



## Western Washington University Associated Students

### AS Board of Directors

January 25, 2019

VU 567

**Board Members:** *Present:* Millka Solomon (President), Ama Monkah (VP for Activities), Genaro Meza Roa (VP for Business and Operations), Camilla Mejía (VP for Diversity), Natasha Hessami (VP for Governmental Affairs), and Anne Lee (VP for Student Life)

*Absent:* Levi Eckman (VP for Academic Affairs),

**Advisor:** Leti Romo (Assistant Director for Student Representation & Governance)

**Secretary:** Travis Felver

**Guest(s):** Cora Cole (AS Committee Coordinator), Alec Willis (AS REP Elections Coordinator)

#### Motions:

**ASB-19-W-13** Approval of the minutes. *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-14** To approve agenda changes *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-15** To approve the AS BOD Meeting Minutes Policy *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-16** To pass the Budget Committee Charge and Charter with the amendments of: striking AS general representative, adding 1 AS Board of Directors member, changing AS Senator Membership to 3 AS Senators, and adding 2 student-at-large positions *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-17** To extend the time for discussion by ten minutes *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-18** To extend the time for discussion by five minutes *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-19** To extend the time for discussion by five minutes *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-20** To pass the Recall Election Code with the amendment that the Board cannot post on their personal social media accounts concerning the Recall Election *Passed*

**ASB-19-W-21** To approve all of the committee appointments *Passed*

*Millka Solomon, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.*

#### I. Approval of Minutes

*MOTION ASB-19-W-13 by Hessami*

To approve the minutes.

*Second: Mejía*

*Vote: 5-0-1*

*Action: Passed*

#### II. Revisions to the Agenda

B. Money Request Policy Change and Outback Farm items were moved off the agenda

*MOTION ASB-19-W-14 by Monkah*

To approve these agenda changes.

*Second: Hessami*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

**III. Public Forum** (*comments from students and the community*)

The board is invited to the Sapphire Alumni Dinner on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and needs to RSVP before money (1/28/19). The purpose of this dinner is to thank the lifetime Sapphire members for their contributions to the foundations of the college.

**IV. Action Items - Guests**

A. AS BOD Minutes Policy – Nate Jo

Nate Jo explained that this meeting minute policy is currently unchanged and that the Student Senate is looking towards adopting the same policy. This will allow the Board minutes and the Student Senate minutes to have the same level of transparency and accessibility to students. He will be presenting them at the next Student Senate meeting. This policy currently would only apply to the Board of Directors at this time, though minutes policies for committees is currently being investigated.

*MOTION ASB-19-W-15 by Monkah*

To approve the AS BOD Minutes Policy

*Second: Hessami*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

**V. Action Items - Board**

A. Budget Committee C & C Meza-Roa

Meza-Roa explained that the charter is currently unchanged, calls for three to five senators instead of students. There is a discussion of creating a separate group comprised of representatives from the Board, Senate, and students-at-large as a representative committee which would serve as a replacement for this Budget committee to better serve the various levels of students who would be involved in the process

Cole explained that last year there was discussion about retaining students-at-large on these committees and that more students and student senators need to be involved, then asked why this iteration no longer had students-at-large.

Meza-Roa explained that this change was made for it to go into effect this year, but he is open to amending that currently

Nate Jo explained that the Student Senators from the College of Business and Economics sent a statement regarding this; as follows:

“As Senators of the College of Business and Economics, and on behalf of our constituency and relevant Budget Committee stakeholders, we recommend when evaluating the

committee's charge and charter on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 you do not dissolve membership of students-at-large and instead maintain these seats alongside the additional AS Senators. The AS Budget Committee is an integral function within Western Washington University and maintaining membership for students-at-large is critical to this process. Positions for student-at-large on this Budget Committee provide accessibility for students to engage in campus governance and an avenue for students, especially within CVE to gain relevant experience in budgeting and decision making. Additionally, it is our belief that inclusion of students-at-large on the AS Budget Committee increases the efficiency of the budget approval without compromising the authority of the AS Senate and the Board who will still ultimately make budgeting decisions. Finally we contend that the inclusion of At Large students is unlikely to have a material impact on the recommendations that will come out of the Budget Committee and instead these positions will only serve to provide beneficial experiences to students who may not have the capacity to partake in democratically elected positions”

Mejia asked if there were any pros and cons list to adopting this policy and then adding student-at-large positions.

Mezo-Roa explained that he thought it wise to create an entirely new charter to accompany the new infrastructure this charter is to embrace. As the infrastructure is changing completely it would be simpler to create a new charter than to modify the existing one.

Cole explained that her position is responsible for overseeing committees and attempting to get students into them, therefore she recommends Vice President Meza-Roa attend some of the Restructuring Committee meetings in the next month because his insights on the Budget restructure are essential for a meaningful and productive review under the new process. As well as because budget reprocess are needed to get started very soon, she recommends someone motion this amending to add 2-3 students-at-large and that passes that so the Budget Committee can get started. Hessami seconds this recommendation.

Romo explained that there are currently two committees (the Budget Committee and the Business Committee) that are currently looking at budgets and that going forward the Board should think about whether this is actually necessary, as Business Committee was originally formed to support Budget Committee.

Solomon explained that Business Committee is responsible for making sure the documents are in place for Budget Committee so it is more important to make sure that students-at-large can be on the Budget Committee

Hessami explained that Restructure Committee has started and will be meeting in the next two weeks and she believes that they should keep going with the current charter and allow this conversation to happen in Restructure Committee. Mezo-Roa expressed his agreement.

Solomon explained that currently she believed that by adding another board member they could make it better collaboration between the Board and the Senate

Hessami agreed that this could be a good idea, but this conversation should happen in Restructure Committee

Solomon said that this could happen now with a small change. Which could still let the be passed today.

Cole asked if there are any other members of the Board who volunteers to sit on this committee. Solomon volunteered.

*MOTION ASB-19-W-16 by Hessami*

To pass the Budget Committee Charge and Charter with the amendments of: striking AS general representative, adding 1 AS Board of Directors member, changing AS Senator Membership to 3 AS Senators, and adding 2 student-at-large positions

*Second: Meza-Roa*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

**B. Recall Election Code**

Hessami explained that the Recall Election Code needed to be written as there was not a lot of precedence for this circumstance. In collaboration with the Rep office, the AS Elections Coordinator wrote this and it was brought before the Legislative Affairs Council which discussed it.

Willis explained that there needed to be a change made to the AS Election Code to allow the Recall Election Code to be made. This change is necessary due to the regulations in the general AS Election Code being impossible to regulate, and that they should not be regulated in the same way in a Recall Election.

Hessami explained that some of these changes in regulations include compensation for physical campaign material materials. Two things discussed in Legislative Affairs Committee is whether or not official social media pages could be made and LAC agreed it should be allowed in order to relieve confusion and to allow students to hear directly from the Board member who is up for recall, which would allow them to share their side of the story unfiltered. Secondly, there is concern that this could become a slander if there is "yes" campaigning for the recall election. These changes would limit the "yes" campaigns and allow the member up for recall to state their case.

Solomon asked why their posts would be notably different from writing for the school newspaper as she is certain it would be appropriate.

Hessami explained that posting in the newspaper would still be allowed, this would give them multiple opportunities to speak their case while eliminating others from "yes" campaigning.

Willis explained that "yes" campaigning would be stopped by the policies in the Recall Election Code prohibiting posting of physical campaign materials and spending of money on physical campaign materials, labor or any other purpose. Otherwise standard campaigning rules apply. These changes were made due to the nature of the AS being unable to regulate and control the campaigns both in favor and against the recall. People are still able to make social media pages so long as they are filed and emailed to the Rep office under penalty of a grievance.

Mejia asked if there is need for a petition to be done.

Willis explained that a petition was only needed to start the recall, which would be done before the Recall Election would start.

Meza-Roa explains that the timing of the voting period is shorter and recommends moving the voting period out one week to allow the subject of the Recall Election to have two weeks of campaign time.

Willis explained that amending to move the timing of the voting period would be in direct violation of the AS Guiding Documents as the election must be completed with three weeks of the Recall Election being activated, and in talks with members of the Representation and Engagement Programs Office, learned that moving it to the last possible day would deeply inconvenience members of the special elections process. Therefore he insists the dates stay the way they are which gives the election one week to campaign and a weekend to vote.

Nate Jo explained that the Board does not have that power to make this amendment and that it would need to be a move from the Board of Trustees.

Mejía asked if the AS is able to post on social media telling students to vote.

Hessami explained that due to difficulty in defining the “yes” and “no” campaigning, LAC decided that the Board holds the official “yes” campaign and will be responsible for writing the information next to the “yes” on the ballot.

Solomon asked that if Meza-Roa would be the official “no” in the campaign and that the Board would be the official “yes” so why can they not use money.

Willis explained that according to the AS Recall Election Code there is nothing that states any information will be put next to the ballot and in discussion decided that there will be no information next to the “yes” or the “no” on the ballot, trusting voters to inform themselves on the various mediums available. Secondly that the Board voting to initiate a recall is not a vote to recall therefore there is no official stance of the Board. If AS funds were used to tell students to vote, and vote only, it would be an acceptable use of funds. Finally that there is no official “yes” or “no” campaigning and the elections code is designed for that. A campus wide email will be sent reminding every student of the Conduct Code they would be agreeing to should they choose to campaign.

Romo explained that the senate has been informed that they are allowed to share their stance as an individual as this would not be acting in their official capacity. This rule applies to the rest of the Board (and all students in official capacities) as well.

Meza-Roa said that this election code should be sent to every student with the most salient points highlighted, being no campaign materials and no money being spent.

Willis said he would hyperlink the entire election code in the text of the email and highlight specific parts.

Mejía asked if the fact that in General Elections Board members were prohibited from supporting on their personal social media should be relevant.

Willis said that all campaigning done online is subject to the same rules and regulations as physical campaigning, including the Code of Conduct.

Hessami asked for clarification on whether Board members can post on their Facebook about how they are voting.

Willis said yes, so long as they don't use any professional resources.

Meza-Roa said that any comment made on social media about the election now makes it a campaign site, and asked if that would necessitate linking their Facebook to the REP office.

Willis explained that under the code comments made on a personal social media do not constitute making a campaign page, but they are still held to the same standard.

Hessami stated that the Board members are not Students-at-large

Willis stated that they could strike the words "at-large" in this case. And then explained that the code defines words "as needed"

Cole explained that all Board members represent all students so they are all students-at-large

Meza-Roa said that personal social media pages will be used as campaign sites for the next week and that he personally does not have social media which puts him at a severe disadvantage.

Hessami asked how these policies prevent personal slander.

Willis said all posts are still liable to the Code of Conduct.

Hessami said that in LAC they had a student-at-large who commented on being unsure about how they feel about Meza-Roa's position just from reading the articles in the school newspaper so they suggested allowing social media. Hessami did not know Meza-Roa did not have social media at the time, and explains that this does present an interesting disadvantage and that she wants to make sure that individuals seeking information can obtain it easily and asks Meza-Roa what he would recommend.

Romo explained that this code is meant to be universal and not a code specific for Meza-Roa.

Solomon seconded this, and said this circumstance could happen again.

Meza-Roa explained that due to the fact it is unfair to assume people have social media he feels it is prudent to ban social media.

Hessami said that this was the original plan with only in-person campaigning being an option.

Solomon explained that there are already rules in place preventing slander through the Code of Conduct and this is more about accessibility of information.

Willis explained that in the accessibility issue, not everyone has the opportunity to do in-person campaigning and not all students have the opportunity to be on campus to obtain information in this way and he feels it would be beneficial to give students another way to obtain this information. Secondly that there is another method, using publications throughout campus. And banning social media comments of any kind would be incredibly difficult to regulate due to the personal use of social media.

Meza-Roa explained that his desire to ban social media use was directed towards people in the AS who have a direct investment in the election. And that oversight in the people involved in the election should be possible. And this policy could serve its purpose in the future.

Monkah said that she believes it is completely impossible to ban social media, as it would also be used to share publication articles.

Senator explained that she feels it is very important for her to be able to explain why she feels the way she does, and that she has the responsibility to explain herself to her constituents which she could do over Facebook.

Solomon explained that she feels Board members, even if they initiated the vote should be able to use social media in order to explain why they feel the way they do, and this would be different from the ban on general elections due to the fact that they have all worked with the subject of the election whereas in general elections they have not had this opportunity. Potentially the Board could be mandated to report their posts to the REP office, allowing them to more closely monitored.

Willis said that this would solve the problem of “at-large” in the policy as then Board members would have to report and non-board members would be protected under the policy from reporting.

Solomon said that this would also allow anyone who does not have a social media page to make one, therefore no longer being at a disadvantage.

Romo explained that although the vote is unanimous this time it will not always be unanimous, therefore it is incorrect to assume it will always be solely one person’s responsibility to campaign “no.” Secondly, if someone is asked it is within their rights to explain why they voted either way but they cannot campaign for such.

Hessami requested that the email that gets sent out to all students get sent to all board members individually first. Willis agreed

Nate Jo said the Senate could also pass a resolution that if passed unanimously could be a political stance.

Solomon said that as everyone is currently able to make political statements and that since they are already under the Code of Conduct the need to report to the REP about comments is encroaching on their freedom.

Willis said that reporting their posts does not restrict their rights to post but due to how close this is to members of the board it would be more prudent to have the REP have a bit more knowledge.

Solomon disagreed, stating that all students are equally likely to break the Code of Conduct and if they are posting in their personal student capacity there is no need for these posts to be monitored extra.

Hessami stated that this would be incredibly difficult to monitor on all social media platforms and that going forward this would prove to be even more difficult to enforce, while the current grievance process already fills the need.

Meza Roa disagreed that board members are just as likely to break the Code of Conduct, stating that they are more likely in this case due to how close they are to the election. And that having to report does not prohibit their right to report in any way. And asked what the reporting could pertain.

Willis said he would friend everyone.

The board unanimously agreed that would be a bad precedent and disagreed.

Lee stated that as they are liable under the Code of Conduct other students will see if they break this code and will enter the grievance process. Then asked what the reporting process would accomplish beyond what the current grievance process does.

Solomon said that as they are student leaders they likely have more critical eyes on what they say and post, so the extra step of reporting is unnecessary.

Mejía asked if it would work to clear all posts through the REP office before posting

Solomon said that while it would be a good idea for a Board member to do so, putting it in the election code is unnecessary.

Meza-Roa stated that he disagrees that board members are less likely to break the Code of Conduct, citing that people in positions of power often use their qualifications to break these rules. Stating that the ban on social media is necessary because you will not know in the future who will have social media and who will not and this would prevent any slander.

Hessami said that in the original Election Code it states that Board members cannot endorse candidates or serve as campaign staff even as students. So if Board members are allowed to publicly speak on endorsements of this vote this is in violation of the original election code, but this is difficult as a Recall always involves a board member.

Willis explained that it is not in violation due the Recall Election code taking supremacy over all other codes for its duration. The reason the Board member subclause did not make it into the Recall Election code is that a Board member will always be involved in a Recall Election, and must be given the ability to defend themselves, and if this ability is given to one board member it must be given to all.



Meza Roa questioned why he added the clause giving it supremacy over other clauses due to its supplementary nature and reminded everyone that this discussion is about social media and that they can still campaign in person.

Solomon said that even if you don't have a social media account currently you could just make one.

Meza Roa stated that the disadvantage is still there as the new account would have zero followers

Solomon clarified that this rule applies to everyone who would use their social media to explain.

