



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

Election Board Charge & Charter

November 2012 ~~September 2013~~

- Charge:** Make decisions concerning the fairness of Associated Students Election proceedings through hearings regarding candidate grievances. Judgments shall be made according to the Election Board's interpretation of the rules and regulations outlined in the AS Election Code.
- Membership:**
- Chair shall be hired by the AS Personnel Office and shall not be an AS employee, candidate, or involved with a candidate's campaign.
  - Eight (8) students-at-large, no more than two (2) from any one Western affiliated organization or club, to be appointed by the AS Board of Directors.
  - Advisor (non-voting).
- No Election Board member shall be a candidate, or involved with a candidate's campaign.
- Chair:** The Chair shall be hired by the AS Personnel Office. They shall convene meetings, approve agendas, preside at all meetings and report all actions taken to the AS Board of Directors.
- Meetings:** Meetings shall be called by the Chair as set forth by the Election Code. If more than one grievance is filed, they will be heard in the order in which they were received by the Chair. The proceedings shall follow the rules and regulations as stated in the AS Election Code.
- Appointments** Appointments made by the AS Board of Directors cannot be rescinded or changed after the official election process has begun, unless approved by a majority vote of the ~~Student Senate and~~ AS Board of Directors.
- Voting:** In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.
- Quorum:** Five members, including the chair shall constitute quorum. Each party to a grievance is allowed to disqualify one member from serving on the hearing panel. The chair cannot be disqualified. Of the eight (8) students at-large, four (4) will be selected.
- Amendments:** This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the ~~Student Senate and~~ AS Board of Directors. This charter may not be amended after the official election process has begun until the official results have been ratified by the AS Board of Directors.
- Reportage:** The Election Board shall report all hearing outcomes to the AS Board of Directors.
- Appeals:** Decisions made by the AS Election Board are considered final with the exception of candidate disqualification. In the event that a candidate is disqualified by the AS Election Board the candidate may appeal this decision to the AS Elections Appeals Panel.