

**Western Washington University Associated Students
STUDENT SENATE**

Date: March 3, 2021

Attendees: *Rebeca Andrade-Eekhoff, Olivia Chatters, Althea Frye, Ankur Handa, Anna Hedrick, Kendrick Jackson, Connor Johnson, Jasleen Kaur, Marissa McGinnis, Francis Neff, Samia Quidwai, Daniela Reyes, Colton Rommanose. Liz Rosales, Sameer Shorab, Kharma Stambaugh, Aidyn Stevens, Selam Swier, Laura Wagner, A.P. Wang, Sargun Handa, Raquel Vigil, Casey Hayden, Annie Byers, Ruth Flint-Blanchard, Nicole Ballard*

MOTIONS

ASWWU-21-S-33 To Table Minutes

ASWWU-21-S-34 To Approve Ethics Board Charge and Charter

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore, called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 27th 2021 Minutes

b. February 3rd 2021 Minutes

MOTION ASWWU-21-S-33

Motion to table minutes

By Neff

Seconded by McGinnis

Passed 16-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. BSO DEMANDS

- a. Neff (he/him) gave an update on the ACC Religious Accommodations. They adjusted the flexibility of the time frame for students to inform their professors of religious holidays. They also further detailed their definition of reasonable in reasonable accommodations. The accommodations passed in the previous ACC meeting.
- b. Wagner (she/her) updated on the Legacy Review Task force. The feedback form they sent out was created with information added through links. Over spring break they received historian's reflections on questions

about Huxley and his controversial contributions available to the public as well as other information. Some people are questioning if they need a public forum since the feedback form had been sent out. Wagner and several others are very opposed to not having a public forum. She has reached out to Kaylan to see about collaborating in making a public forum. There is an opportunity with the Huxley Speaker Series to provide some information. She and Z are planning to meet about zero waste and feel that by having more consciousness of the food pantry, zero water, and food waste they may be able to work towards having a self-operated dining system. Being in person to coalition built will help create change. She and Neff will continue working on DEI issues as well.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. INFORMATION ITEMS – Guests*

VI. ACTION ITEMS- Guests *

- a. AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter – Nicole Ballard (she/her) presented edits on the AS Ethics Board Charge and Charter and the update on the jury selection process. Ballard also assured that it can be updated following the election if the process does not work. There are now two methods, both without AS employee participation. Six students are selected from the entire campus and six volunteers. Handa input that she felt it is important to strongly advertise it to the BIPOC students at WWU. McGinnis (she/her) commented that making sure the position is not daunting to apply for. Ballard agreed that those are both important and is open to working with Senators on improving the Charge and Charter. She added that the Appeals Panel may need a full Charge and Charter as well. She then returned to the power point to look over the appeals process once more. Handa asked about the decision for the five students on the appeals board. Ballard responded that since it has a higher level of intensity is the reason the number was raised and that the chair would be Michael Sledge, who runs the student conduct office. She also explained that the student coordinator would be the one to set up the panels. Hayden (he/him) commented that the Appeals Panel would not need a charge and charter if it is part of the Ethics Board, but there is one that may need to be removed based on if it is in effect. Ballard responded that having another document for the Appeals Panel may be helpful for transparency. Handa asked if new documents had to be done by elections. Ballard responded that she hoped to have all 12 students selected by the 12th, though it may take a few extra days, then the Appeals Charge and Charter can be created. She continued that she can have documents finalized by the time the filing is over.

MOTION ASWWU-21-S-34

Motion to approve the Ethics Board Charge and Charter

By Johnson

Seconded by Wagner

Passed 16-0-0

VII. PERSONELL ITEMS

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – Senate *

X. CONSENT ITEMS

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Wagner reported that she and Neff met up with LK about the Title 9 for investigating sexual harassment and LK redirected them to others who know the system better. Neff sent emails to those people and see about rallying support for change in that process.
- b. Neff reported on the ACC meeting. In spring quarter, they plan to discuss the formation of the Honors College. They had been focusing on opening in fall quarter and on COVID and class structures. There was also discussion about students who do not plan to move to in-person classes come fall. He then read the statement on the Religious Accommodations.
- c. McGinnis updated that the personnel committee of Fairhaven has created a guideline on the consequences faculty will face if they do not complete narrative evaluations. Andrade-Eekhoff and McGinnis will look into testimonies of transfer students from Fairhaven because there has been an increase in Fairhaven Transfer Students. They also have the Dean candidacy coming up and will be working on that.
- d. Johnson reported on the vaccination updates from the ACC. The vaccine cannot be required but they are looking to encourage it.
- e. Shorab reported that the At-Large senators have met to speak with the new senators. Kaur reported that they had met with the OCE director to promote the senate.
- f. Rommanose reported that he met with the OCE director as well to promote the senate.
- g. Stevens reported that the main change since the previous quarter is that an agreement has been formalized with the director of the WWU galleries to make sure that another student position is created on the committees to choose art pieces for campus. It is not guaranteed but it is documented

and will be put in the CFPA legacy documents. Stambaugh reported that a petition had been created about the play that was causing concern addressed in the previous meeting. There has not been a final decision on what will be produced but either the play will be put on with an official talk afterward to discuss it or they will put on a different play from a similar time period.

- h.** Jackson reported that he and Rosales are serving on the Woodring Equity and Diversity Committee. Jackson was also assigned to the University Planning and Resource Council. They spoke about the BSO demand about WWU's police department with the WWU Chief of Police speaking about the budget. It was disappointing to see the lack of progress. Rosales and Jackson will also be having another forum and speaking with Dr. Larson. The two are also on the CDC Planning Committee.
- i.** Handa updated on the changes for the Psychology major. She also recently met with Adah. She reminded about when filing is to run again and showed how to apply for AS jobs. She spoke on the Honors College and that it is understood why WWU is in favor of it, but that BIPOC students still need to be supported and that there is a plan to support BIPOC honor students. She also spoke on the issues of Ethnic Studies not being supported as becoming a College while the Honors College is. She also explained the funding processes for the Colleges.

XIII. BOARD REPORTS

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:33 PM