



Western Washington University Associated Students
AS Board of Directors

November 20th, 2020
MS Teams

Board Members: *Present:* Abdul Malik Ford (President), Keenan Kaemingk (VP for Activities), Nicole Ballard (VP for Governmental Affairs), Carson Brock (VP for Student Services), Ranulfo Molina (VP for Diversity), and Sargun Handa (Senate Pro-Tempore)

Absent: Nora Harren (VP for Sustainability)

Advisor: Annie Byers (AS Board Program Coordinator), Eric Alexander (Director of the Viking Union)

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): Francis Neff, Laura Wagner

Motions:

ASB-20-F-24 To approve AS Board meeting minutes from the date of October 30th, 2020. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-25 To add ten additional minutes to the 2020-21 Shred the Contract Resolution item. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-26 To add ten additional minutes to the 2020-21 Shred the Contract Resolution item. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-27 To approve the Committee Council Charge and Charter. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-28 To approve the Western Washington University Board of Trustees Resolution. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-29 To approve the Ethnic Student Center Executive Board Charge and Charter to an Action Item. *Passed.*

ASB-20-F-30 To approve the Finance Council Charge and Charter with agreed upon amendments. *Passed.*

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

October 30th, 2020

MOTION ASB-20-F-24 By Brock

To approve AS Board meeting minutes from the date of October 30th, 2020.

Second: Kaemingk

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

II. Revisions to the Agenda

None

III. BSO Demands

1. Alexander stated that job positions are being created through the coalition workgroup and will go out soon.

IV. Public Forum (*comments from students and the community*)

None

V. Information Items - Guests

A. 2020-21 Shred the Contract Resolution- Handa

1. Handa stated that two Huxley senators, Neff and Wagner, would present the resolution.
2. Wagner presented the resolution. Neff stated that the resolution came about from the recent advancement of the contract between Western Washington University and Aramark. This resolution is updated from last spring in response.
3. Handa stated that the goal of the document is to hold the AS and WWU accountable to this recommendation. In terms of cost, it is cheaper to use the Outback Farm, and local food production with a self-operated dining system. If this were to pass it could use guidance from the communications office and become an official AS opinion.
4. Ballard stated that she was in support of the resolution as students have been advocating for a self-operated system for a long time. Continuing to pass documents creates a paper trail.
5. Handa invited the board to attend Shred the Contract (STC) meetings.
6. Neff stated that attendees of STC have expressed the need for tangible actions that allow STC members to directly communicate with administration.
7. Brock asked if the resolution will go on the Board of Trustees agenda, and if STC would be involved with the presentation if so. He stated that there was a consulting report with lots of information about the current dining system and the proposed new one, which may be a useful resource for the resolution.
8. Handa responded that the resolution will be on the Board of Trustees agenda for STC to communicate their message directly.

MOTION ASB-20-F-25 *By Ford*

To add ten additional minutes to the 2020-21 Shred the Contract Resolution item.

Second: Handa

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

9. Brock asked if the resolution is the only way for students to attend the Board of Trustees meeting. Alexander stated that the resolution would be a part of the AS President's report to the Board of Trustees (BOT), and the other way to present to the BOT would be to pass through the BOT chair.
10. Molina stated that there has been a week to look at the resolution and passing it sooner may help spread support for Shred the Contract. Ballard stated that she is hesitant to pass without more input from students outside of the student government.

11. Handa stated that the resolution isn't going out immediately, it is in the revision process, but an emergency meeting could be called to pass the resolution before the date necessary to submit documents to the BOT, perhaps the following Tuesday.

MOTION ASB-20-F-26 *By Brock*

To add ten additional minutes to the 2020-21 Shred the Contract Resolution item.

Second: Ballard

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

12. The Board decided upon a special meeting on the 30th of November.

VI. Action Items - Guests

- A. None

VII. Personnel Items (subject to immediate action)

- A. None

VIII. Action Items - Board

- A. Committee Reformation- Brock

1. Brock stated that the Committee Council's Charge and Charter language was changed due to concerns about taking the committee process out of student's hands. Creating a committee council for restructuring the committee system can be added later though if needed. As students aren't being compensated for their work, it's beneficial to keep membership low.

