



## **Associated Students of Western Washington University**

### **Resolution from the Student Senate**

Whereas Senator Adah Barenburg has done invaluable work on behalf of the student body at Western Washington University (WWU) in her role as Vice-Chair of the Student Senate, and;

Whereas Senator Nicole Ballard has done essential tasks of outreach on behalf of her fellow students, ultimately contributing to a better campus climate, and;

Whereas Senator Tatum Buss has done high quality work to better represent underserved populations on the campus of WWU, in order to create a more inclusive space, and;

Whereas Senator Courtney Yoshiyama has worked with great rigor to bring together different residence halls, as well as articulate great needs on her committee assignments, and;

Whereas Senator Jona Akelipa has gone above and beyond to work for marginalized and underrepresented students at WWU, and has shown a deep empathy for the students he serves, and;

Whereas Senator Nicholas Makrakis has asked important and thoughtful questions, to further much-needed conversations occurring on this campus, both in the Student Senate and in the greater University governance structures, and;

Whereas Senator Ruth Ewald in her time as an elected official has gone above and beyond to seek information about the Associated Students (AS), and relay this to her constituencies, and;

Whereas Senator Paden Koltiska has expressed great enthusiasm for much-needed work in the College of Fine & Performing Arts, and has proven himself to be an essential member of the Student Senate, and;

Whereas Senator Luke LeClair has provided crucial insight into the way that the AS conducts itself, and has never stopped striving to make the University a better place for the students who deserve space on this campus, and;

Whereas Senator Laura Meerdink has shared her passion for perfection with the students she serves, and has continuously gone out of her way to make sure the spaces she creates are both inclusive and accessible to all those whom the AS serves, and;



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Whereas Senator Nina-Tuyen Tran has used her thoughtful and caring instincts to advocate for students in traditionally Faculty-occupied spaces, and has helped to create more student-centered discussion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at WWU, and;

Whereas Senator Kelly Yokuda has created and implemented effective documents for students to utilize when increasing awareness about important topics, and also helped to create and implemented much-needed change in the STEM fields at WWU, and;

Whereas Senator Dayjha McMillan has continued to use passion and intelligence in all conversation in both the Student Senate and University governance structures, and has never forgotten the important role of these positions, and has shown that through countless actions on behalf of students, and always students, and;

Whereas Senator Phillip Hensyel has made substantial progress on behalf of Graduate students, but has also paved the way for other Graduate students to have a say in their student government, and;

Whereas Senator Anna Schorr has proven herself to be one of the most component Chairs at this University, in her role on the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), and is no doubt going to contribute much-needed change to this world, and;

Whereas Senator Riley Embly has made substantial contributions to his College and his constituents, while never forgetting whom he represents in his constituency, and;

Whereas Senator Maya Noesen has gone above and beyond when fulfilling the necessary tasks of her position as a Senator, but has also undertaken tasks not pertinent to her position, but did so knowing they were essential to the students she serves, and;

Whereas Senator Natalie Chan has entered the Student Senate with little training, but proved all that was necessary for this job was a passion to do the work, and the desire to be the one to do it, and has always worked with great intention, and;

Whereas Senator Nicole Wood has made long-lasting change to the Student Senate and her College, and will no doubt continue to make impactful change to the communities she is able to serve, and;



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Whereas Secretary Juliet Knowles has given so much of herself to the Student Senate, out of a love for her work, and with a passion inspiring to all, and;

Whereas Interim Senate Pro-Tempore Levi Eckman has served as the Chair of the Inaugural Student Senate, never ceasing to be amazed by the Student Senate members' dutiful work to their constituencies, and their consistently thoughtful and contemplative nature of important topics of student concern; now, therefore:

Be It Resolved, by the AS of WWU Student Senate on Behalf of its members and constituencies:

1. That the inaugural year of the AS of WWU Student Senate was one of both hardships and successes, but ultimately prevailed to be a year of much-needed change to the AS in its entirety; and
2. Expresses great appreciation for the students of WWU for electing members of the Student Senate to their positions, and hopes that student voices will continue to create and inspire change across this campus, with all members of the Student Senate looking forward to the successes yet to come.