



**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**AS Executive Board**  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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:

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

**Secretary:** Sierra Templeton

**Guest(s):** Hunter Stuehm, Noemi Bueno, Mariam Wolters, Robert Squires, and Faye Gallant.

**Motions:**

- ASB-21-W-5** To approve the AS Executive Board meeting minutes from the date of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-W-6** To approve the AS Executive Board meeting minutes from the date of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-W-7** To add fifteen more minutes to the Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda item. **Passed.**

**Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

A. December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**MOTION ASB-21-W-5 by Handa**

To approve the AS Executive Board meeting minutes from the date of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Second: Kaemingk**

**Vote: 5-0-1**

**Action: Passed**

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Abstaining: not noted**

B. January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MOTION ASB-21-W-6 by Handa**

To approve the AS Executive Board meeting minutes from the date of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Second: Brock**

**Vote: 4-0-2**

**Action: Passed**

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Abstaining: not noted**

## II. Revisions to the Agenda

1. Ballard stated that the documents that were uploaded to the website did not include the ESC agenda, which should be added in the documents for this meeting.

## III. BSO Demands

1. Molina stated that the BSO Coalition Development Specialist hiring committee is moving forwards and setting up interviews. He stated that events for Black History Month are occurring starting this week
2. Handa stated that she is working on a survey on the topic of the PLEJ GUR system. She stated that herself and Ford appointed the AS Personnel Director and Student Senator Laura Wagner to the Legacy Review Taskforce. There was a Huxley name-change forum on Monday as well.
3. Ballard stated that SB 5227 that would mandate DEI training in higher education has received pushback and has been amended. Ballard asked students to contact their legislators concerning this.
4. Alexander stated that he is meeting with Facilities Development and Capital Budget colleagues on space allocation for the BSO.

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

1. Stuehm stated that he is trying to sponsor a centralized calendar of events for Black History Month, and if anyone has events to add to the calendar, they should reach out to contact him.

## V. Action Items - Guests

- A. None

## VI. Information Items - Guests

- A. Summer Quarter 2021 Fee Discussion- Ford
  1. Alexander stated that this request is coming from the Office of Continuing Education to gain feedback on how to apply fees for the Summer quarter.
  2. Squires stated that normally there are different sets of fee structures in different areas for the Summer fees, for example: geographic location, and remote versus in-person learning. Squires stated that since courses will be offered solely remotely, Summer fees will be structured differently this year.
  3. Gallant stated that one challenge in trying to reduce fees is that with primarily remote classes, there is less distinction in the services offered by different locations. Gallant stated that there are three fee structures this year: the Bellingham campus rate, non-Bellingham locations, and separate programs.
  4. Alexander presented the required fee chart listed on the Western Washington University website to clarify what fees are being discussed.
  5. Ford asked if there was a projected number of students who would attend Summer quarter classes. Squires responded that last year there was a 20% increase in Summer enrollment from previous Summers, which may or may not continue.

6. Ford asked if resources used on campus in the Summer was documented. Gallant stated that some of the fees concerning facilities and buildings support the existence of the building rather than use of the building. She stated that Summer fees will be lower than Spring fees regardless because they are in a normal circumstance lower as well.
7. Alexander stated that last Summer the Recreation Center was not open and did not collect fees whereas this Summer the Recreation Center is proposed to be open. There was no Alternative Transportation Fee as well since the Whatcom Transportation Authority was provided free service.

B. Finance Council Value Statement- Handa

1. Handa presented the statement to the Executive Board which can be found under meeting documents on the AS Executive Board website.

C. BSO Demand #2- Handa

1. BSO Demand #2 states “Abolish the AS Employee Development Fund (\$5,000), the lobbying trip to Washington D.C. (\$4,200) and defund all travel of the AS Executive Board. Invest this money into Black students.”
2. Handa stated that due to the pandemic, travel is restricted and ill-advised. Handa proposed to abolish this fund and redistribute it to the Black Students’ Coalition (BSC). Handa stated that one option would be to create a holding account to put the money until the Black Student Coalition was officially created, the other option would be to create an account for the Black Student Coalition right now, but that would require BSO to be part of the AS.
3. Molina stated that he is completely for abolishing this fund. He asked whether it would be possible to reallocate these funds to the hiring committee for the BSO Development Specialist as a lot of the specialist’s work will be reaching out to Black student organizers and leaders on campus, and this money could compensate these leaders for their time.
4. Handa asked if there is an account for the hiring committee. Alexander stated that last summer there was an amount (\$3,000) for the Institution’s Diversity Fund that has been committed to the BSO.
5. Bueno stated that the current projected savings included the hours saved due to lack of programming and less travel. The Diversity Initiative Fund as part of the ESC Student Affairs Fund, and savings from the Federal Lobbying trip are allocated for the BSC already, but there is no account to put the money into.
6. Alexander stated that not all of the money proposed on the second page of the document will be available since there the AS will reduce fees for all students by \$15.
7. Handa asked if money outside of the AS could be allocated to the fund. Alexander stated that there are three main pots of money in the university: state- allocated, tuition, and fee money. He stated that you cannot mix these funds together, although you can contribute them to the same thing. The S&A fee covers services and activities, most of which fall under the As or the VU or campus recreation. However, the programs the BSO demands are

focused on are not all covered by the S&A fee (such as health and wellness, the career services center, etc.).

8. Brock asked the effectiveness of the federal lobbying trip, and why this should be defunded. Ford stated that the BSO is not asking to eliminate the trip, but rather to make sure the funding is not solely controlled by the Executive Board.
9. Ballard stated that it is possible to use the Legislative Action Fund from the Legislative Affairs Council to fund this trip when there are years when there is extra money available.

D. Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda- Ballard

1. Wolters stated that she focused on the SAIRC items for the agenda, while Rodriguez and Joefield focuses on the ESC portion of the agenda.
2. Wolters presented the agendas which can be found under the documents from the Executive Board meeting minutes from the date of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on the AS WWU website.
3. Brock stated that he has more information on the dorm furniture produced by prisons in Washington State for the Prison to Postsecondary Education section of the agenda.
4. Wolters stated that the LAC is hesitant to support SB 1044 as although it expands resources for incarcerated individuals to move towards postsecondary education, it does provide funding for the department of corrections.

**MOTION ASB-21-W-7**

**by Ballard**

To add fifteen more minutes to the Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda item.

**Second: Molina**

**Vote: 5-0-1**

**Action: Passed**

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Abstaining: not noted**

5. Wolters stated that WILD started with folks in the DAC advocating for marginalized issues, so it's important to have the DAC insert.

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

- A. None

**VIII. Action Items - Board**

- A. None

**IX. Information Items - Board**

- A. None

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

A. None

**XI. Discussion Items**

A. None

**XII. Board Reports**

**Abdul Malik Ford, AS President** had nothing to report

**Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities** had nothing to report.

**Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity** had nothing to report.

**Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs** stated that Western Lobby Day had over 40 students meet with over 70 legislators on the legislative agenda, and she has heard really good feedback. She stated that she is sitting on a Budget Consultation Group on ways to cut spending and how this would affect students; she will have a report on this soon.

**Carson Brock, VP for Student Services** had nothing to report.

**Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore** had nothing to report.

**XIII. Senate Reports**

A. None

**XIV. Other Business**

A. None

***Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 2:13 P.M.***