
Western Washington University

2022 Spring Election Guide



May 23rd - 27th, 2022

Executive Board Candidates



Candidate for AS President



**Emily
Campbell**
She/Her

Major: Undeclared

Graduation Year: 2024

Candidate Statement:

Hi Vikings! I'm Emily Campbell and I'm running to be your AS President. Over the past two years at Western, I've grown to love this place we call home. If elected, I hope to use my platform to advocate for your interests and enrich student life on campus. As someone who has overcome personal and academic adversity, I will listen from a place of compassion in helping you realize your goals. Your wellbeing is my number one priority, and if elected I will work to expand resources necessary for your success. My door will always be open for any and all of your concerns. I will bring a sense of humanity to the position as someone you can rely on to hear you and amplify your voice. I am eager to work alongside all of you in realizing the visions you have for yourselves and the future of WWU.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Planned Parenthood Generation

Candidate for AS President



Sargun
Handa

Candidate Statement:

As a TEDx speaker, published author, and activist, my passion is making tangible, long-lasting change for my community. Serving as the first woman of color AS Senate President (2020-21), I recruited the most diverse Student Senate in its history. With my majority BIPOC team, we changed the typical WWU student government narrative to include more voices and representation. I know how it feels to be unheard - as someone who is queer, disabled, and first generation, my commitment to intersectional leadership brings perspective to the table. Representation matters, and I will continue to represent you all by working with and hearing my peers to improve students' experiences at WWU. During my 1,000 hours and counting of serving you, the most rewarding times were when I advocated to administration about the issues that you brought to me, such as the lowering fees during the pandemic, religious accommodations for students observing Ramadan, and shredding the contract with Aramark. Please help me continue to advocate for you and work on the issues that you bring to me as your next AS President. Check out my TEDx talk, "Be a Voice, Not an Echo," and Instagram @sargun4president for my future goals and more information!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

South Asian Student Association, Queer Trans People of Color Club, Honors Students of Color Board, Psychology Students of Color Club (Co-President), Psychology Research Assistant at Culture & Well-being Lab, Lead Student Ambassador at Western Foundation, Wellness Advocate at WWU Counseling & Wellness Center, Multicultural Outreach Assistant at WWU Office of Admissions, Ethnic Studies Student Programmer

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Public Speaker, Author, VP for Diversity of the Washington Student Association, Crisis Counselor at Crisis Text Line, Camp Counselor at Camp Oasis

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Certified TEDx Speaker, Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Candidate for AS Senate President



**Rahma
Iqbal**
she/her

Major: B.S., Public Health
Graduation Year: 2023

Candidate Statement:

My name is Rahma Iqbal, I am a fourth year Public Health major and am minoring in Arabic and Islamic Studies and Disaster Risk Reduction. This past year I have served as the Associated Students College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator. This had been my first time working in the Associated Students and I entered the position ready to jump into action. I quickly learned that learning how to navigate and operate under the Associated Students structure and processes is a difficult and time consuming endeavor. I am hoping to be elected as the Associated Students Senate President in order to help Senators that are looking to do good work manage this process efficiently and make strong connections for their colleges and the students they serve. Working with Student Senators again would be incredibly beneficial as I would be able to continue promoting and implementing the good work my fellow Senators and I have been working on this past academic year. This work includes serving on the Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund committee, implementing Black Student Organization Demands, creating and passing the 2022 Ramadan Accommodations, and working towards the goal of an AS union! I believe the Senate has the potential to be an impactful and important resource to take action on student concerns and work to make WWU a more equitable space for students of color and students of all backgrounds. Vote for Rahma Iqbal for AS Senate President!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

CHSS Senator, Co-President of Muslim Students' Association

Candidate for AS Senate President



**Tommy
Reis**
he/him

Major: Physics Pre-major

Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

Next year will be my second year here at Western. I have lived in Washington for 16 years. I was involved in the ASB at my high school. Last year I was a hall council executive for my dorm complex. I also spent three years in a YMCA leadership development program. College is a great place and I have really enjoyed my time at Western so far. I want to be more involved with the AS government to make Western better for everyone. AS is the government for the students, so if elected, I will do my best to listen to and incorporate the opinions of students in the decisions I make. I want Western to be a place where students feel happy, and I am willing to put in the work to make that happen.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Intramural soccer and hall council

Candidate for AS VP for Activities



**Madison
DeBruler**
she/her

Candidate Statement:

