



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Executive Board

April 15th, 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), and Ranulfo Molina (VP for Diversity).
Absent: Zarea Lavalais (VP for Sustainability), and Sargun Handa (Senate Pro-Tempore).

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

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): Sanai Anang, Noemi Bueno, Mario Alem, and Hunter Stuehm.

Motions:

- ASB-21-S-6** To move the Community Reconstructive Collective item to an Action Item as an endorsed proposal. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-7** To endorse the Community Reconstructive Collective proposal. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-8** To move the Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter item to an Action Item. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-9** To approve the Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter edits. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-10** To pass the AS President Job Description with the current edits and the amendment that the GPA requirement may change and including the Student Senate in representation. **Passed.**

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

None

II. Revisions to the Agenda

1. Molina added the Ramadan Accommodations as a Discussion Item.
2. Ballard added the Campaign Event as a Discussion Item.
3. Ford added the Legacy Document Conversation as a Discussion Item.

III. BSO Demands

1. Alexander stated that there is a meeting the following week concerning the recently hired Black Student Organizations (BSO) support positions for students. Alexander stated that conversations concerning the BSO Black Coalition Center in the Viking Union are in progress, and that there are groups on campus working on support mechanisms for BIPOC students.
2. Ballard stated that the Washington State funding will likely pass and Western will likely receive funding to increase mental health support on

campus, specifically hiring Black mental health counselors. Ballard stated that Melynda Huskey presented a proposal to the University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) concerning funding from Western to prioritize this.

3. Brock stated that he is on the hiring board for Resident Directors for the following year and is working on programming on move-ins for the Black Affinity Housing.

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

None

V. Action Items - Guests

A. Community Reconstructive Collective (CRC) (Formerly Bootstraps)- Ford

1. Alexander stated that an AS endorsement does not require the program to occur but will help support the program.

MOTION ASB-21-S-7

by Brock

To endorse the Community Reconstructive Collective proposal.

Second: Kaemingk

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

B. Student Opportunities Council (SOC) Charge & Charter- Ford

MOTION ASB-21-S-9

by Molina

To approve the Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter edits.

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

VI. Information Items - Guests

A. Community Reconstructive Collective (CRC) (Formerly Bootstraps)- Ford

1. Anang stated that the collective's mission was to help the transition from being a scholar to getting employment post-college. Anang then presented the CRC document which can be viewed in full on the AS Executive Board website under meeting minutes. Anang stated that the goal would be to pay for student's expenses while they are in unpaid internship positions.
2. Anang stated that the application would be through the Career Services center, after showing student interest in the program. Anang stated that there is quite a bit of funding, with funding coming from the Mission Investors Exchange, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Northwest STEM Network.

3. Ballard asked what avenues Anang has sought out. Anang responded that to collect funding, a lot of funders require the program to be established.
4. Alexander stated that the CRC is not a university program so it would not be allowed university grants.
5. Anang stated that over 60% of students who do not get a job that requires their degree begin to stagnant in the realm of career opportunities.
6. Ford asked how much student outreach Career Services does. Anang responded that he did not know.
7. Brock stated that Career Services recently launched a program called Handshake to connect students with jobs. Brock suggested surveying students on their relationship with internships.
8. Kaemingk asked if the program is by application-based, or more lottery-based. Anang responded that the distribution needs to be funneled through the university, and Career Services will help make this decision.
- 9.

MOTION ASB-21-S-6

by Brock

To move the Community Reconstructive Collective item to an Action Item as an endorsed proposal.

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

- B. Student Opportunities Council (SOC) Charge & Charter- Ford
1. Bueno presented the SOC Charge and Charter which can be found in full on the AS Executive Board website under meeting minutes.
 2. Bueno stated that Student Enhancement Fund (SEF) oversaw the accounts of the SEF, but over the past year, the Personnel Committee was dissolved, which meant that there was no committee or council overseeing that account. Bueno stated that the SOC was created in order to combine the Employee Development Fund and the SEF.
 3. Ford asked how the SOC is responding to the BSO demands. Bueno responded that students are still able to request funds, and the update to the Charge and Charter was to make sure their requests were not denied.
 4. Alexander stated that there would need to be a change to the reserve policy if this account would be able to be utilized by students.
 5. Noemi stated that she wanted the change to happen now so that student funds can be processed as soon as possible. Bueno stated that this change to the fund would be to deconsolidate power, having a group consensus rather than one person in control of the accounts.

