

Associated Students of Western Washington University
Committee on Student Democratic Participation (CSDP) Charter
February 28, 2018

I. CHARGE

The critical mandate of the Committee on Student Democratic Participation (hereafter “The CSDP”) is to empower and enable Western Washington University students to ascend to shared governance within individual colleges, and at the higher university level. Critically, the CSDP will work to identify collegiate and university committees where important, student-impacting, decision-making is taking place, and work to add, facilitate, and empower student voices on such committees. Of equal importance, the CSDP will work to ensure compensation for students who take on these aforementioned responsibilities via academic credit, money, or whatever means are available, to the best of their ability.

II. MEMBERSHIP

The CSDP will be composed of the following:

1. 5 AS WWU Student Senators nominated and elected by the AS WWU Senate
2. A committee chair selected via nomination and affirmation from among the 5 student senate committee members, by a majority of the CSDP
3. Any additional student members deemed necessary and affirmed by a majority of the CSDP

Further segregation of duties and compensation for additional sitting student members is at the discretion of the sitting CSDP members.

III. MEETINGS

The CSDP will work in good faith to meet bi-weekly during the active academic school week. Dates and times for said meetings will be decided by the CSDP, at the direction of the committee chair, and re-evaluated as seen fit. Any member (voting or non-voting) may call a meeting when agreed upon by 51% of the seated voting membership, in written expression to the committee chair. A meeting may be cancelled only with 24 hours’ notice and must be agreed upon by a majority of the seated voting membership.

IV. VOTING

In order for an action item or resolution to pass, it must obtain majority of the eligible votes cast. An abstention by a member of the CSDP will not count as a vote cast in favor or against the action item or resolution being voted upon.

V. AMENDMENTS

This Charge & Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS WWU Senate. If an amendment is made, it is expected that the Student Senate will draft and release a press release detailing their reasoning. Members of the CSDP may propose amendments to be considered by the Senate at large, however amendment cannot occur solely within the committee itself.

VI. REPORTAGE

The CSDP exists as a subcommittee of the AS WWU Senate and as such, directly reports to their authority. The CSDP under leadership of the committee chair will be charged with generation of quarterly reports to be presented to the Senate, including but not limited to describing results of the CSDP’s recent efforts, identifying current obstacles, and presentation of a strategic plan of action moving forward. The CSDP will remain as a permanent standing subcommittee of the West Washington University Associated Student Senate indefinitely, barring a vote of moratorium or dissolution by the AS WWU Student Senate.