



Western Washington University Associated Students
AS Executive Board
April 8th, 2021
MS Teams

Board Members: Present: Abdul Malik Ford (President), Keenan Kaemingk (VP for Activities), Zarea Lavalais (VP for Sustainability), 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: Ruth Flint-Blanchard

Guest(s): Raquel Vigil

Motions:

- ASB-21-S-1** To add the AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter to the Agenda as an Action Item. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-2** To move the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge & Charter Information Item to an Action Item. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-3** To approve edits to the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter. **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-4** To approve the AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter with the amendment to change the last word to "panel". **Passed.**
- ASB-21-S-5** To reallocate the federal lobby day funds for this year to set up an account to be utilized by the Black Student Coalition and abolish the federal lobby day trip account moving forward. **Passed.**

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

None

II. Revisions to the Agenda

1. Nicole Ballard added the removal of the Federal Lobby Trip to the agenda as a consent item.

MOTION ASB-21-S-1 by Ballard

To add the AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter to the Agenda as an Action Item.

Second: Kaemingk

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

III. BSO Demands

1. Ford stated met with BSO Coalition Development Specialists at a student run training held for them. He met with the three development specialists to help with context and organization. He looks forward to working with them.
2. Handa stated that the religious accommodations passed in the ACC. She added that instead of twelve hours it was extended to twenty-four hours and changed how long the students had to inform their professors of religious holidays.
3. Lavalais stated that she met with the BSO Coalition and Dr Collins to provide some ideas for events and sustainability alongside those events. She also spoke to the Legacy Task Force regarding demand number six along with Laura and Kaylan and the next meeting regarding the Huxley name change should be April 15th or 24th.
4. Molina stated that he met with Noemi Bueno and Raquel Vigil about moving \$2,000 from the Diversity Initiative Fund to the BSO account so that the BSO Coalition Working Committee will have funds.

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

None

V. Action Items - Guests

A. None

VI. Information Items - Guests

A. None

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

A. None

VIII. Action Items - Board

A. AS President Job Description- Ford

1. Ford presented the document with the AS President Job Description and its edits. Ford asked if the familiarity with state and federal legislature as a preferred qualification that should remain.
2. Ballard commented that she is in favor of keeping it since the ASVP for Governmental Affairs and the AS President work together, but it shouldn't be a requirement.
3. Handa agreed with keeping it. He read a comment that the Job Description says the Board Members should attend AS Trainings but were not required for the recent pre-quarter training and asked if there should be changes. Handa said that she required the Senate to go so it should stay in the Job Description and it can be up to the chairs of each branch for the spring training.
4. The decision was that the Board Members would be encouraged but not required to going to all the trainings, the Fall Training would be required.

5. Vigil commented that the wage needed to be updated.
6. Hayden asked if the plan was to revise all the Executive Board Positions. Ford replied that this was the case.
7. Hayden also mentioned that there was another template available if the change was needed. He sent language that was added for all AS positions this year. He also addressed the required qualifications, saying that in the elections code they may add a statement clarifying that DACA students are also eligible to run. Hayden moved on to the GPA requirement, and how the EAC has recommended to make it 2.0 for all AS positions.
8. Handa commented that in the statement that the Board is the primary point of contact for student representation she would like to add the Senate as a second contact in that statement. She also commented that the optional 15 hours a week in the summer needed to be added. For the officer qualification she added that it was 12 credits for full time, and Board of Directors should be changed to Executive Board. In the position responsibilities the Senate needs to be acknowledged and why the student convocation part was removed.
9. Ford tabled the item until the following week.

B. Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge & Charter

MOTION ASB-21-S-3 **by Ballard**

To approve edits to the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter.

Second: Kaemingk

Vote: 5-0-2

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

C. AS Ethics Board Charge & Charter

MOTION ASB-21-S-4 **by Ballard**

To approve the AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter with the amendment to change the last word to "panel".

