



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Senate Meeting Minutes**

November 18th, 2021, 3:30-5:00 PM

Attendees: Anna Corinne Huffman, Ankor Handa, Mallory Schaeftbauer, Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez, Eli Stanciu

Senate Members: Brenner Barclay, Anna Hedrick, Daniela Reyes, Cole Burk, Cambria Keely, Kiernan Park-Egan, Miriam Gold, Justin McGlone, Sofia Larrondo, Rahma Iqbal, Carmela Lu, Chris Adkins, Connor Johnson

Guests: Anna Corinne Huffman, Ankor Handa, Mallory Schaeftbauer

Staff and Assistants: Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

Motions:

ASWWU-21-F-4	To approve minutes from the Oct. 28 th meeting
ASWWU-21-F-5	To add a trigger warning amendment to the Huxley Name Change statement
ASWWU-21-F-6	To change Huxley Name Change statement back to an action item
ASWWU-21-F-7	To approve Huxley Name Change statement
ASWWU-21-F-8	To table conversation to Dec. 2 nd meeting
ASWWU-21-F-9	To move to voting phase
ASWWU-21-F-10	To approve the Fairhaven Senator
ASWWU-21-F-11	To vote for At Large Senator
ASWWU-21-F-12	To postpone Vice Chair election to Dec. 2 nd meeting

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:42 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. October 28th, 2021 minutes approval

ASWWU-21-F-4

Motion by Connor Johnson

To approve minutes from the Oct. 28th meeting

Second: Anna Hedrick

Motion passed 12-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Keely and Hedrick want to change her action item to an info
- b. DeFrank recommends putting all of the actions items as info before being put into action
- c. Huffman wants to change the legislative agenda to an info guest

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. Huffman encourages engagement on the legislative document (Doc 1) by putting questions and if anyone wants to add to reach out to her or Handa
- b. Stanciu asks if there were changes since it was presented to the Executive Board
 - a. Handa and Huffman confirms
- c. Barclay ask the process from the Senate and Executive Board lobbying efforts and policy
 - a. Huffman answers that once the agenda passes, Handa and her will be working on Western Lobby Day and will be creating one pager's for students to focus and select based on their interest
 - b. Once it reaches legislators, it'll be centered around student interests
- d. Barclay asks what some of the differences between Western's and WSA (Washington Student Association) legislative agenda
 - a. Huffman says that there aren't many differences between the two agendas
 - b. But one difference is Western's drinking water and transitioning into to clean energy feeding system
 - c. Repealing RCW with the addition of some Western specifics
- e. Gold asks what is the "Centering Equity at WWU" section
 - a. Huffman responds that is it an introduction and intentions for the agenda
- f. Gold asks how the survey put out by OCE involves the agenda
 - a. What this agenda focuses on are what students identify they want to see based on the survey
 - b. Barclay asks how the survey affects the lobbying efforts
 - i. Huffman says that they are using it to craft language and that the priorities that are on the survey are reflected in the agenda and will be used to train students for Lobby Day and reaching out to legislators
- g. A Senator asks about the WSA and what autonomy and advocacy efforts and local actions are

- a. Huffman says is it connected to the WA Student Association and it has been asked to enable the Washington Student Achievement Council to levy up to two statewide Student Associations
 - 1. One would be geared towards undergrad and graduate students and one would be geared toward community and technical college students
- b. CTC students don't have any direct line to advocacy and the state board they have is admin centered
- c. Some universities like EWU and WSU haven't been able to pay into a WA State Association
- d. The goal is to have more institutions and students access this, regardless if their campuses will pay into
- e. Handa says this is based on the California and Oregon system
- h.** Keely asks about the "Title IX and Compliance" section
 - a. She asks if Huffman has fortification of what she's going to ask about the legislature
 - b. Huffman says she is looking for more concrete asks and welcomes any suggestion
 - i. One is mandating that all student employees on University campuses receive Title IX training
 - c. Keely says she is reviewing a 2018 audit that led to the formation of the Title IX compliance office and would like to connect with Huffman on that
- i.** Handa wants opinions on the "Divesting from Prison Labor" section
 - a. Handa explains that "RCW 39.26.250 is a state law that requires all public institution to preferences to goods and services associated with a prison labor work program"
 - b. Students on campus have expressed they want to divest from prison labor
 - i. However, there is concern on how the university would financially transition from this system
 - ii. Singh asks what opportunities does WWU have outside of prison labor forms and expresses concern whether WWU will follow through with it
 - 1. Handa says multiple Universities and campuses such as WSU and UW support divesting from prison labor
 - 2. He also says that local farmers in Whatcom County are interested in selling food to the University
- j.** Stanciu asks if repealing RCW 39.26.250 would affect anyone else such as public schools who use their labor or if it is limited to prison production labor

