



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Student Senate Reform Proposal

Intent:

As a result of conversations at many different levels over the years regarding the Student Senate, it has become apparent that major changes are needed in both the structure and responsibilities of the Senate. This restructuring has become a moving target, however, because the nature of the Senate changes from year to year, creating difficulties in forming a comprehensive package of recommendations to improve the working and representational capacity of the Senate. Some options regarding the reformatting of the Senate also require logistical and financial considerations on the part of the Associated Students, and thus need time to evaluate their feasibility.

As such, it is the intent of this proposal to put the Student Senate in hiatus for the 2013-2014 school year while all relevant stakeholders draft a package to bring to a final vote in Spring 2014, including but not limited to a referendum to the student body.

Action:

The Board suspends the operation of the Student Senate for the 2013-2014 school year, and will in the 2013 hiring process hire a Senate Reform Personnel (job description to be determined through the regular process), instead of a Student Senate Chair. The Senate Reform Personnel will lead and prepare all meetings regarding the drafting of a reform recommendation to the Board.