Meza Roa stated that this is why he believes that this ban should apply to only the AS members who are invested in the election.

Senator explained that she made a social media page for her senator campaign, and that starting from nothing she reached a ton of followers and got her point across to the student body.

Meza-Roa said that was anecdotal evidence and should not be considered in this discussion.

Romo said that there are other efforts could be better used concentrating on the point of the rule which is to give many access.

Willis stated that not having a social media account is a hypothetical situation in terms of this code, matched with many other hypothetical situations. And that someone not having social media should not be considered heavily in this discussion.

Nate Jo said the election code could stipulate that any new pages made for this election could not be connected to their personal account, therefore giving everyone an equal opportunity in creating a page.

Willis asked if they could an amendment to remove the "at-large" from "student-at-large"

Meza Roa said that he does not think they are ready to vote on this as there are too many things unresolved.

Hessami asked if this was mainly the social media problem because they have to pass it soon as the election is happening.

Monkah asked if they don't pass this does that push the election back an extra week.

Willis said that the election cannot be pushed back any farther, at this his job description states that he has precedent over judging, giving him authority over grievance processes. Which is why he doesn't want to do it.

Mejia expressed some more need for thought, and asked if they could have an emergency meeting on Monday.

Solomon said that due to the fact that even if you don't have social media you can start one, she is confident that this can go forward as is.

Meza-Roa asked if she would be willing to prohibit the use of personal established accounts to put everyone on equal starting ground. And this would only count for AS personnel.

Lee said this feel like adding extra barriers, and that this should be a use social media or not type of situation. And that the Board could decide on their own not to use social media.

Mejía said that she feels the board should do campaigning in a different way, even though social media would be very helpful. Due to the fact that minutes and various publications are available students already know the board's position on this issue.

Hessami stated that she agrees and cited that the original Election Code does not allow personal endorsement as precedent.

Solomon disagreed due to the fact that as individuals they have all worked with the subject of this election and should therefore be allowed to share their opinion when asked and a post on social media would pre-emptively allow people to know their stance.

Cole said that they could all individually send out a letter to the Western Front instead of using social media (1:15:25)

Mejía said that this would come from their position which is already prohibited.

Lee said that banning people in the AS posting on Social Media due to the fact it is their job to be in the AS, not in an elected capacity.

Meza-Roa said he thinks the Board should pass this with the amendment that the Board cannot use their personal account to post things concerning the election.

Monkah asked if that would allow them to create pages with no connection to their personal email accounts.

Meza-Roa said so long as they are filed with the REP office.

Monkah asked if they could share that page on their personal social media.

Willis said probably not if they were to add this amendment.

Solomon disagreed because if no one is spending money to their being no official "yes" or "no" side and everyone's comments are still under the Code of Conduct they should be allowed to say what they want to say, in Red Square and online.

Meza-Roa moved to pass this with amendment that Board members cannot use their personal social media account so long as they can create new pages that follow the Code of Conduct. Hessami seconded. Solomon opened it back up for discussion.

Mejía said that she is uncertain which way to vote.

Solomon said that it is acceptable to reopen discussion after a second.

Hessami asked if they could do an unofficial temperature test vote. Then stated that she is in favor of not allowing social media use, noting that if Meza-Roa had a Facebook she would be of a different opinion, as she is trying to give Meza-Roa as many opportunities, but admitted this is a very specific mindset and not a general one.

Mejía said that this situation could come up again therefore this is a general stance.

Meza-Roa moves to vote on the code with the amendment discussed.

Solomon said she still has more discussion. And that we should discuss whether social media use in this case is actively different from talking to people in-person at Red Square. And that as public officials who are political should be able to say what they think since they are already bound by the Code of Conduct. She then asked why social media for all other students would be acceptable but not social media for the Board.

Mejía explained that since the student body has already seen their stance they should not be posting on social media.

Solomon said that this circumstance is specific to this situation.

Mejía said in general this is going to be the same amount of spotlight on the Board and that students will already know which way they intend on voting.

