Western Washington University Associated Students
Senate Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2022, 4:00-6:00 PM

Attendees: Ryan Morris, Sargun Handa, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

Senate Members: Brenner Barclay, Ted Topper, