

**Western Washington University Associated Students
STUDENT SENATE**

Date: 02/26/2020 Room: VU 567 (1:56:04)

Attendees: *Roster Attached*

MOTIONS

- ASWWUSS-20-W-24 *To motion to approve the November 22nd minutes. **Passed.***
- ASWWUSS-20-W-25 *To motion to postpone the approval of the January 29th minutes. **Passed.***
- ASWWUSS-20-W-26 *To motion to approve the February 5th minutes. **Passed.***
- ASWWUSS-20-W-27 *To motion to approve the February 12th minutes **Passed.***
- ASWWUSS-20-W-28 *To motion to add library subscription task force to Information Item
senate for five minutes. **Passed.***
- ASWWUSS-20-W-29
- ASWWUSS-20-W-30
- ASWWUSS-20-W-31

Adah Barenburg, Senate Pro-Tempore, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Gomez motions to approve the November 22nd minutes.
- B. Barenburg motions to postpone the approval of the January 29th minutes.
- C. Aguayo motion to approve the February 5th minutes.
- D. Okezie motions to approve the February 12th minutes.

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-24 by Gomez

To approve the November 22nd minutes.

Second: Okezie

Vote: 16 – 0 – 0

Action: Passed

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-25 By Barenburg

To approve to postpone the approval of the January 29th minutes.

Second: Aguayo

Vote: 16 – 0 – 0

Action: Passed

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-26 By Aguayo

To approve the February 5th minutes.

Second: Handa

Vote: 16 – 0 – 0

Action: Passed

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-27 By Aguayo

To approve the February 12 minutes.

Second: Handa

Vote: 14 – 0 – 2

Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Van Leeuwen motions adds library subscription task force to Information Item
senate for five minutes.

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-28 by Van Leeuwen

To motion to add library subscription task force to Information Item senate on the agenda for five minutes.

Second: Aguayo

Vote: 16 – 0 – 0

Action: Passed

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-29 by

Second:

Vote:

Action:

III. PUBLIC FORUM (*comments from students and the community*)

Gomez introduces her group mates from her human resources class and they are here to present information about the U.S census that is coming up. An importance of the U.S census is it works to allocate how many seats to which states for the U.S house of representatives. Gomez talks about the statistics in school week, which is what schools have been implementing to spend class time for student in grade K-12 dedicated to teaching young kids about the U.S census. Barenburg introduces Hunter Stuehm as the AS communications director and the student trustee here at Western. He says a weakness of AS communication is the student senate doesn't receive the same interfacing opportunities from the AS communications compared to the AS executive board. He welcomes senators to use the AS communications as a resource, they are here to support the senators.

- A. Stuehm serves as the student trustee, it offers a bird's eye of the institution and gives you an opportunity to elevate concerns you might have to a whole different level. It also serves as an advisory group to the president of the university and strategizes how Western can serve the people in the state of Washington. With this in mind, Stuehm wants to bring visibility to the role and he encourages senators to think about applying. Barenburg discusses the complaints being made about one club about another clubs activity on campus, she sent an email out about the issue. She suggest if any media source reaches out to senators, they should send the questions they plan to ask beforehand and go through Stuehm about the questions. Especially as an elected official, we want to make sure our words are reported corrected as we represent the AS.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (*subject to immediate action*)

A.

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-30 by

Second:

Vote:

Action:

VII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

Noesen talks about the two subcommittee's meetings last week, they've decided to have the elections be held in the spring for majority of the senators, except for the at-large and graduate students elections which would be held in the fall. They have also changed the name of senate pro-tempore to senate chair, these

- A. changes would be made next school year during Winter 2021. Barenburg says that the senators should vote on these changes and there must be discussion made between the senators about the edits to the constitution because elections are coming up. In order to change the constitutions it has to go out during this upcoming election.