Solomon said that the REP office has already declared this petition as a non-stance, that it opened up the vote but was not a declaration of a side, therefore board members should be allowed to post what they think.

Romo reminded the board that they had fifteen minutes allocated for this topic and per the rules it can only have ten minutes of discussion, in order to continue it needs to be a vote to continue the discussion.

Hessami moved to move the discussion to the WILD agenda topic and come back to this after.

Lee said that she does not want a break in topic discussion

Nate Jo said that revisions in the agenda need to happen in the revisions to the agenda section.

*MOTION ASB-19-W-17 by Hessami*

To extend the time for discussion by ten more minutes.

*Second: Mejía*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

Monkah said that she feels as if this conversation is simply regarding social media. The board agreed

Lee stated that she agrees with Solmon and that as each person is political and this information is coming from work relationships they should be allowed to post on social media, and to remind everyone that they are under the rules of the Code of Conduct

Solomon agreed that since they are already under the Code of Conduct they should be allowed to comment on whatever platforms they have available.

Meza-Roa agreed that they should be able to express their political opinion, but given the nature of the election the lack of social media by one member is a huge imbalance of power in the election process, and this amendment would only prohibit the use of personal, established social media accounts. Furthermore the claim that this could prevent people with disabilities to campaign is erroneous as those people could also create pages on social media and that they should go forward with this. Hessami agreed.

Solomon asked what the reason they could not post on their personal page would be.

Meza-Roa explained due to the power imbalance that is inherent in another board member not having a social media balance and this would further prevent any slander or misuse of the platforms.

Solomon explained that this is not about slander because everything said would have to follow the Code of Conduct and they should definitely be allowed to post on their personal social media accounts because is no official stance and this would give people freedom to discuss this election regardless of what side they would be on.

Cole said that this election is guaranteed to create grievances, and the committee which handles grievances is entirely operated by students. Cole suggests using a higher level of scrutiny when posting as Board members as members to have a higher perception of power which is in play in all cases of elections. Board members should be allowed to say what they will to defend their stance to their constituents.

Lee asked what this higher standard would be.

Cole said this is something the elections board is going to have to define in the same way they handle each grievance process.

Solmon said that they could post on their social media what their experience has been and not their opinion on the election.

Lee said that if she posted something and it incurred a grievance she welcomes that level of accountability.

Meza-Roa asked that everyone be more explicit in what they are saying due the fact that this amendment would not affect everyone, rather it only affects Board members. He also said that a higher level of scrutiny does not affect the power imbalance, and that a grievance process cannot undo the damage that will be done with a post that has a lot of following, and the punishment is not severe enough being only fifty dollars.

Willis added that it would also include publication in the Western Front and that public humiliation has always been the primary motivator in the grievance process.

Meza Roa stated that's still not enough to prevent breaking the rules, as was evident from last year's election.

Solomon said that this is a different conversation as it concerns the grievance process.

Hessami explained that this is in the same conversation due to the immense amount of social power that the Board possesses and that most of their friends are Western students on Facebook and I is prudent to limit far-reaching public posts. Interested students could reach out to them through email, or they could pursue giving a statement to the front or the review. It would be effective to limit their personal accounts but allow them to create separate groups as there is no way to eliminate the social power from their positions

Solomon explained that they are allowed to make political posts but it does not make sense why they could not post about a Recall Election.

Hessami said that they are not allowed to post about a General election and that they should not be making an exception for something as divisive as a Recall election, and that they have other professional avenues, such as email, Western Front, and AS review, as well as their office hours

Hessami moves to pass the Recall election code with the amendment that AS Board members cannot make public posts on their personal social media accounts regarding their decisions and opinions on the Recall Election. Meza-Roa seconds. Solomon adds discussion.

Hessami stated that they passed this stating Board members could not post on their social media accounts about candidates who are running in the general election due to the power they have as Board members. As they still have this power now it is prudent to use the same rule here in a situation with much higher stakes. She believes that the reason they are having this intense of a discussion this time rather than last time is due to the intensely personal nature of this Recall. They should set a precedent that is more neutral and errs on the side of being more professional.