Hello my name is Madison DeBruler and I'll be a sophomore at WWU fall 2022. I am running for the ASWWU board position of VP for activities. As someone who spent 3 out of 4 years of high school in Leadership class. There I spent time planning all school events such as homecoming, grade competitions, and a crane project where we made 2000 paper cranes for a student and staff member with cancer. These experiences taught me about organization, the key components of hosting a successful activity, and how to communicate with people. If elected I will not only help clubs and staff with events they may want to run but help brainstorm other events that include more people. Next year I will also be a RA for Buchanan Towers allowing me to help spread awareness of activities happening to both north and south campus.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Outside of western I'm a full time math tutor for students ranging from ages 2-16. fall quarter I participated intermerul soccer. Prior to moving up to Bellingham I was heavily invested in my high schools leadership class where I planned all school events like homecoming and some individual class competitions.

Candidate for AS VP for Activities



**Noah
Schexnayder**
He/Him

Major: Undeclared

Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Noah Schexnayder and I'm running for AS Vice-President of Activities. I'm studying psychology and philosophy, mostly focusing on cognition. I'm running for VP of Activities so I can provide the community with fun events that bring us together. I'll also prioritize raising student engagement, by taking your input into account and connecting clubs directly to students. I've spent the last year working in E-Higgy's Hall Council as their Vice-President of Recognition; I made sure students were heard and attention was given to all voices, even the quietest. I also took part in lots of event planning and management, running things like movie nights, barbecues, and more. My student government experience goes back to high school, where I worked as President to my class's ASB. I also have a theatre background; I worked as both an actor and tech for my high school's theatre program and took a leadership role during productions. If you elect me as you're ASVP of Activities, I'll make sure you find a place at our school, whether it's through a club fair or a campus event. You can count on that.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Edens-Higgenson Hall Council VP of Recognition

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

In Highschool, I was my classes ASB President. I was also a part of my school's theatre program, for both acting and tech.

Candidate for AS VP for Diversity



**Margaret
Minogue**
she/her

Major: Undeclared
Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

I promise to do my best to not only represent but ensure that others are represented in the AS student government. I would love to be the voice who ensures that students from different backgrounds are heard and their needs are met. I want to make sure I can help create an inclusive environment where all students no matter race, gender, etc. feel included and I think the best way to do that is through communication and finding solutions to these problems.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Hall Council (E-Higgy), WWU Adoptees Alliance Club

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Summer Camp Counselor and Homegoods Associate

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

The Morris County Professional Counselors Association Caring Student of the year Award

Candidate for AS VP for Governmental Affairs



Jesús Resendiz-Eyler

He/Him

Major: Political Science

Candidate Statement:

My name is Jesús Resendiz-Eyler. I am a Hispanic first-generation college student, and I am going into my third year at Western Washington University. I am currently a student senator and I strive to make a better connection between students and the student government. I am running for Vice-President of Governmental Affairs because I want to make Western more politically active and politically aware of what is going on in local, state, and national politics. With this, I want to make sure that students' voices are being heard and changes are being made by and for the students. It's important that students know that change will never come without political participation. I plan to work closely with the Office of Civic Engagement to promote voter registration and midterm elections. I also plan to work with the Washington Student Association and commit to working against the same issues of racial equity, financial aid, basic needs, voting rights, and accessibility. Along with this, I want to make connections with clubs and students here at western to make sure I am representing students to the fullest. I ask for your vote so we can strive to make Western a better place for everyone.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

At-Large Student Senator, Vice President of Political Science Association, Model United Nations, Voter Registration staff, Young Democrats

Candidate for AS VP for Governmental Affairs



**Marlowe
Lawson**
she/they

Major: Undeclared

Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

The WWU student body deserves an executive board that is willing to put in the work for them. I am new here to Western and I have loved being able to experience the range of opportunities available. One thing that united all of these people, from clothing swaps and galleries to environmental and theater groups, was passion. This past year I was lucky to work for the AS to plan events and promote civic involvement. Through that experience I have learned not only how to work within the AS' systems, but also what should be focused on in the future. This role is meant to advocate for student interest on a governmental level and include them in that process. If I am elected as the AS VP for Gov I will work to create an environment where students have clear communication and support provided, so that all they need to bring is their passion.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Civic Involvement Coordinator with the OCE

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Honors College

Candidate for AS VP for Sustainability



**Seb
Genge**
He/him

Major: Business and Sustainability

Graduation Year: 2023

Candidate Statement:

