



Western Washington University Associated Students
AS Board of Directors

October 2nd, 2020
MS Teams

Board Members: *Present:* Abdul Malik Ford (President), Keenan Kaemingk (VP for Activities), Ranulfo Molina (VP for Diversity), Carson Brock (VP for Student Services), Nora Harren (VP for Sustainability, and Sargun Handa (Senate Pro-Tempore)
Absent: Nicole Ballard (VP for Governmental Affairs)

Advisor: Leti Romo (Assistant Director for Student Representation & Governance)
Annie Byers (AS Board Program Coordinator)

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): Mario Alem

Motions:

ASB-20-F-4 To table the minutes until the AS executive board meeting on October 9th, 2020. *Passed.*

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

September 25th, 2020

1. Handa asked for an edit to the document.

MOTION ASB-20-F-4 by Harren

To table the minutes until the AS executive board meeting on October 9th, 2020.

Second: Brock

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

II. Revisions to the Agenda

None

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

1. Ford stated that because the meetings are online, there should be more times for students to bring up concerns, maybe throughout the meeting instead of just at the beginning, in the case students come in late.

IV. Information Items - Guests

A. Senate Pro-Tempore Job Description- Handa

1. Handa stated that she would like to increase the number of hours that the Senate Pro-Tempore can work, since before the senate election in the Fall, the Senate Pro-Tempore does the work of 21 people, and also must go to both the Senate

meetings, the Board meetings, and perhaps faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees' meetings. She would like herself and future Senate Pro-Tempores to be compensated too. Board members often already work more than 19 hours per week.

2. Harren asked when this could be in place, and Handa responded that she has been asking Leti Romo for approval for the extra hours weekly. Ford and Harren agreed that this is a good idea. Molina and other board members noted that he has also been going over and asked whether this would be possible to increase for them as well.
3. Byers noted that there are strict state guidelines that prevent an increase of hours. Ford's position may be able to but others may be more difficult to increase.
4. Hansa noted that the position wouldn't be sustainable for those who have to work another job or are disabled. Ford stated that the board should be looking at ways to keep the job description more precise so there is a guideline for purview with freedom to work on other projects.
5. Brock noted that more information would be helpful before moving the item.
6. Molina stated that it's easy to forget there are other offices to help you and that they can take on work that is more central to their purview.

V. Action Items - Guests

- A. None

VI. Personnel Items (*subject to immediate action*)

- A. None

VII. Action Items - Board

- A. None

VIII. Information Items - Board

- A. None

IX. Consent Items (*subject to immediate action*)

- A. Academic Honesty Board

- a. Darcy Allen
- b. Alen Kunellis
- c. Julia Brinkley
- d. Kayla Owens

1. Handa stated that she hasn't had the time to look at these, and it would be good to table until next week

- B. Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Jade Hedeem

1. Ballard is not present so this item cannot be consented.

X. Discussion Items

A. Collaborative Board Meetings

1. Ford stated that Ruth Flint-Blanchard, AS Board Assistant, sent emails regarding the scheduling of collaborative meetings for the board members, and that these have to be replied to before the meetings can be set up.

B. AS Elections Code

1. Handa stated that Alem and herself have edits to the election code to share. To narrow down voting period from two weeks to 5-7 days.
2. Byers stated that this should have presented as an information item, and the document should be moved to an information item for transparency next week.
3. Handa asked the board members: how long they think voting should be, if they should reduce the petition requirements for the initiative, and how they can make Spring elections more effective.
4. Harren asked if Handa is concerned with reducing the time period affecting student voter turnout. Handa responded that she believes it's not about time period, it's more about marketing.
5. Alem stated that the 5-7 days was voted upon by elections committee unanimously. The voting will be online so it will be very important to notify students. The committee will be meeting in the following week to make sure the code is representative of the entire student body.
6. Handa stated that the petition requirement for initiatives (not senators) is 240 signature and will be released either today or the following Monday giving very little time for filing. The committee is considering reducing this to either 1% of the student body (160 signatures), or .5% (80 signatures).
7. Ford asked if there can be initiatives for anything or just for the senate to review. Harren stated that the plastic water bottle ban on campus was an initiative so she thought that it could be anything, not just related to the AS.
8. Handa asked for meetings of 2 to 3 board members to discuss this before next week's meeting. She also mentioned changing the Senate elections to Spring quarter with accommodations for grad, transfer, and freshman students to join in the Fall. Brock added that involvement in the Fall doesn't feel as strong. Ford stated that it would be ideal for elections in the Spring, but he would be concerned with information overload with students.
9. Kaemingk asked the quarter requirements for students being elected to Senate. Handa responded that students must attend for one quarter, but that many senators had not followed this guideline. Kaemingk asked if this could be changed if elections occur in Fall. Molina agreed, adding that this may be unfair for transfer students. Handa stated that the senate must change this rule.
10. Handa added that with state elections, senate and local elections occur at the same time but educational programs are available, this could be a solution for the AS. Brock stated that in Fall there is also information overload to do with clubs and new classes starting and such.

XI. Board Reports

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President stated that the chief of police is looking for student perspective concerning campus police. He encourages those in charge of the operating budget to become more involved in the process. There is an upcoming BSO demands meeting to finalize pay structures so that the Black Students Coalition can get up and running. He had a meeting with the governor and other college's student government representatives about safety and rapid-testing on campus.

Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities stated that he met with the Alternative Transportation Coordinator, had a meeting to hopefully change the AS calendar to make it more accessible for students, and also is working on starting a first-generation students committee board.

Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity stated that the ESC is working on creating a BIPOC network for both alumnus and current students. He met with the SEJF to see how the committee can support the Black Students Coalition, and is working on how to set up an organization inside the AS to let BIPOC students advise the board on how best to move forward with efforts supporting the BIPOC community.

Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that [insert report].

Carson Brock, VP for Student Services stated that he has worked on reviewing a COVID-19 training module, working on getting the Alternative Transportation Committee up and running.

Nora Harren, VP for Sustainability stated that she has been meeting with folks from the AS concerning possible Fall programming. She learned of newly hired positions that focus on sustainability and outreach for students that are experiencing food insecurity. The SEJF (the Sustainability, Equity and Justice Fund) committee will start having idea labs for grants this year.

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore stated that she is working on getting initiative ready for the ballot about Spring Elections, as well as working on the elections code.

XII. Other Business

A. Board of Trustees

1. Byers stated that next week the board will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Board of Trustees, and to keep that in mind.

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 4:07 p.m.