fill is necessary
 - iii. Against vacancy fill
 - 1. Concerns about adding someone new to the body this late in the year and changes in dynamics and relationships
 - 2. Lots to throw a new person into the role (responsibility, history, experience)
 - 3. Decreased workload could be potentially be offloaded/dispersed across other positions

- iv. For vacancy fill
 - 1. Spring quarter has relatively decreased workload that would likely be manageable, especially if Davis is willing to help train and transfer
 - 2. Vice Chair is an important position that would need to be filled for conference committee (Spring)
 - a. Conference committee works on constitution and bylaws and other operational documents
 - 3. Offers additional opportunities for a student to experience and work in student gov and potentially be prepared for next year if they are interested
- v. Current (potential) projects for VP University Operations
 - 1. Upkeep of committees (generally once-yearly meetings)
 - 2. Budget work
 - 3. Conference committee
 - 4. Ethical contracts and divestment work
- vi. Exec Board can vote to not approve any candidates if no satisfactory candidates are found
- vii. See last week for additional discussion notes

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| ASB-26-W-14 | Motion: To appoint a new VP of University Operations to fill the vacancy left by VP Davis when they graduate at end of W26 |
| Motion Made By: Carnell | Motion Seconded By: Davis |
| Vote Count: 5 Aye, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain | Action Result: Passed |

- viii. Procedure for vacancy appointment
 - 1. General vacancy procedure, not VP Operations specific

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| ASB-26-W-15 | Motion: To approve the Vacancy Appointment Procedure as presented |
| Motion Made By: Maynard | Motion Seconded By: Carnell |
| Vote Count: 5 Aye, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain | Action Result: Passed |

- ix. Timeline is VP Operations specific
 - 1. Original application review period lasts for two days (2/16 and 2/17)
 - a. Consideration of pushing this review period to be a week longer
 - b. Leaving it as original would allow for more potential transition time and would allow for extension to be voted on later if necessary
 - i. Circumstances that might trigger high number of applicants, high number of excellent candidates
 - 2. Maynard, Carnell, and Polo especially interested in being in review committee
 - a. Brings forward three candidates as finalists; body can vote to see different finalists

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| ASB-26-W-16 | Motion: To approve the Vacancy Appointment Timeline presented and appoint Maynard to review committee |
| Motion Made By: Stegeman | Motion Seconded By: Carnell |
| Vote Count: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain | Action Result: Passed |

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

a. Outreach photos

i. Options

1. Color-coding
2. Black turtleneck
3. 70s/80s inspiration
4. White/pale button-ups, shirts, jeans, and ties/accessories
 - a. Color-coded ties/accessories
5. Dress like The Wiggles
6. All wear red

ii. Rey's top choices: button-ups or matching colors

iii. Continued discussion may happen over teams

b. Workshopping athletics strategies

- i. Gov conversations about athletics seem to be siloed, may be useful to have some kind of joint meeting with members of both Senate and Exec Board
- ii. Hesitancy about bringing up athletics again in Senate
- iii. Current timeline allows for conference committee to bring it back if it fails in one body but only just barely
 1. Last possible chance to bring before both bodies would be April 6th
- iv. Worries about joint meeting not being effective—large group of people in one room
- v. Current lingering senate questions have to do with clarity of proposal, exact impacts, etc.
 1. Meeting more about referendum language than about athletics in general would likely be more helpful, differing consensus between Exec Board and Senate
 - a. What happens if it fails in Senate?
 2. Good to remember that Exec Board does not have a more important role than the Senate and each representative is entitled to an opinion about certain topics
 3. Stegeman has meetings already scheduled for next week to discuss this with senate members, perhaps revisit joint meeting after that
- vi. General end consensus: may not be helpful at this point to have a joint meeting
- vii. Acknowledgement of Stegeman's effort and work and time

c. AS Policy Review (Cates-Doglio, Doc 4)

- i. Conference Committee product
- ii. No ASWWU policy—needs to be created

1. Writing down and putting into policy how AS Gov currently operates regarding student voted fee referendum.
 - a. Codifies that AS Gov will not pass a new student fee without a vote from students.
 - b. New fees can be proposed in any year
 - c. Regulating when fee renewal referendums appear (all at once, every four years so the typical 4-year undergrad student will see all fees once while at WWU)
 - d. Upcoming fees would be renewed for a period that would bring them up for renewal again in 2030, aligned with most recent renewal of SEJF
 - i. Fees voted for renewal in 2026 would be for 4 years, voted on in 2027 would be for 3 years and so on
 - ii. Hopefully would increase voter turnout
- d. ASWWU Executive Board Position Description Review** (Cates-Doglio, Docs 5-10)
 - i. Position descriptions will be updated for next quarter
 1. Particularly for the Spring election
 - ii. Start with your own position, then review other positions and make sure everything is correct and informative
 1. Committees you sit on
 2. Not needed: pay rate, required qualifications
 3. Need to be done by first week of March

8. Call to adjourn

Cates-Doglio, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 17:22