



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2021, 4:30 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Naira Gonzales Aranda, Brenner Barclay, Glory Busic, Jasmine Fast, Ankur Handa, Mallory Schaeftbauer, Laura Wagner

Guests: Ryan Morris

Staff and Assistants: Eric Alexander, Annie Byers, Jen Black, Rue Blanchard, Delfine DeFrank, Eli Stanciu, Nely Vasquez-Vasquez

Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:44 PM.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Wagner added discussing Self Operated Dining to Discussion (Now Information) Items.
- b. Fast added discussing a Keynote Speaker to Information Items.
- c. Naira added discussing the LiveSafe App to Discussion (Now Information) Items.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Keynote Speaker – Fast informed the board of a possible keynote speaker named Joshua Rivedal. Rivedal speaks on mental health and is a standup comedian. He has spoken at many colleges and universities. He reached out to Fast about speaking at WWU, which Fast is in support of.

- b. VP for Finance Council – The VP for finance council has to be selected and Basic asked if anyone was interested. Naira expressed interest. Basic appointed Naira.
- c. Committees and who are on them – Wagner asked about a deadline for appointing student members. Alexander brought up that there had previously been a committee focusing on appointing students to committees, but the selection process still has work to do in recruiting and selection processes. There was discussion of having an SGA heading that up. Naira had concerns about the SEJC committee because they lost money due to not understanding the budget.
- d. Common Study Space – Fast presented on the topic of Family Friendly workspaces across campus. She presented a list of common study areas on campus. She plans to take pictures of each space to look at whether it could be used in a family friendly way and hoped the board would be willing to help out.
- e. Dining – Wagner presented on the work on the dining situation. She had been reaching out to various people and universities that are self-operating. Wagner offered notes from meetings with self-operating dining systems. Wagner explained how the self-operating system would run, with its own department. There are not specific meal plan costs, it is included in housing and tuition. It was mentioned that if WWU was to transition by the expiration date things would need to change ASAP and account for a double cost because there is overlap in meal plans. Alexander added that the contract ending wouldn't necessarily mean resigning with Aramark if they do not switch to self-operating. There will be a search process no matter what. Wagner made note of speaking to the VP of Budget and Finance, to get a group of students together to talk on values with dining systems.
- f. WSMA – Naira brought up LiveSafe app from WWU police, which has some good features, but it also has possibly problematic features. Anyone who may have done graffiti can be reported for a \$250 reward. Naira and Basic have plans to set up a meeting to discuss their concerns. Suspicious activity can also be reported which is a concern for houseless people and POC. She opened it to discussion. Wagner also wondered if there were numbers for mental health emergencies that are not police. The Whatcom Homeless Service center has a Hot Team that specializes in mental health and wellness. Naira added that Oregon has a Cahoots team which is a 24-hour program which may be a beneficial thing to discuss for WWU.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

MOTION ASWWU-21-F-

Motion by

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IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. BSO Demands – Updates
 - a. Wagner (she/her) updated on Demand #12 regarding Shred the Contract and ending the dining contract with Aramark. Shred the Contract is shifting to Coalition model. Sustainability Round Table is being put together and Shred the Contract will be involved in that. Wagner reached out to other universities with a self-sustaining dining system. On Demand #6 regarding the College of the Environment name change, the Board of Trustees will be discussing and acting on what to do.
 - b. Alexander (he/him) updated that construction had moved forward for the Black Student Center. There is now in office BSC Members working to fulfill mission of the organization. They were able to receive a grant at the end of 2021 Spring Quarter for BSO and BSU programming.
 - c. Naira (she/they) for demands #8 and #9, they connected with CEJC who researched diversity and training the previous year.

- b. Barclay (they/them) reported that Senate one-on-one meetings are almost entirely done, and training is Monday. They added that Senate meetings should be running by October 25th

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Glory Busic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.