



# The Western Votes & Associated Students Cooperative Contract



## I. PURPOSE

- i. The Associated Students and Western Votes join in partnership, striving to unite activism, professionalism, and strategic action planning while implementing local, statewide, and national campaigns. Western Votes will work to educate, organize, and mobilize students for social change while empowering civic engagement among students, ~~to promote effective citizenship by students at Western Washington University.~~

## II. INTERNAL OPERATION

- i. Western Votes shall maintain the sole authority to adopt and create bylaws and rules governing its operation so long as they are democratic in nature.
- ii. Western Votes is subject to University and AS policies.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

- i. All members of the ASWWU are eligible to be members of Western Votes.
- ii. The membership of Western Votes will select three (3) members to serve as an Executive Council that will be officially responsible for meeting the expectations laid out in this contract.
- iii. The ASWWU will designate the AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Representation & Engagement Programs (REP) Associate Director to attend Western Votes meetings and to advise Western Votes.

## IV. EXPECTATIONS

- i. Western Votes will work with the AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Representation & Engagement Programs to foster effective student citizenship civic engagement on campus through:
  - a. Voter registration drives
  - b. Voter education programs
  - c. Organizing legislative advocacy & education programs
  - d. Serving as the Washington Student Association's on-campus chapter at Western.
- ii. Western Votes shall maintain a non-partisan position on all issues.

## V. AUTHORITIES

- i. Western Votes may access funds from the Voter Registration & Education Budget, Legislative Affairs Budget, and Legislative Action Fund as permitted and approved by the AS Budget Authority for those budgets and the Director of Student Activities.
- ii. Western Votes may use AS resources through the REP.
- iii. Western Votes may use the official AS Logo as necessary.

## VI. AMENDMENTS

- i. This contract may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors in consultation with the Western Votes Executive Council.
- ii. This contract may be ended by either Western Votes or the AS Board of Directors with a minimum notice of two (2) weeks.

## VII. TERM

- i. This contract will be in effect for one year from the date it is approved at which time it will be reviewed for renewal by the AS Board of Directors and Western Votes Executive Council.