MOTION ASWWUSS-20-W-31 by

Second:

Vote:

Action:

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS – Senate*

Barenburg says the faculty senate unanimously voted down any changes to the credit hour policy. It is concerning that a professor blatantly said this is a problem of too many students being accepted to western, there needs to be less students accepted to western if you want the quality of education to be the same. This is bad for students from marginalized backgrounds as it creates a lack of accessibility for higher education. However, a plus side would be having less students in the classroom, which would make the learning environment more engaging. Essentially the faculty senate voted down was to set minimum time for a direct hour from 50 minutes to approximately 48 minutes, Barenburg thinks they will vote it down to 40 minutes. The main concern with this is if a professor teaches the class for 40 minutes or 60 minutes, they are getting paid the same. The biggest thing it contributes to is the professors on this campus are moving from four credit to five credit classes because they want to get paid more, but they

- A. also don't want to teach for that same amount of time. Ballard is concerned with there being minimum set time, but not a maximum. Barenburg says we have to work toward making the credit hours equitable here at western and work with the system we have in place. Barenburg says she will be organizing a meeting that will hopefully be at different times so the senators can make it to those meetings, because Barenburg is the only one who sits on faculty senate. Aguayo insists we get student input from every individual college. Barenburg says what would be most useful is having student's experiences of being in the maximum class of 60 minutes and then at the minimum if their classes are scheduled below 50 minutes. The conversation transitions in to the discussion about the library subscription task force. Van Leeuwen says there will be a budget cut for library subscription by more than \$300,000 to cover rising expenses for subscriptions to allow professors to acquire new subscriptions, but instead they could just increase the budget of the library.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS *(subject to immediate action)*

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MOTION ASWWUSS20-W-32 by

Second:

Vote:

Action:

X. BOARD REPORTS

Adah Barenburg, Senate Pro-Tempore

Email was sent out to senators that was disturbing, this email has to do with the WWU Young Democratic Socialists of America. She thinks that the senate shouldn't respond to this issue because it can't be connected enough to academics.

At-Large

Kaitlyn Davidson:

Sargun Handa: Met with Huxley senators

Koby Okezie:

Connor Farrand: Attended meetings and working with Trevor to help centralize resources that are on campus.

College of Business and Economics

Abdul-Malik Ford:

Michael Proska:

College of Fine and Performing Arts

Luke Arnold:

Ruth Ewald:

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Nicole Ballard: Starting to work towards an ambassador program.

Ranulfo Molina:

College of Science and Engineering

Kris Aguayo: Trying to collect student input about the Math department.

Elias Bashir: Attending a meeting with about 50 students pertaining to equity and inclusion.

Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Rukhsar Sadat:

Yashaia Van Leeuwen:

Graduate School

José Cervantes-Aguilar:

Patrick Q. Czichas:

Huxley College of the Environment

Logan Moldenhauer: Sitting on the Huxley task force.

Maya Noesen: Setting up meetings

Woodring College of Education

Nathaniel Gaines:

Graciela Gomez: First meeting with the candidates of the Dean position of Woodring next year. And working towards getting accessibility for gender neutral restrooms.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

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The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:40PM

VOTING ATTENDEES				NON-VOTING ATTENDEES		
Student Senators				20	Adah Barenburg, <i>AS Senate Pro-Tempore</i>	A
1	Sargun Handa	<i>At-Large</i>	P	22	Leti Romo, <i>AS Assistant Director for Student Representation and Governance</i>	P
2	Koby Okenzie	<i>At-Large</i>	P			
3	Connor Farrand	<i>At-Large</i>	P	Recorder		
4	Abdul-Malik Ford	<i>College of Business and Economics</i>	P	23	Winta Berhe, <i>AS Board assistant</i>	P
5	Michael Proska	<i>College of Business and Economics</i>	P	Guests		
6	Ruth Ewald	<i>College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>	P	24		P
7	Luke Arnold	<i>College of Fine and Performing Arts</i>	P			
8	Nicole Ballard	<i>College of Humanities and Social Sciences</i>	P			
9	Ranulfo Molina	<i>College of Humanities and Social Sciences</i>	P			
10	Kris Aguayo	<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>	P			
11	Elias Bashir	<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>	P			
12	Rukhsar Sadat	<i>Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	P			
13	Yashaia Van Leeuwen	<i>Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	P			
14	José Cervantes-Aguilar	<i>Graduate School</i>	A			
15	Patrick Q. Czichas	<i>Graduate School</i>	P			
16	Logan Moldenhauer	<i>Huxley College of the Environment</i>	P			
17	Maya Noesen	<i>Huxley College of the Environment</i>	P			
18	Nathaniel Gaines	<i>Woodring College of Education</i>	P		Voting attendees	18
19	Graciela Gomez	<i>Woodring College of Education</i>	P		Non-voting attendees	3
Voting members in attendance			18		TOTAL ATTENDEES	21