MOTION ASB-21-S-8 by Molina

To move the Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter item to an Action Item.

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

C. AS Elections Code- Ballard

1. Alem presented the AS Elections Code which can be viewed in full on the AS Executive Board website under meeting minutes. Alem stated that candidate filing has begun and is on the Western Involvement Network. Alem stated that changes to the Election Code include: integrating the Executive Board and the Student Senate elections code, removing the signature requirement, removing the on-campus requirement, reducing the GPA requirement to 2.0, ensuring that language surrounding college-specific candidate running is specific, allowing new and transfer students to run, and clarifying eligibility of employment.
2. Alexander stated that the requirement was raised to 2.5 because it preserves student employee capacities and, if a board member's GPA were to drop below 2.5, they would not be immediately barred from employment by the AS (as they would if their GPA were below 2.0). Alexander stated that it would be worth it to compare the AS Elections Code to the governing bodies constitutions. Alexander suggested adding clarification on the grievance board process in the elections code.
3. Alem stated that all elections will continue with rank choice voting, so ties will be less likely.
4. Ford asked if there will be a section covering the procedure if an elected candidate were to drop the position. Ballard stated that the new bylaws cover this situation.

VII. Personnel Items (subject to immediate action)

- A. None

VIII. Action Items - Board

- A. AS President Job Description- Ford

1. Ford presented the AS Job Description which can be viewed in full on the AS Executive Board website under meeting minutes.
2. Alexander stated that a note should be posted with the disclaimer that the GPA requirement may be subject to change.

MOTION ASB-21-S-10 by Ford

To pass the AS President Job Description with the current edits and the amendment that the GPA requirement may change and including the Student Senate in representation.

Second: Ballard

Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

IX. Information Items - Board

A. None

X. Consent Items (subject to immediate action)

A. None

XI. Discussion Items

A. Legacy Document Discussion

1. Kaemingk stated that he is working on a template for legacy documents with Kaylan Rocamora as well as a purpose statement which should be distributed shortly.

B. Ramadan Accommodations

1. Ford presented Molina's statement asking board members to hold a dialogue about spreading information to Muslim students concerning SB 5166 and emailing deans and faculty about supporting Muslim students during the school year.
2. Stuehm stated that there are a lot of options in terms of reaching out to the student body including posts, social media takeovers, and emails.
3. Ballard asked if the President's office is able to send out an email concerning this. Stuehm responded that this would be possible.
4. Kaemingk stated that it would be effective to release something through the AS as a whole.

C. Campaigning Event

1. Ballard stated that creating a campaigning event would increase accessibility and outreach to students. Ballard presented a graphic for an event that would allow students planning on campaigning to talk to board members, ask for advice, and receive information. Ballard stated that the meeting would occur in the following week.
2. Board members voiced support for the event.
3. Stuehm stated that there is a policy concerning pre-Zoom registration and that he would collaborate with Ballard on making sure the event was accessible.

XII. Board Reports

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President had nothing to report.

Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities had nothing to report.

Zarea Lavalais, VP for Sustainability was not present to report.

Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity was not present to report.

Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that Ethics Board process is underway, and sign-ups are still posted.

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

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore was not present to make a report but left one for Ford to present. The report stated that the Governance Advisor Search Committee has been doing interviews to fill the position and there are two finalists. The report stated that the VP for University Filing interviews will occur in the following weeks.

XIII. Senate Reports

1. Handa's report stated that senators want to write a resolution on a more transparent Fall opening plan.

XIV. Other Business

1. Byers stated that applications for the Student Trustee position has been extended until the following week.

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 5:04 p.m.