*MOTION ASB-19-W-18 by Hessami*

To extend discussion by five minutes

*Second: Solomon*

*Vote: 5-1-0*

*Action: Passed*

Milka said this is not personal due to the fact that Board members are guaranteed to have worked with this person and therefore have a valid opinion, whereas in a General Election they could not know the subject as directly. Therefore they should be allowed to say things

Hessami stated that they would still be allowed to share their opinions, just not on their personal social media and that this is necessary because of the social clout that they have as Board members.

Solomon stated that she feels they have a right to share their opinions with their friend circles. And that Board members have not meshed their professional lives with their personal on social media.

Mejía stated that she agrees with both sides, but that sharing on their personal Facebook opens the door to messiness and that the Western Front may not consider them worth publication. Could they organize an event where the Board shares their opinion that way?

Willis said that he is not organizing that but the Board is free to if they wish.

Mejía said that this event could be advertised as specifically sharing the Board's opinions on the Recall Election.

Hessami added that this event and statements from it could be shared by the Western Front and the AS Review.

Meza-Roa reminded the Board that if they do host such an event they could not use AS logos or their professional emailing lists.

Lee stated that in order to get past the vote she agrees with it.

Monkah stated that since they posted a statement last week she is incredibly conflicted.

Solomon said that they have to keep in consideration that this is a Code going forward, not just specific to this situation.

Meza-Roa asked if there needs to be a vote, because they can't just indefinitely continue the discussion. Also there has been a motion which has been seconded, doesn't that need to be voted upon?

Solomon said that they can add discussion after the second.

Hessami asked if she could entertain a vote and then discussion could follow after.

Meza-Roa said there has been a motion and second twice now and that they should vote.

Hessami moves to pass the Recall Election code with the amendment that Board members cannot, in their personal capacity, post on their personal social media pages. Meza Roa seconds. Solomon entertains more questions

Monkah asked how not being able to use their social media page is different than the statement that they released last week.

Mejía explained that her opinion was that the statement was a professional stance and that posts on personal social media accounts will get messy.

Solomon asked how this would get messy since they have to follow the Code of Conduct even on personal social media posts.

Mejía said that all social media posts have room to start some kind of drama and there is no way to regulate that.

Solomon asked how they are saying that they should be regulated in what they are going to say because of the possibility that someone is going to break the Code of Conduct.

Mejía said this isn't why it's being regulated, this is to curb the social power that they have as Board members.

Solomon said that is why they cannot use AS resources already.

*MOTION ASB-19-W-19 by Hessami*

To extend the time for discussion by five minutes

*Second: Solomon*

*Vote: 5-1-0*

*Action: Passed*

Romo explained that even with them passing this now it does not mean it will be this way forever, Elections committee will also be looking over it.

Cole stated that they need to approve their committee members so that these committees can get started.

Meza-Roa asked for clarification on whether after a motion has been seconded it needs to be voted on.

Romo explained that they can have discussion afterwards.

Nate Jo added that the President must recognize a board member before they can make a vote.

Solomon stated that because they have other items on the agenda they should have an emergency election on Monday.

Romo said that they cannot have an emergency election on Monday because they are required to give 24 hour notice and the weekend does not count.

Willis said that every second they do not have a code is a constitutional crisis.

Mejía said that while that makes sense this is a lot to decide on, not just in this election, but going forward in the future.

Solomon suggested they could give the 24 hour notice on Monday and have the emergency election on Tuesday.

Hessami stated that she is not in favor of this, and is favor of voting now. Asking Solomon as chair to entertain the vote because by not entertaining the vote she is suppressing the opinion of the other five members.

Solomon said there are Monkah and Mejía have not reached a decision therefore there is need for more discussion.

Monkah stated she has her mind made up now.

Hessami reminded the Board that they could also abstain

Hessami moves to pass the Recall Election Code with the amendment that Board members cannot post on their personal social media accounts concerning the Recall Election

*MOTION ASB-19-W-20 by Hessami*

To pass the Recall Election Code with the amendment that Board members cannot post on their personal social media accounts concerning the Recall Election

*Second: Meza-Roa*

*Vote: 4-1-1*

*Action: Passed*

**VI. Information Items – Board  
WILD Legislative Agenda**

Hessami explained that Legislative Lobby day is happening on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and the explanation will be condensed to five minutes. If there are any questions she requests bringing them to her attention later.

The first is regarding Balanced Billing, this refers to if and when you go to a hospital you may have a visiting doctor who is out of your network without your knowledge and then you get bills that are not covered by healthcare. This bill is to prevent out-of-network health care services from being charged to your account without your consent and making sure that consumers are aware of whether doctors helping them are within their network in an attempt to minimize lofty charges.

Second is regarding youth in the opioid overdose epidemic, this bill would try to reduce the overdose by making Narcan available in high schools, allowing it to be administered on school property, and providing training for personnel on its use. The next bill would require higher institution residence halls have individuals trained on how to administer opioid overdose medication to help prevent opioid overdose deaths.

The next bill is to support early learning access to children with disabilities, looking to expand the training given to disability support in K-12.

The next bill is assist people who have earned their license so practice psychiatry outside of Washington state to move and practice in Washington state in an effort to bring more psychiatrists into Washington.

The next bill is regarding law enforcement agencies regarding de-escalation and interpersonal training, this was tied into Initiative 940 which was passed by the general public. This will encourage law enforcement agencies to have more trainings regarding de-escalation, implicit and explicit cultural biases, mental health training, and alternatives to jailing, booking and citing people. This will benefit people who are disabled as people with disabilities are disproportionately targeted by law enforcement.

The next one concerns police accountability, and promoting more de—escalation training, and establishing a conduct board and investigation method to establish police accountability that has repercussions for officers who commit egregious acts.

The next one is for survivors of sexual assault which is the exact same as the one passed in the general lobby agenda.

Employee Equity for people with Disabilities is looking at rewriting hiring codes



so that employers can extend employment opportunities to people with disabilities, to close loopholes in the current code as people with disabilities are often exploited for their labor.

The next is Farm Workers Representation looking to expand workers' rights, overtime pay and fair compensation. This supports the Keep Washington Working Act, and a ban on harmful pesticides

The next is k-12 Ethnic studies which asks for a mandated implementation of ethnic studies in the state of Washington

Menstrual care products are looking to change menstrual care items from being taxed as a luxury good item to being tax exempt, as well as change the wordage from "feminine hygiene products" to "menstrual products," requiring free menstrual products on college campuses, and mandating non-gendered discussion in K-12 sex-ed curriculums.

The last one is ESP, which are expanding expansions on the agenda items that has been passed in the general lobby day agenda. There is a call for a larger plastic-bag ban, with exemptions for people getting hot food items and liquids at a restaurant and there is discussion about vulnerable population who use plastic bags.

## **VII. Consent Items**

The following members are being appointed to the following panels

Kristian McFarland, Junior, Political Science into AS Elections Advisory Committee

Victoria Iancu, Freshman, Undeclared into AS Elections Advisory Committee

Brenner Barclay, Freshman, Undeclared into AS Elections Advisory Committee

Tatum Eames, Junior, Political Science into AS University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee

Nick Stanton, Freshman, Computer Science into Campus Dining Committee

Tatum Eames, Junior into Philosophy Campus Public Safety and Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Webb, Junior into Philosophy into Student Conduct Appeals Board as well as Student Rights and Responsibilities

*MOTION ASB-19-W-19 by Hessami*

To approve all of the committee appointments

*Second: Monkah*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

## **VIII. Board Reports**

Hessami said the Restructure Committee is getting started.

Lee said Forum part two is coming up soon.

Monkah said there is a basketball event coming up on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a goal of a large amount of student engagement.

*Millka Solomon, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 6:02pm.*

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