- a. Handa says for any goods or services

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

- a. Huxley Name Change Endorsement (Doc 2)
 - a. Keely says that her, Park-Egan, Ryan Morris, Hedrick, and Laura Wagner from the Executive Board have written a statement and want it approved in the Senate
 - b. Stanciu brought up that the letter contains some potential triggering words when it was brought to the exec board
 - c. Schaeftbauer said that there will be a disclaimer put in the beginning
 - d. Keely says that since then, some of the language has been softened
 - e. Gold and Larrondo argue that the language should be censored and instead to just put a trigger warning at the beginning

ASWWU-21-F-5

Motion by Miriam Gold

To add a trigger warning amendment to the Huxley Name Change statement

Second: Justin McGlone

Motion passed 12-0-0

ASWWU-21-F-6

Motion by Connor Johnson

To change Huxley Name Change statement back to an action item

Second: Anna Hedrick

Motion passed 12-0-0

ASWWU-21-F-7

Motion by Cambria Keely

To approve Huxley Name Change statement

Second: Anna Hedrick

Motion passed 12-0-0

- b. Ability and Access Committee
 - a. What the Committees would be about

- i. Address issues on campus, particularly signage for wheelchair ramps
 - ii. Markers for missing bricks on campus
- c. Shred the Contract
 - a. Hedrick said that the Committee recently looked at the renewed contract with Aramark which expires in 2023
 - b. There was an amendment added but some of the information has been blacked out or redacted
 - i. They are actively trying to figure out what was on the document
 - ii. She also said the committee is actively trying to communicate more with Melinda Husky to figure out what the committee can gain from the document
 - c. The Committee is looking to acquire a consultant to WWU develop a self-operating system and obtain a grant through the CJF and use the money to fund a trip to tour other Universities to look at their self-operating dining system
 - d. Hedrick emphasizes that there is a short timeframe as the contract with Aramark expires in 2023 years
 - e. The Committee wonders that if students did help to create a proposal for the grant, if the internal committees from the Senate could work on crafting the proposal and students could get paid for the research
 - f. Working with the administrators, Hedrick says they will appoint a consultant to discuss with students to understand their values and interests in the WWU dining system
 - g. Discussing with Melinda Husky, she says there is talk about a self-dining operating system, but that no actions have been taken
 - h. Hedrick asks the Senate about their opinions and questions
 - i. Shred the Contract Committee right now is trying to convince the administrators to do a self-operating system because they are undecided
 - j. Hedrick also says they are trying to reach out to students and get their opinions
 - k. Gold asks if self-operating systems also include the cafes and stores at WWU and if they are a part of Aramark
 - i. Other Senators confirm they are a part of Aramark
 - l. Gold says to also think about food restrictions so that students can be accommodate if there is a self-operating system
 - i. Gold asks if for restaurants on campus such as Starbucks, does Aramark own those franchises and if they do, how will it affect the stores
 - 1. Hedrick says she will need to get back to Gold on that

- m. Gold also expresses concerns for student employees if there is a self-operating system
 - i. Hedrick says the self-operating system would still support the employees
- n. Gold asks where the funding for the employee would come from since they're paid by Aramark
 - i. McGlone, who comes from a self-dining university, says that he thinks the employees were paid through a federal program and not the school
 - ii. Stanciu adds that funding from the government to educational facilities changes every year so there will have to be a close eye on that

ASWWU-21-F-8

Motion by Miriam Gold

To table conversation to Dec. 2nd meeting

Second: Justin McGlone

Motion passed 12-0-0

- d. Senator appointments
 - a. Fairhaven election
 - b. Only one applicant

ASWWU-21-F-9

Motion by Miriam Gold

To move to voting phase

Second: Taylor Provence

Motion passed 12-0-0

ASWWU-21-F-10

Motion by Miriam Gold

To approve the Fairhaven Senator

Second: Taylor Provence

Motion passed 12-0-0

- e. At Large Senator
 - a. Two applicants
 - b. Jesus Resendiz-Eyler is appointed Senator

ASWWU-21-F-11

Motion by Taylor Provence

To vote for At Large Senator

Second: Sofia Larrondo
Motion passed 12-0-0

ASWWU-21-F-12

Motion by Justin McGlone
To postpone Vice Chair election to Dec. 2nd meeting
Second: Connor Johnson
Motion passed 12-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

IX. SENATE REPORTS

X. BOARD REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Barclay clarifies
 - a. Info items
 - i. Items that will eventually be voted on
 - ii. Items that will not have a vote associated with them at the current meeting
 - b. Action items
 - i. Generally, topics talked about previously that are moving to vote on specific actions
 - ii. Approval of statements
 - iii. Appointment of new members in the Senate
- b. McGlone asks how many open positions there are
 - a. Barclay says the open positions are:
 - i. One Woodring
 - ii. One Fairhaven
 - iii. One Graduate

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM