



# Associated Students of Western Washington University

AS Ethics Board Charter  
Expires on March 1, 2022

## I. CHARGE

The purpose of the AS Ethics Board is to make decisions concerning the fairness of Associated Students Election proceedings by:

- Having hearings regarding candidate grievances
- Making unbiased and ethical decisions around filed grievances which shall be made according to the Ethics Board's interpretation of the rules and regulations outlined in the AS Election Code.

## II. MEMBERSHIP

### **Voting:**

6 At-Large Students, chosen at random in a jury selection process.\*

6 At-Large Students chosen from randomly selected students who volunteer their name into a lottery type system.\*

**\*No AS Employees will sit on this committee besides the AS Ethics Board Student Coordinator.**

### **Non- voting:**

4 Residential Advisor or Resident Assistant Director as appointed by the Director of University Residences (Chair)

Sledge (Chair of Appeals)

AS Ethics Board Student Coordinator (Secretary)

## III. CHAIR

The Chairperson shall be 4 Residential Advisor or Resident Assistant Director as appointed by the Director of University Residences. Each Chairperson advises 3 At-Large students to make up a Student Ethics Panel. They shall convene the meetings, give contextual information, provide support for the committee to make a sound decision, and preside at all meetings. The Chairperson does not have any part in the

decision-making process. They shall report all actions taken to the AS Executive Board and Student Senate.

#### **IV. MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be called by the Chair as stated in the AS Election Code. If more than one grievance is filed, each individual grievance will be heard separately in the order in which they were received by the Chair. The proceedings shall follow the rules and regulations as stated in the AS Election Code.

#### **V. VOTING**

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.

#### **VI. QUORUM**

Four members shall constitute quorum: 3 Students At-Large and the Chairperson. The AS Ethics Board Student Coordinator will be invited to attend every panel hearing to take notes. Each party to a grievance is allowed to have one student at-large of the panel reappointed from serving on the hearing panel prior to the start of the hearing if they choose. The Ethics Board Student Coordinator and Chairperson cannot be dismissed. All meetings require notes to be taken and publicly posted.

#### **X. AMENDMENTS**

This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Executive Board and Student Senate. This charter may not be amended after candidate filing has begun until the official results have been ratified by the AS Executive Board.

#### **XI. REPORTAGE**

This committee shall report to the AS Executive Board and AS Student Senate.

#### **X. APPEALS**

Decisions made by the AS Ethics Board are considered final with the exception of candidate disqualification. In the event that a candidate is disqualified by the AS Ethics Board, the candidate may appeal this decision to the AS Ethics Appeals Board.