My name is Seb Genge and I'm a Colombian-American student majoring in Business and Sustainability with a minor in Economics. I am running as your VP for Sustainability because I am intent on advancing Western's commitment to its sustainability goals. In my leadership roles in both the Students for Renewable Energy and Net Impact clubs, I have become heavily involved in the sustainability community on campus and have developed a clear sense of the issues that most need to be addressed. As your new VP I will take on an intersectional approach to sustainability because I understand that climate action must go hand in hand with equity and justice. During my time in this position I will work tirelessly in the transition towards a self-operated dining system, advocate for the needs of our underrepresented students, improve energy efficiency around campus, and push for greater responsibility in our institutional investments. I intend to communicate transparently with the Western community at large in addressing the various environmental and social issues that matter to us as students and I plan to take action on these issues with diligence and care while supporting the wonderful efforts of other individuals already engaged in these endeavors.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Officer for both SRE and the Net Impact WWU chapter; 2021 and 2022 WOHESC's on a scholarship from the SEI; Attendee of President's Sustainability Council; Previously ran as VP for Sustainability in January 2021; Currently applying to be a Student Trustee on the WWU Board of Trustees; Covid Support Assistant for University Residences; Student Ambassador for University Advancement; Previous Student Advocate for AEID Issues within the College of Business and Economics; Omega Beta chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi as of Winter 2022.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Involved as a philanthropist on microfinancing platform Kiva since 2019, Letter writing to eligible voters encouraging them to vote in the 2020 election through Sierra Club Independent Action, Have volunteered in several work parties at the Maritime Heritage Park hosted by the City of Bellingham and the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association to remove invasive species and promote ecosystem health for local salmon populations to thrive.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Net Impact WWU chapter awarded Gold status (only awarded to 30% of chapters globally) during my time as an officer for outstanding engagement as a club with sustainability work and commitment to making an impact in our community.

Candidate for AS VP for Student Services



**Sophie
Snyder**
she/her

Major: Political Science

Candidate Statement:

HELLO SEXY STUDENTS OF WESTERN!! I'm Sophie Snyder and I want to be your VP of Student Services. I am a political science student, interested in pursuing a career in Indigenous Law. At Western I am the PR Chair for Girl Gains, a club that works to educate women and non-binary students on lifting, and get them in the weight room. My top concerns are INCLUSIVITY and ACCESSIBILITY. I want to make sure that marches for more accessible services do not go unnoticed. I also want to be an active listener and advocate for BIPOC students, LGBTQIA students, students with disabilities, and students with families, so they can get what they want and need from Western to prepare them for their dream career. Students need a representative who will fight to get the services that students want. I promise to set up channels of communication between students and the school, so I can be an advocate for ALL students. YOU PAY TO BE HERE. HELP ME HELP YOU GET WHAT YOU NEED!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

PR Chair for Girl Gains

Student Senate Candidates

ASWWU

Candidate for At Large



**Calvin
Christoph**
He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hello WWU students, I am Calvin Christoph, and I am running for one of the At-Large, or undeclared major Student Senate positions for this coming school year of 2022/2023. I am qualified for this position because I am an earnest and dedicated student, an experienced leader and a cooperative team member. I have been politically active as long as I have been able to, serving as a state senate page and voting with consideration and proper research. I have worked as a wildland firefighter and learned skills of leadership and teamwork on the fireline, and I have worked in the Fairhaven cafeteria here on campus, learning about the interests of student employees and the Fairhaven community. I am attending Western Washington University with the intention of majoring in environmental policy, and following graduation I aim to work in environmental law. In my time here as a Student Senator, I will represent the needs of all students, and continue to contribute to WWU's collective efforts towards sustainability.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Lincoln Tree Farm Advisory Board member, Seasonal Wildland Firefighter

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

Served as Washington State Senate Page

Candidate for At Large



**David
Nessa**
he/him

Major: Geography
Graduation Year: 2023

Candidate Statement:

Hey, my name is David, a geography major and honors college student, and as an At-Large Senator I plan on bringing our problems to the table. I will listen to the student body through social media such as WWU Voice and make sure that our policy makers hear what we have to say. There is an overwhelming lack of allowances made to the students that let them dictate what goes on at this school. I will pay particular attention to issues of inclusion, improving student power, getting rid of Aramark, and opening up the Canyon Lake Community Forest for student and community uses. <https://www.change.org/p/canyon-lake-community-forest-public-access>. Moreover, I hope I can help push the university to punish/fire professors that commit wrongdoing. Do I have your vote? If not, that's chill! :)

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Honors College, Intramural Basketball

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

Valedictorian in High School

Candidate for At Large



**Gabe
Wong**
He/Him

Major: Energy Science and
Technology, BS
Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

