



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Executive Board

May 20th, 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: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): None

Motions:

ASB-21-S- None

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

None

II. Revisions to the Agenda

1. Ford requested the to move the item BSO Demand #6 from Information Items with Guests to Information items with Board.
2. Brock requested adding the Committee WIN Conversation and the Bias Incident in Dorms under Discussion Items.

III. BSO Demands

1. Lavalais stated that Legacy Taskforce heard BIPOC student concerns about the taskforce. Herself and others attended, it went well, and another session may be held in following weeks to hear more input. She stated that the Board of Trustees (BOT) will be meeting in October concerning BSO demands.
2. Ford stated that there was a space tour for potential spaces for Black student space including the current Executive Board office, and the Ethnic Student Center room, VU 420. They are listing pros and cons of each space and evaluating for the best decision. Ford stated that he has been trying to gather feedback for the African American Counselor's job description from Black students.
3. Ballard stated that there will now be movement on the WSA legislative agenda to push for support for reallocating funding to incentivize BIPOC mental health counselors on university campuses.

4. Ford stated that the BSO Demand #6 item will be addressing a proposed resolution concerning the Huxley College of the Environment name change.

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. None

IX. Information Items - Board

- A. AS VP for Governmental Affairs Job Description- Ballard
 1. Ballard presented the AS VP for Governmental Affairs job description which can be viewed in full on the AS Executive Board website under meeting minute documents.
 2. Ballard stated that she added the office job description as fully as possible with adding specific duties of the Executive Board. Ballard stated that she reformatted, added language from the Executive Board bylaws, and updated names of offices and the board. Ballard stated that she updated the GPA requirement and added an updated qualification for a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Ballard stated that she updated position names, added WILD support as a duty, removed the duty of meeting with the Vice President for University relations, and edited language surrounding the federal lobbying trip. Ballard stated that she added the duty of facilitating campus conversation day and added committee responsibilities.
 3. Ford stated that in the elections code, the GPA requirement was changed to 2.01.
 4. Alexander stated that the format was created for other positions, and it could be reformatted for the board. Alexander stated that some language under the office description is old and could be updated.
 5. Ballard stated the need for the VP for Governmental Affairs position to be a four-quarter position.
 6. Brock suggested changing the wording "qualifications" on the job description, as it is an elected position and not a job. Alexander proposed the wording "suggested experience". Molina proposed the wording "knowledge, skills, and abilities that support success".

B. BSO Demand #6- Ford

1. Ford stated that he brought this item forward to discuss whether it would be appropriate to draft a resolution concerning the Huxley College of the Environment name change. Ford stated that there is a lot of information compiled about the history of Huxley and the College of the Environment.
2. Ballard stated that the intention would be to utilize support rather than to address the article released by the Dean of Huxley.
3. Lavalais stated that *Emancipation- Black and White* would be a good resource to add to the document.
4. Brock stated that including faculty input and support could be beneficial to the document.
5. Ford stated that the goal would be to get Executive Board and Student Senate support before anything else due to time constraints and capacity.
6. Handa stated that she talked to Randhawa concerning this and agreed that the Dean of Huxley has a conflict of interest as it is not clear that they can separate themselves from the college when making the decision to change the name.
7. Ford stated that the document would not address the statement published in the Seattle Times.

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

- A. None

XI. **Discussion Items**

A. Committee WIN Conversation

1. Brock stated that the Committee Council has been discussing the possibility of moving the committee pages to WIN and asked for the Executive Board's feedback. Brock stated that moving it to WIN would make the committee pages easier to update, and everyone is able to access it.
2. Lavalais stated that this would be a good opportunity, but some students are unaware of how to access and navigate WIN. Lavalais proposed creating a training or how-to.
3. Ford stated that as a club leader in the past, he likes the WIN website.
4. Byers stated that she is concerned about accessibility and opportunity as going through training could be a barrier to access which could lead to less participation.

B. Bias Incident in Dorms

1. Brock stated that there was a bias incident in the Mathes dorm in which anti-Black graffiti was found. He stated that as student leaders, the Executive Board should be proactive about addressing these issues, and to show support. Brock stated that there are no cameras in the lobbies, so perpetrators are not usually caught.
2. Lavalais asked if it was possible for board members to work with the hall councils and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) on preventative measures

such as community building and allyship. Brock stated that this was possible, and he supported this idea

3. Ballard asked how the university is responding to this issue and stated that this has been happening for years. Brock stated that there is nothing occurring in response to preventing these incidents at the moment, although they are addressing support options.
4. Ballard asked if Brock could bring up with administration as the Black Affinity space is created.
5. Ford stated that he could bring this up at the Housing Affinity Board Group meeting. He stated concern about the lack of general knowledge surrounding these incidents.
6. Lavalais asked if campus security could be located in central areas, or if there is a mapping system of these positions, as in these events there are often no witnesses.

XII. Board Reports

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President stated that he will be sending the new president job description to the new candidates and that the BOT selection committee will be meeting and evaluating applications. Ford stated that the Finance Council informed him that they are okay with not filling their coordinating position and to use the funds for DEI work within the AS.

Keenan Kaemingk, VP for Activities stated that he has been working on his job description, legacy document, and working on AS event and the club awards ceremony. He has been working on hiring for campus publications as well.

Zarea Lavalais, VP for Sustainability stated that there will be a candidate forum with the BSO on the upcoming Friday.

Ranulfo Molina, VP for Diversity stated that the Services and Activities (S&A) committee has agreed upon a 1.25% increase on the S&A fee. He stated that the Finance Council has approved all AS budgets and has been working with Kaemingk on the club awards ceremony. He stated that the Undocumented Student Committee will be meeting with Melynda Huskey on undocumented student initiatives, and the Director of Multicultural Student Engagement Hiring Committee held open student and staff spaces to meet with the candidates for the position.

Nicole Ballard, VP for Governmental Affairs stated that voting for the AS election is open and the WSA General Assembly happened the previous week. Ballard stated that she has also been working on the Ethics Board and Financial Aid accessibility.

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

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

XIII. Senate Reports

None

XIV. Other Business

- A. Update to the 2017 Sustainability Action Plan Resolution
1. Byers stated that the e-vote on Monday only received three responses and therefore could not be passed. Byers stated that in the interest of transparency, it would need to appear on the agenda before the next vote and recommended bringing to the following week's agenda.
 2. Ford called on Executive Board members to vote again by Monday the 24th.

Abdul Malik Ford, AS President, adjourned this meeting at 4:58 p.m.