



**Associated Students of
Western Washington University**

AS Ethics Board Charter

Expires on ~~June 30~~, 2023

I. CHARGE

The purpose of the AS Ethics Board is to make decisions concerning the fairness of Associated Students Election proceedings by:

- Having hearings regarding candidate grievances
- Making unbiased and ethical decisions around filed grievances which shall be made according to the Ethics Board's interpretation of the rules and regulations outlined in the AS Election Code.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Voting:

12 Students At-Large that are randomly selected, in a jury style, out of the entire student body.

Non-voting:

4 Residential Advisor or Resident Assistant Director as appointed by the Director of University Residences (Chair)

AS Ethics Board Student Coordinator (Secretary)

III. CHAIR

The Chairperson shall be 4 Residential Advisor or Resident Assistant Director as appointed by the Director of University Residences. Each Chairperson advises 3 At-Large students to make up a Student Ethics Panel. They shall convene the meetings, give contextual information, provide support for the committee to make a sound decision, and preside at all meetings. The Chairperson does not have any part in the decision-making process. They shall report all actions taken to the AS Executive Board and Student Senate.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the Chair as stated in the AS Election Code. If more than one grievance is filed, each individual grievance will be heard separately in the order in which they were received by the Chair. The proceedings shall follow the rules and regulations as stated in the AS Election Code.

V. VOTING

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.

VI. QUORUM

Five members shall constitute quorum: 3 Students At-Large, the AS Ethics Board Student Coordinator, and the Chairperson. Each party to a grievance is allowed to have one student at-large of the panel reappointed from serving on the hearing panel prior to the start of the hearing if they choose. The Ethics Board Student Coordinator and Chairperson cannot be dismissed.

X. AMENDMENTS

This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Executive Board. This charter may not be amended after candidate filing has begun until the official results have been ratified by the AS Executive Board.

XI. REPORTAGE

This committee shall report to the AS Board of Directors and AS Student Senate.

X. APPEALS

Decisions made by the AS Ethics Board are considered final with the exception of candidate disqualification. In the event that a candidate is disqualified by the AS Ethics Board, the candidate may appeal this decision to the AS Ethics Appeals Panel.