I'm Gabe Wong (He/Him) a first-year, and I'm running for an At-Large Senate seat. I decided to give this a shot because I want student voices heard and university politics interest me. After being at Western for almost a year, I've come to recognize the important role of the AS Senate in ensuring student voices are heard. That is, Western administration keeps its most regular contact to the student body through the Senate and the Executive board. My goal is to ensure that the student community at-large is being well represented. I especially want to listen to the voices of marginalized students. That means doing everything I can to meet BSO demands. Working towards a dining system that works for all students, regardless of dietary or financial restrictions. Listening to those students to whom Coronavirus continues to pose a serious risk. And, working to ensure mental health services are available to everyone, even those who can't afford a referral. Especially as we continue to emerge from the most isolating two years of our lives. I hope you'll trust me to be one of your senators. If you have any questions please email me at wongg4@wwu.edu.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Students for Self-Operated Dining

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Position Paper Award BYUMUN30

Candidate for At Large



**Liam
Pratt**
He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Liam, I'm a sophomore here at Western, and I hope to make this campus a better place by serving on the AS Student Senate. In highschool, I was the founder and president of the first ever outdoors club. The goal of that organization was to take students who never had the opportunity to be immersed in the outdoors and get them hiking, kayaking, and any other outdoors activity free of charge. After graduating, I spent my freshman year at a small school in the Bronx, NY. While there, I honed my leadership abilities by participating in community organizing and service events focused on improving the campus community, as well as getting the local Throgs Neck neighborhood involved with on-campus research activities. After transferring to Western, a friend and I founded the Students for Climate Action club. In addition to club duties, I serve as Fairhaven's VP of Community Engagement, and play intramural soccer. If elected to the student senate, I plan on focusing my time and effort on creating programs for the student body to better build a sense of community after having it be virtually wiped out by the pandemic.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Students for Climate Action Founder and President, Fairhaven Hall Council Vice President of Community Engagement, Intramural Soccer

Candidate for College of Business and Economics



**Dacey
Durbin**
she/her

Major: Politics/Philosophy/Econ
Graduation Year: 2024

Candidate Statement:

My name is Dacey Durbin, I am pursuing my undergraduate degree in Politics/Philosophy/Econ, with a minor in Communication Studies, and I hope to serve as a member of the ASWWU Student Senate for the College of Business and Economics. I have held many leadership positions including acting as an officer of Western's first satirical newspaper, The Back, being a Project HEAL fundraiser/social media ambassador, as well as acting as one of six Washington State Thespian Officers from 2019 to 2020. College is a scary time for most students, and I hope to maintain and improve Western's standards for a safe, diverse, and inclusive campus. I feel confident in speaking up about important and difficult conversations, I am passionate about student advocacy, and I hope to be someone anyone can come to with an issue if they feel uncomfortable sharing themselves.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

The Back Satirical Newspaper Officer, Women's Rugby Team Participant

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

Project HEAL Fundraiser/Social Media Ambassador

Candidate for College of Business and Economics



**Sofia
Trujillo**
She/Her

Major: Management Information Systems
Graduation Year: 2023

Candidate Statement:

My name is Sofia Trujillo and I'm running for Student Senate for the College of Business and Economics. I'm a Management Information Systems and a Communication Studies major. I'm active in my community at Western being part of the woman's rugby team, the Communication Studies club, and Lavender Menaces. I'm passionate about helping people and I regularly volunteer at the Bellingham Food Bank to help fight food insecurity in Whatcom county. I am a dedicated, hard working, and driven individual that is ready to work for the students at Western Washington University.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Secretary and recruitment officer for the Women's Rugby club, Budgetary officer for Communications Club, and member for lavender menaces

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

United States Soccer Federation referee, and food bank volunteer for the Marysville Food Bank and Bellingham food bank

Candidate for College of Fine and Performing Arts



**Meagan
Brown**
They/them/theirs

Major: Theatre and Dance

Candidate Statement:

I am passionate about supporting and growing the student and local performing arts community. If elected, I would be a strong advocate for the upkeep and improvement of Old Main Theatre, the primary venue for student ran performances

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Plays4us Technical Director, STP Lighting Designer

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Usher at the 5th Avenue Theatre, volunteer for B'ham Hop

Candidate for College of the Environment



**Pierce
Bock**
he/him/his

Major: Urban Planning and Sustainable Development

Candidate Statement:

