



## Monthly Newsletter, January 26th

### Student Service Shout-Out

#### Counseling and Wellness Center Group

##### **Support:**

Did you know that Western's Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) offers group support as well as individual counseling? The CWC offers three different types of group support, support groups, skills groups, and process groups.

Support groups offer space for people in similar situations to share and validate each other's experiences. Skills groups help people develop skills in an area of mental health to help them cope and better take care of themselves. Process groups allow people to give and receive different perspectives and support on their experiences in a safe environment. You can learn more about the CWC's group support options and see the list of group offerings [here](#).

#### Sign in Pro to HB 1570:

HB 1570—which gives 1,100 Operational Student Employees (OSEs) at Western statutory framework to form a bargaining unit—is scheduled for a public hearing on this coming MONDAY, January 26th! Make your support heard for this bill by signing in PRO via this [link](#)! To sign in pro select PRO from the drop-down menu, fill in your name, contact information, and address and submit. Bills like this do not get passed in a vacuum, and public support will be crucial to demonstrating the importance of this bill to legislators! So please be sure to sign in pro and send it to your coworkers, roommates, friends, family, etc. Anyone can sign in pro and the more people who do the more likely it is to move!

In 2023, in response to student workers organizing at Western Washington University, the Legislature expanded collective bargaining for academic student employees to Washington's four Regional Universities (Western Washington University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and Evergreen State College).

#### **Events of the Month**

- ASWWU Student Senate Weekly Meetings | Every Wednesday from
- All Industries Career Fair | January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm | Rec center, MAC Gym
- Environmental Club Showcase | February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 pm | VU MPR
- Residence Hall Association Craft Fair | February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am | VU MPR
- QTPOC Black History Month Collaboration - "Ask a Black Feminist" | February 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 pm | VU 749
- Basic Needs Hub, The Longest Table | February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm | VU MPR

## Sign in Pro to HB 1570 Cont.

In 2024, the legislature considered, but did not advance, SB 5238 which would once again expand collective bargaining for non-academic student workers at the four Regional Universities. A similar set of bills were introduced in 2025, HB 1570/SB 5119. However, due to the immense fiscal challenge of the state in the 25-27 biennium, those bills did not advance. In the 2026 session, the striking amendment to HB 1570 is being considered to amend the bill language to apply only to non-academic student workers at Western Washington University, who filed a majority union petition with the Public Employee Relations Commission on December 8th, 2025.

## ASWWU Lobby Day & Legislative Agenda

February 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> ASWWU Government will be heading to the state capital with a group of student lobbyists to advocate for issues that directly impact you as a student! On December 4<sup>th</sup> ASWWU approved our legislative priorities for 2026, including Fair Funding for Western, College Affordability, Basic Needs, Undocumented Student Protections, WWU Operational Student Employee Bargaining Rights, and Environmental Justice & Sustainability. To read the full list of legislative priorities check out the Legislative Agenda [here](#).

## Environmental Club Showcase | February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm | VU MPR

Join Western's environmental clubs and community partners for an evening of collaboration, connection, and learning at the 2026 Environmental Club Showcase, featuring live music from the Western Americana Music Group and remarks from College of the Environment Dean Teena Gabrielson and Whatcom Land Trust Executive Director Rachel Vasak. The event brings together student-led environmental, outdoor, and sustainability groups, with a tabling area showcasing clubs such as CUES, Students for Renewable Energy, Bee Club, Hiking Club, Foraging Club, SPLASH, Salish Sea Club, the Ecological Restoration Club, Mushroom Club, Climbing Club, Bellingham Rotaract, Students for Climate Action, and additional community partners. Pizza, snacks, and refreshments will be provided.

## Club Spotlight!

Royal Gambit is a Queer space for anyone interested in the art of Drag! They are a for-students, by-students performance club for Drag artists of all experience levels with tech opportunities for those wanting to participate off-stage. They have 2 shows per quarter and hold about 3 workshops a quarter on topics like makeup, wigs, stage presence, and more! They meet every Friday at 6:30pm. Follow their Instagram @wwudragclub to stay updated on events and meeting locations!   
Winter Show Dates | February 7th and March 7th

