



## **AS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Policy**

**Proposed Motion:** To require all AS Board meeting minutes to detail how board members voted.

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**Guest Speaker:** Nate Jo, AS Board Assistant for Internal Committees

### **Background & Context**

The AS WWU Board of Directors exists to serve and represent the diverse needs of the student body. As required by Washington State Law, board meetings are open to the public and arcuate meeting minutes are completed for every board meeting. Board members are elected by the student body and meeting minutes are intended to increase transparency and ensure that board members are held accountable for their actions and words while on official record. However, the current board minutes do not detail which board members voted for or against motions. Therefore, if a student wished to question a decision of the board or action of a board member, they would not be able to easily know who to address their complaint to.

### **Summary of Proposal**

All meeting minutes for the AS Board of Directors would be required to detail which board members voted for or against motions. This information would be listed in the meeting minutes under the vote count. The vote breakdown need not be listed if the board voted unanimously "aye" or unanimously "nay" and need not be listed in the summary of motions.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

This proposal has no fiscal impacts.

### **Alternative Solutions**

Video recordings could be posted for all board meetings to allow students to see how board members vote. However, very few students would watch the recordings and it would be more difficult to accurately tell how board members voted. Additionally, it would require more time than simply looking at a motion in the meeting minutes to see a vote break down.

### **Rationale**

AS Board of Directors meeting minutes serve both as a legal record and a tool for transparency and accountability to the student body. Up to this point, the meeting minutes do not clearly show which board members voted for or against a motion. While many motions are unanimously carried, those that are not should be recorded showing the vote break down. Recording vote breakdowns for non-unanimous votes would give students another tool for holding board members accountable as well as providing clearer and more arcuate legal records of board actions.