



Associated Students of WWU Student Government Charter (Revised 2023)

Preamble

The students of Western Washington University have the right and responsibility to participate in the shared governance of the university. The Associated Students of Western Washington University is the body created to represent students for this purpose. The Associated Students of Western Washington University (ASWWU), as defined in this Charter, is charged by the president to elect a student government (AS Student Government) which:

- Represents student interests and opinions to the university administration, Board of Trustees, and appropriate governmental agencies;
- Fosters participation and inclusion of the student body in university governance and operations as appropriate;
- Promotes the general welfare of students;
- Communicates with the ASWWU membership about institutional matters which affect them.

Article 1: ASWWU

- 1.1 Western Washington University recognizes the ASWWU as the sole recognized student association of Western Washington University.
- 1.2 The voting membership of ASWWU shall include all full-time, part-time, graduate, and undergraduate students who are registered for at least one academic credit at any WWU location where students pay Services and Activities Fees. Only voting members of ASWWU may vote in student government elections.
- 1.3 The ASWWU may only be abolished by a vote of the membership of the ASWWU. In such case, the powers granted in this charter shall become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held.

Article 2: ASWWU Student Government

- 2.1 Western Washington University recognizes the ASWWU Student Government as the sole student government association of Western Washington University and as the governing body of the ASWWU.

- 2.2. The ASWWU's authority to participate in shared governance of the university through the AS Student Government is established by the President of Western Washington University, with the consent of the ASWWU membership, and registered by the Board of Trustees.
- 2.3. The AS Student Government may only be abolished by a vote of the voting membership of ASWWU. In such case, the powers established in this charter become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held.
- 2.4. All amendments to this charter must be approved by the ASWWU Student Government and the University President.

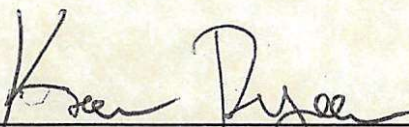
Article 3: ASWWU Student Government Duties

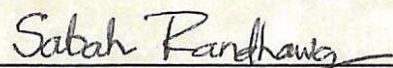
- 3.1. The AS Student Government shall make every effort to represent the needs and concerns of students through its participation in shared governance and representation to appropriate governmental agencies.
- 3.2. The AS Student Government shall hold annual elections open to all members of ASWWU for the purpose of selecting representatives and deciding referenda on matters of importance to the student body.
- 3.3. The AS Student Government shall consult with and report to university bodies on matters of concern to students.
- 3.4. The AS Student Government shall encourage student involvement in the development of institutional policies which impact students.
- 3.5. The AS Student Government shall inform the university community of actions taken by the AS Student Government.
- 3.6. The AS Student Government shall adopt bylaws and establish structures as necessary to govern its organization and carry out its responsibilities in a manner consistent with this charter and the regulations, policies, and procedures of the University. It shall review those bylaws and structures at least every 5 years.

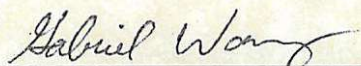
Article 4: Granted Authorities

The AS Student Government is granted the authority to fulfill its duties within the provisions set forth in this charter and within the constraints of University regulation, policy, and procedure. In addition, the AS Student Government shall have the following special authorities.

- 4.1. With regard to student fees, the AS Student Government has the authority to:
- a. Ensure that monies allocated to the AS Student Government by the Services and Activities Fee Committee are used to support continuous, safe, and efficient operations, consistent with federal, state, and university policy.
 - b. Provide recommendations regarding any increases and/or renewals of mandatory and voluntary student fees.
 - c. Hold elections to determine changes to or establishment of voluntary student fees.
 - d. Review all information pertaining to the expenditure and usage of student fee dollars.
 - e. Ensure a majority of student voting members on fee committees overseeing mandatory and voluntary student fees, with the exception of operating and building fees.
 - f. Exercise the right to appoint a student chair, with the concurrence of the University President or designee, on all committees overseeing and appropriating mandatory and voluntary student fee dollars, with the exception of operating and building fees.
- 4.2. To fulfill its administrative responsibilities, the AS Student Government has the authority to:
- a. Obtain and review information on the affairs of the University,
 - b. At the request of University committee chairs, to appoint student representatives to standing University committees, and to other bodies.
 - c. Allocate funds to support the employment of student and permanent staff as needed to fulfill the goals and maintain the operations of the AS Student Government, consistent with the regulations, policies, and procedures of the university.
 - d. Manage its allocated funds in accordance with regulations, policies, and procedures of the university and with fiduciary responsibility on behalf of students.
 - e. Participate in the management of the AS Bookstore's net operating revenues, where applicable.


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