Hi, my name is Pierce Bock! I am running for Senator for the college of the environment to reclaim student power and bring equitable spaces into our university. Undergraduate workers deserve living wages and extra compensation when put into vulnerable positions (COVID-19 pandemic). If elected, I will work to instate a university wide minimum wage of \$20 an hour, establish \$4 extra hazard pay, and exempt student workers from fees. Finally, I will work to fulfil all BSO demands including instating a self-operated dining system and diversifying authors in our curriculum. As a senator for the College of the Environment, I have secured \$2,000 in funding to install BIPOC art on campus, a project I will continue into next year. I have also advocated for accessibility to canyon lake community forest, and more bike lanes which I will also continue into next year. For earth week, I organized activities including collaborating with the NSEA to plant over 700 willow trees! Outside of campus, I am building affordable student housing as the executive director of the first ever student Community Land Trust. I have experience working with my community to get things done, and a history of putting students first.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Student senator for the college of the environment, Transportation advisory board member, BIPOC art instillation organizer, Canyon lake community forest advocate, Student bike lane advocate, Advocate at lobby day 2022, Organizer for earth week tree planting party

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Executive director of UTHIA community land trust, Bellingham community development board member, Be: Seattle board member, Guest speaker at Bellevue CC tenants rights workshop, Consultant for alternative emergency services pilot, Citizen's climate lobby intern, Frmr. Head server at Maikham, Co creator of Neighborhood voices design, Frmr. Field organizer at Echohawk for Seattle, Frmr. paid canvasser at Shepard for port commissioner, Team captain of Ski to Sea team Luney Prunes, Transit riders union member, Whatcom democrats member, Happy Valley community garden plot owner.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

1st place team in individual scores in the first year division for the fall 2021 PNW debate tournament, Mayoral appointment to Community development advisory board

Candidate for College of the Environment



**Sean
Hakala**
he/him

Major: Urban Planning and Sustainable Development
Graduation Year: 2024

Candidate Statement:

The students of WWU deserve a dining system that works for them, rather than for capital and the prison industrial complex. That is why as a senator I will support the movement for self-operated dining, so we can remove ourselves from the mess of the “Big 3” food services corporations Aramark, Sodexo, and Compass Group. The student workers of WWU deserve better pay and conditions, as well as protection from unfair labor practices. That is why I would support and push for the unionization of student workers, so that students working on campus can demand pay that can cover the ever-rising cost of living in Bellingham. The bike riders of WWU deserve better protection against theft of their mode of transportation. That is why as a senator I will work to improve the existing bike registry program to be more like the University of Northern Colorado’s. The new and improved registration program would provide students a high-quality u-lock and a campus registration sticker to further improve protection against theft through both physical and legal measures.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Urban Planning Club; Shred The Contract: Students for Self-Operated Dining

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Seattle Transit Rider's Union; Andrew Grant Houston for Seattle Mayor Campaign

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences



**Brady
Marshall**

Major: History

Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

Hello WWU. I am running for Student Senate in order to help increase visibility and participation in the humanities at this university. As a future senior for the 2022-2023 term, my hope is to leave Western a better place than when I transferred here in the fall of last year. To me, Western is two things: opportunity and community. If I get your vote, we'll expand on those and more. I want to hear from you personally and know what you all want to change or stay the same, which is why I'm including my email in this statement marshab6@wwu.edu. This school deserves a better class of senator, and I'm going to give it to them (variation of a Joker quote from The Dark Knight, I'm not trying to diss any past senators who've done their job with excellence).

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

ATUS help desk employee

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Member of Talking with Famous People

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Pierce College Chancellor's List 2021

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences



**Sofia
Larrondo**
she/her

Major: Political Sciences and Economics

Candidate Statement:

Hi Western! My name is Sofia Larrondo, and I will be senior in the 2022-2023 academic year. I am Political Sciences and Economics major, and I am minoring in Law, Diversity and Justice, Communications, and Human Rights! I As the Latinx Student Union activities coordinator and one of the current Student Senators for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), this past year has been insightful and has provided me with the necessary experience, and the leadership skills to accomplish more in the next school year. Throughout the 2021-2022 academic year I have mainly focused on making the Student Senate more accessible for students to navigate; I have pushed for decolonization of the curriculum in CHSS departments; and I have been working to make BIPOC voices heard within the college. Next year I want to continue and prioritize the decolonization of the curriculum, and also focus on the protection and providing the tools for undocumented students at Western. I also want to continue expanding the accessibility and build a trustworthy relationship between CHSS senators and students in the college. I am looking forward to continuing to represent CHSS students and fight for their needs and wants!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Current CHSS student senator, LSU Activities Coordinator, Blue Group Committee, intramural volleyball