MOTION ASB-20-F-27 *by Ford*

To approve the Committee Council Charge and Charter.

Second: Ballard

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

- B. Western Washington University Board of Trustees Resolution- Handa

1. Handa stated that the resolution was the same as presented in previous weeks. She explained that there have been 744 signatures on the online petition that asks the BOT to acknowledge equality between the Student Senate and the Executive Board. Outside advice stated that it may be illegal to have a governing body and it's constitution unacknowledged and unapproved. The AS website does not acknowledge equality between the bodies as well. Handa and Ford will meet with Huskey and Randhawa to make sure both bodies are represented on the BOT.

MOTION ASB-20-F-28 by Handa

To approve the Western Washington University Board of Trustees Resolution.

Second: Molina

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

IX. Information Items - Board

A. Ethnic Student Center Executive Board Charge and Charter- Molina

1. Molina stated that currently the Charge and Charter of the Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Executive Board is not able to function as it states that a representative from every ESC club must be present. Many clubs aren't currently active due to COVID-19. This edit would change the wording of membership to "a majority of currently active clubs will constitute membership." There are currently seventeen active clubs with officers.

MOTION ASB-20-F-29 by Brock

To approve the Ethnic Student Center Executive Board Charge and Charter to an Action Item.

Second: Ford

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

B. Finance Council Charge and Charter- Ford

1. Ford stated that the changes were to: add a SAIRC employee as a voting member, and to remove the Assistant Director of Representation and Student Governance from non-voting members. Ford stated that Selam Swier, senator from the College of Business and Economics is serving on the committee, as well as Ranulfo Molina AS VP for Diversity is serving as chair.
2. Handa stated her favor for the edits as having the Director of Representation and Student Governance on the council may be giving the position too much power.

MOTION ASB-20-F-30 By Handa

To approve the Finance Council Charge and Charter with agreed upon amendments.

Second: Molina

Vote: 5-0-1

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining: Ford

X. Consent Items (*subject to immediate action*)

A. Student Enhancement Fund Committee

1. Ford stated that he trusted the judgements of the Student Enhancement Fund Committee members on the appointment of the new member and Kaemingk looked over the application and approved as well.

XI. Discussion Items

A. None

XII. Board Reports

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President stated that the job description for the African American Student Counselor position is being finished up. There will be a temporary counselor for this year, and then a permanent counselor to support black students. In a meeting with Huskey, she expressed that Western will most likely be hiring a project manager to evaluate a transition to a self-operated dining system and opposed to the current Aramark system. He has also been working on BSO demands and working with committees.

Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities stated that he is working on how to address food insecurity and student fines going into Winter Quarter. He is also working on amending the Winter Info Fair with the Club Hub for greater accessibility.

Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity stated that there are two finalists for the Title IX position. He has been working on BSO demands with Ford, as well as working on the ESC Board Charge and Charter. He stated that he is looking forward to adding more clubs to the ESC.

Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that she has been working on the agenda for lobby day. The survey results stated student priorities as: college affordability, environmental health, mental health, inclusivity on campus, support for undocumented students, meeting basic needs, funding for the ethnic studies curriculum, and dedicated revenue. Ballard invited students to reach out if they have topic suggestions for the agenda.

Carson Brock, VP for Student Services stated that he has been working with the ATF committee and the publicity center, working with Ledbetter on potential forums between students and campus police. He has also been working on getting jobs for students on campus, and getting students compensated for delivering food to those in quarantine.

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore stated that she is currently working on meeting with the Whatcom County Executor concerning Whatcom County homelessness. She will also try to meet with volunteers from camp 210. Handa invited students to reach out if there are any points that students would like her to cover.

XIII. Senate Reports

- A. Handa stated that the senate will be voting on the Shred the Contract Resolution and the Board of Trustees Resolution. Handa stated that the results will be posted on the next meeting minutes. The senator job description was amended so that first-year students will be able to run for office, and the bylaws were changed from meetings held every first and third Tuesday of the month to biweekly as the Charge and Charter states the same.

XIV. Other Business

- A. None

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 4:35 p.m.