



“AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs Position Description”

Proposed Motion: Approve Position Description for AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs

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Attached Document

Attached is an AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs Position Description.

Background & Context

At the AS Board of Directors on August 17, 2017, the AS Board passed, with majority, a motion to (1) appoint Ana Ramirez as an AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs, an unpaid position, and (2) to create a subcommittee, whose membership would be decided by the AS President, to determine the details of the position. The subcommittee’s membership included the AS President, AS Vice President for Business & Operations, Associate Dean of Student Engagement/Director of Viking Union, and Coordinator of Student Activities.

Precedents

• Position Duties

In the past, the Associated Students of Western Washington University has in the past partnered with academic departments to facilitate the experiential learning of a member of Western’s student body in the form of unpaid internships.

Excerpts from “Salary” section of Internship Opportunity Template:

“This is a volunteer position; there is no monetary compensation.”

“Volunteer interns may be able to receive academic credit [...] depending upon the student’s qualifications.”

• Voting Rights on the AS Board of Directors

Voting on the AS Board is restricted to the seven elected members of the AS Board of Directors, as outlined in the AS Bylaws.

Article 3 Section 1

Board of Directors: The general management of the funds, affairs and property of the ASWWU shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall be elected and shall serve as provided in these Bylaws. The number of directors shall be seven (7), selected as set forth in Article V. of these Bylaws.”

Article 3 Section 2

“Section 2. Officers: The officers of the ASWWU shall consist of a President, Vice President for Business & Operations, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Vice President for Activities, Vice President for Diversity and a Vice President for Student Life, who shall be elected to these positions concurrently as Directors as provided in Article V., Section 4. of these Bylaws.”

Article 5 Section 1

“Section 1. Management of the ASWWU: The Board of Directors shall have general charge and management of the affairs, funds, and property of the ASWWU. The Board shall have full power and it shall be the Board's duty to carry out the purposes of the ASWWU according to its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.”

Article 5 Section 4

“Directors Positions: The seven (7) members of the Board of Directors of the ASWWU shall be elected to the following designated titles and shall concurrently serve in the following official capacities:

- President of the Associated Students; Chair of the Board of Directors
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Business & Operations; Vice Chair of the Board of Directors
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Academic Affairs
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Governmental Affairs
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Activities
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Diversity
- Vice President of the Associated Students for Student Life”

Article 5 Section 5

“Board Members: Shall be elected by the members of the ASWWU at-large. The term of office of each director shall be one (1) year, or until a qualified successor is elected. The terms of Directors holding positions shall be concurrent; each term commencing on the Saturday of Spring Commencement of the current year and end on the Friday of finals week of the following spring quarter.”

Summary of Proposal

I propose that the AS Board of Directors approve AS Consultant for Governmental Affairs Position Description. This position will consult with the AS Board of Directors regarding the AS Board of Directors’ work regarding governmental affairs.

Fiscal Impacts

This proposal has no fiscal impact. This is a volunteer position; there is no monetary compensation.

Rationale

The approval of this proposal will allow for the position appointee to begin consulting with the AS Board of Directors, AS Representation and Engagement Programs staff, and other University entities.