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences



**Yasmin Lamas
Flores**

she/her/hers

Major: Psychology

Candidate Statement:

Greetings and salutations. My name is Yasmin Lamas Flores, I'm currently a first year student here at Western. I will be majoring in Psychology and Minor in Sociology. I am running for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences officer position. Throughout this year, I was a part of the Latinx Student Union as their Freshman Representative on their board. Having this experience I have come across some of my peers who are examples of great leadership. By talking and working with these people I have gotten really good communication, problem solving, and organization skills which I believe have made me into the leader I am today. If elected I will commit myself to encourage the input and opinions of students in college. Especially those in our ESC community. Something that is always really important is the way the Associated Students team communicates with their student body. I believe I'm someone that can guarantee the inclusivity for peers that want help to make their voices heard and needs met.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Latinx Student Union

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

The WASA Student Leadership Award 2020-21

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences



**Zarah
Ahmed**
she/her/hers

Major: Anthropology/Biology,
East Asian Studies Minor

Candidate Statement:

I am Zarah Ahmed! I am involved with South Asian Student Association and the Muslim Student Association on campus, and have some experience within the AS, especially as part of the ESC Executive Board. My interest in this position is primarily curiosity and garnering experience, to see just how much I can help and make my fellow student's school lives better in the long run. I was not entirely motivated to be active in college my freshman year, so when I was finally up for it, COVID hit, which impacted me, but everyone around me. This opportunity will allow me to reach out to others so they can attend college comfortably.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

President of South Asian Student Association (SASA), club member of Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Volunteer at Galas and fundraisers hosted by Spreeha Foundation

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering



**Benton
Smith**
he/they

Major: Plastics and Composites Engineering

Candidate Statement:

My name is Benton Smith, a plastics and Composites Engineering major. I'm interested in running for this position with the hopes of improving the quality of life and education of my peers.

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering



**Miriam
Gold**
she/her

Major: Cell/Molecular biology
Graduation Year: 2023

Candidate Statement:

Hi I'm Miriam! I am one of the current senators running for my second year to continue working for all the students of WWU! After working in this position for a year I feel inspired to keep working to make the College of Science and Engineering as inviting and equitable as possible. I have grown very attached to this work and especially look forward to continuing work on my biggest project, to get ethics courses built in to all CSE majors. If reelected, I would be able to take all that I have learned from this year and jump straight into work in the fall without the usual roadblocks. I learned a lot from mistakes I made this year and will be a better senator next year for these experiences. I want to learn from students what would improve their lives at Western and use my position to take administration to task over student needs. One of my top priorities is to work together with the broadest coalition we can build to finally Shred The Contract with Aramark and establish our own dining system. I would be so grateful for the opportunity to work as senator for another year.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

SACNAS, Natural 20 Tabletop RPG Club, Lavender Menaces, Molecular Biosciences Club

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Whatcom Hospice House Volunteer, Antos Lab Research Assistant

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

President's List

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering



**Henry
Manza**
He/him

Major: Bachelor of Science
Mathematics
Graduation Year: 2025

Candidate Statement:

I am a freshman here at Western and I am hoping to bring some new ideas into the Senate. I have had experience in several leadership roles in my past jobs and I am hoping to bring those skills to this position. As a part of the Senate I want to try and promote awareness about what the Senate does and give people who wouldn't normally have one, a voice in it. As a math major I am running for a seat in the Department of Science and Engineering, but I want to encourage everyone here at Western to take part and make themselves heard on issues that directly affect them.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

skiing, mountain biking, hiking.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

Western Honors College

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering



**Justin
McGlone**
he/him

Major: Biochemistry

Candidate Statement:

Hello fellow students and friends of Western, my name is Justin McGlone, and I am one of the current CSE student senators rerunning to continue to advocate for your needs to the staff and administration here at our university. As I have sought my best to do this quarter in representing the needs of all student, particularly with those that have historically been overlooked. This is not an endeavor that I can undertake alone as I need help from all of you to get to accomplish this. For this upcoming school year I want to be able to work more with the student body at large to get a better sense of what your needs are and continue to make strides in working towards a more inclusive and equitable future at Western.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

CCF, Dr. Spiegel's research group

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Church involvement

Candidate for Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies



**Ted
Topper**
He/Him

Major: Fairhaven Concentration

Candidate Statement:

