



Western Washington University Associated Students AS Board of Directors

November 30th, 2020
MS Teams

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

Absent: Nora Harren (VP for Sustainability)

Advisor: Annie Byers (AS Board Program Coordinator), Eric Alexander (Director of the Viking Union)

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s):

Motions:

ASB-20-F-31 To approve the Shred the Contract Resolution. *Passed.*

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

None

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

None

III. Action Items - Board

A. Shred the Contract Resolution- Handa

1. Handa stated that the Student Senate passed Shred the Contract (STC) Resolution. It was added to the Resolution that the STC wasn't informed of Western's decision to renew their contract with Aramark although the AS Student Government was. The section focusing on BSO demands was removed so that it does not take advantage of the labor being done for the BSO demands. The goal is to make sure administration and the Board of Trustees (BOT) are aware of the STC resolution. A goal of Shred the Contract is to work with administration in the following two years until to end of the contract with Aramark.
2. Alexander stated that the agenda for the December 11th BOT meeting is already set, and documents are due this week. Agendas for BOT meetings are set a month before hand, and documents are due two weeks beforehand.
3. Brock asked if the resolution is the most effective vehicle for change as they aren't presently able to get their own time in the BOT meeting. Brock asked whether the BOT has sway with the dining system.
4. Handa stated that the resolutions would create a paper trail and precedent for future student government leaders to build off of. Resolutions aren't necessarily about creating immediate change, but about stating an opinion. Handa also noted that Whatcom County and Bellingham have a history of cutting off the

microphones of student advocates, and STC's presence at the meeting (through time given by Ford and herself) would ensure an audience.

5. Alexander stated that there was a resolution written before the massive reduction of plastic bottles on campus.
6. Ballard stated that she is in full support of the resolutions as it is a good way to track and show how long students have been working towards a self-operated dining system. Ballard also thanked Handa and Huxley senators for putting together the resolution.

MOTION ASB-20-F-31 by Ballard

To approve the Shred the Contract Resolution.

Second: Handa

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

IV. Other Business

- A. None

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 2:37 p.m.