Second: Molina

Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

IX. Information Items - Board

A. Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge & Charter- Ford

1. Ford presented the document and went over the edits.
2. Byers commented that there are two At-Large positions on the committee that students are able to apply for.

MOTION ASB-21-S-2 by Ballard

To move the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge & Charter Information Item to an Action Item.

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0-2

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

X. Consent Items (subject to immediate action)

A. Abolishing the Federal Lobby Day Trip

1. Ballard explained that the Federal Lobby Days Trip had its own budget within the Executive Board for a few students to go to Washington DC to lobby on a federal level. There was further consideration and budget reevaluation and following BSO demands the funds are no longer being requested. They are currently in the general reserves and the goal is to transfer them to the Black Student Coalition.
2. Vigil clarified that there is \$4,700 allocated for the federal lobby trip, and to meet the BSO demand the desire was to take the current allocation and redistribute it to the Black Student Coalition account. From there the language used was to abolish the federal lobby trip, but not asking for a budget for the next year, meaning there is no money for reserves. In 2022, when planning has furthered, the recommendation would be for the Black Student Coalition to apply for a grant, but the \$4,700 would only transfer currently.
3. Vigil advised that they motion to transfer the funds from the current allocation for the federal lobby trip to a special account that will be set up for the Black Student Coalition, then abolish the fund from here on.

MOTION ASB-21-S-5 by Ballard

To reallocate the federal lobby day funds for this year to set up an account to be utilized by the Black Student Coalition and abolish the federal lobby day trip account moving forward.

Second: Handa

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

XI. Discussion Items

A. Board of Trustees Meeting Update- Handa

1. Handa stated that the Board of Trustees (BOT) decided not to discuss the Housing and Dining proposal in the meeting as they wanted to have more information.
2. Ballard screen shared to show the email she sent to the BOT the night before the meeting to express the concerns that she expressed in the previous meeting. She wanted to highlight that increasing housing and

dining costs does not support the affordability for the students. She did not get a response.

XII. Board Reports

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President stated that the new Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund was released in the winter determined on family contribution and it was automatically distributed. On April 12th the application is reopening for students who did not get the automatic distribution.

Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities had nothing to report.

Zarea Lavalais, VP for Sustainability had nothing to report.

Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity stated that last quarter he brought up in the MCC staff meeting to start up an Asian American, Pacific Islander, Desi American Heritage month planning committee and they started last month and have reached their third meeting. It has been very successful, and they are reaching out to speakers. He is also continuing the ASWWU statement on Anti-Asian violence and hopes to have a draft ready in the near future. With the recent DACA being reopened he reached out to Stephanie Bowers for aiding WWU students in financially who are applying for DACA. This quarter he is working with the SNA Fee Committee and has been catching up. The Multicultural Student Engagement center has 48 student applicants with a lot of diverse candidates. He is also crafting a charge and charter for an ASWWU Diversity Advisory Board. He has found it to be difficult for one individual to be able to do the work of diversity, equity, inclusion, and retention so the board should help with that.

Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs shared graphics she created to explain what the ethics board is and promoting the available slots which would be published shortly after the meeting. Ford commented that Byers only received three votes on the new elections board process. Ballard asked if it could be voted on now since no changes have been made since the previous meeting. Byers responded affirmatively. Vigil asked if a new motion would need to be made since the previous one was a failed electronic vote.

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

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore stated that the Board of Trustees also saw the Honors College Proposal. She expressed her concerns in an informational presentation, and moved on to meet with Sabah, Brent, Paul Dunn, and the director of the Honors Program. It seems that the Honors College will happen. The ACC rejected the Honors College Proposal and told them to return with more information. The Fairhaven Senators are contacting the Ethnic Studies Collective at Fairhaven as stakeholders, and she is contacting the Honors Students of Color as stakeholders to hopefully come up with a list of strategic demands for the process. She understands the benefits of the Honors College, but BIPOC students shouldn't be thrown under the bus. They have unmet demands over the last two years and understand that the changes must be demanded after the college is created.

XIII. Senate Reports
None

XIV. Other Business
A. None

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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