Greetings! My name is Ted and it is my great honor to announce my candidacy to represent you, the Fairhaven community, within the AS Senate. It is my wish to use the position to continue programs enacted for you, such as the Fairhaven Forum and the Preschool Games, as well as better facilitate communications between our little coterie and the Fairhaven administration. I look forward to serving you.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

AS Senate

Candidate for Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies



**Quincy
Ingalls**
he/him

Major: Fairhaven Concentration

Candidate Statement:

I'm Quincy! I'm running for re-election to serve you as your Student Senator. I'm proud to learn at Fairhaven College in my home, the Pacific Northwest. Our biome contains multitudes of diverse communities and ecosystems, just like Fairhaven - it's hard to imagine living or learning anywhere else! I'm astounded at how diverse, accepting, and vibrant our students, professors, and staff are, with classes that reflect our community. My study areas include ecology, psychology, and general activism. I enjoy snow, video games, cats, and talking to you! As your student senator for Winter and Spring quarter, I have been working on many projects to improve life at WWU. I have been committed to completing the Black Student Organization's demands. My other projects include creating a microaggression reporting system, a Fairhaven College Canvas page, and spreading Indigenous art inside and outside our College! Vote for me so I can continue my work and continue serving you!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Outback Farm

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Volunteering with the city of Bellingham for habitat restoration, litter pickup, and invasive species removal.

Candidate for Graduate School



**Jaimie
Baxter**
she/her

Major: Environmental Studies

Candidate Statement:

As I wrap up my first year at Western, I feel poised and energized to represent incoming and returning graduate students in the ASWWU Senate. I am pursuing a Master of Arts in Environmental Studies and my work broadly involves ensuring equity and inclusivity in the decision-making processes of landscape conservation decisions on a national scale. In my first year here at Western, I was a half-time TA for the Graduate School and tasked with coordinating professional development opportunities (e.g., scholarships and grant writing) and advocating on behalf of graduate students through the Graduate Student Advocacy Council. Starting this past winter quarter, I began a half-time TA position with the Research and Writing Studio as a Graduate Studio Assistant. Both experiences provided me with opportunities to meet and learn from a wide range of graduate students from departments outside of my home department. I am interested in running for ASWWU Senate because I believe I understand the needs and opportunities to support graduate students more holistically and equitably. If elected, I would work diligently with campus organizations and departments, such as the Disability and those involved with Accessibility Center and Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs, to strive for a more supportive and inclusive graduate experience for all.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Graduate Student Advocacy Council

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

North Sound Stewards volunteer and an avid backpacker, landscape photographer, and plant nerd

Candidate for Graduate School



**Katey
Queen**
she/her/hers

Major: Environmental Science

Candidate Statement:

Katey Queen (she/her/hers) candidate for AS Graduate Student Senator. I would like to improve the graduate student experience as your legislative representative. As graduate students, we find ourselves in a unique standing as early academics and leaders in our field of study. I understand the complicated balance we try to maintain and the demands of our positions. My previous leadership endeavors in academia and the workplace have successfully improved the day-to-day, changed broad policy issues, and supported underrepresented individuals and groups. On a personal note, I've fought the health care and insurance industry for 15 years advocating for better care for my endometriosis. Long story short, I won. I'm an NSF Graduate Research Fellow studying aquatic ecology. I have a goldendoodle and two black cats. The last two years have put additional stress on graduate students that have demonstrated how essential and integral we are to the functionality of WWU. The new challenges and changes to learning, teaching, collaboration, and socialization require campus-wide attention as we emerge from a period that continues to test our strength and mental health. Making up less than 10% of the student body and even less of the WWU community, we are still critically vital and deserve a representative with experience, perseverance, and resiliency. I would be honored to represent the graduate student body. Vote for Katey Queen!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Institute for Watershed Studies

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Ecological Society of America member, Washington State Lake Protection Association member, Trout Unlimited Member, Annual Night of Networking UW Bothell School of STEM Panelist, and alpine skiing

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP), Anchor QEA Research Scholarship, WA TrailBlazers Research Scholarship, and Oregon Lakes Association Research Scholarship.

Candidate for Woodring College of Education



**Hailey
Hartford**
she/her/hers

Major: Special Education
Graduation Year: 2024

Candidate Statement:

My name is Hailey Hartford, and I am running for the ASWWU Student Senate Woodring position. I am a Sophomore who applied to the Special Education Major for Fall Quarter of 2022. I believe I am qualified for this position because I have a strong work ethic, have great leadership abilities, and work as an incredibly adaptable individual. I have experience collaborating with others along with leading students in a classroom setting. I would like to be on this board because I am very passionate about being a voice for Western students in AS events on-campus. Additionally, I am passionate about working with both Elementary Education and Special Education and would love to be a voice for all students. If I am elected, I will listen to the wants and needs of all students and work to meet their demands. In addition to this, I want to make Western an inclusive school with a diverse array of ideas. Thank you.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Operations Officer of Planned Parenthood Generation Action

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Volunteering with MAGIC in the PNW

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades:

Admissions Achievement Award, Honors Roll for Winter Quarter 2022

Candidate for Woodring College of Education



**Lily
Duong**
She/Her

Major: Language, Literacy, and
Cultural Studies

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Lily Duong and I'm running for the Woodring College of Education Student Senator position. I'm currently a peer mentor for the Woodring Diversity, Recruitment & Retention Office where I provide resources for prospective students and freshman part of the Future Woodring Scholars pathway program. I'm an Elementary Education - Language, Literacy, and Cultural Studies major and I love working with students from all backgrounds. I'm interested in running for Student Senate because I want to continue to expand my reach by getting more involved on campus. If elected, I promise to do my best to represent and reflect the voices and needs of our student body.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Woodring Diversity, Recruitment & Retention Office - Peer Mentor

Ballot Measures

The logo for ASWWU, featuring the letters 'AS' in a blue, stylized font with a swoosh underneath, followed by 'WWU' in a blue, sans-serif font.



Sustainability, Equity and Justice Fund Referendum

All Western Washington University Students taking six or more credits on affiliated campuses be charged a Sustainability, Equity and Justice Fund (SEJF) of \$9 per academic quarter. The maximum fee can be decreased or increased only with a vote from the student body.

This fee is intended to fund projects and educational experiences that provide sustainable benefits, opportunities for student learning and growth, and to uphold the values of sustainability inclusive of protecting local and global ecology, upholding social equity, creating economic vitality, and maintaining human health. It also funds the operational and personnel budgets of the SEJF program.

The Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund as voted would be effective Fall Quarter 2022 and would expire the end of Spring Quarter 2026.

Student Technology Fee Referendum

Shall the students of Western Washington University recommend the renewal of the Student Technology Fee at a rate of \$35.00 per quarter (not increasing or decreasing) for students with 6 credits or more and \$17.50 per quarter for students with 1 to 5 credits? This proposal will be reevaluated and voted on again in 4 years. This fee would include:

- \$13.29 for Computer Lab Renewal and Replacement
- \$ 7.59 for Networking Renewal and Replacement
- \$ 5.86 for the Student Technology Center
- \$ 4.35 for Tech Initiatives (previously called “STF Proposal Fund”)
- \$ 2.35 for the Digital Media Center
- \$ 0.98 for Print Quota
- \$ 0.58 for Information Security

Active Transportation Fee Referendum

Shall all Western Washington University students taking six or more credits on the Bellingham Campus be assessed an Active Transportation Fee (ATF) of \$30.00 per quarter with the following minimum conditions?

- The fee will fund:
 - A Whatcom Transportation Authority bus pass for every Active Transportation Fee-paying student. Bus passes for additional transit systems such as Skagit Transit may also be provided to increase access to and use of active transportation.
 - A late-night student transportation service for students that begins running when WTA service ends or before. At a minimum this would serve the general campus area.
 - Programming that supports and encourages students to not drive alone to Western. This can include transportation modes like transit, carpooling, car share, walking, and rolling (bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc.).
 - Staff positions to coordinate and promote active transportation for programming and services for students. At the very least, staff will include an Active Transportation Coordinator, which is a student position, and a full-time staff member.
- If late night service is not offered during summer quarter, students taking summer quarter classes will be charged a reduced fee of \$24.50 reflecting the costs of a WTA bus pass program, staff, and ongoing programs.
- Fee increases will be limited to a maximum of 5% per year. Increases of more than 5% must be approved by the student body through a vote. The fee may only be increased by recommendation of the ATF committee after an assessment of predicted income and expenses determines that a fee increase is necessary for sustaining or improving service. The fee increase must also be approved by the Associated Students Executive Board.
- On the recommendation of the ATF Committee, fee decreases of any amount may be approved by the Associated Students Executive Board to reflect decreased program costs or due to University, State, or Federal requirements preventing or reducing transit or late-night transportation services.
- The fee will be implemented for a maximum 5-year term, beginning fall quarter 2022, and ending at the beginning of fall quarter 2027, and is subject to a student vote in spring 2027 for renewal.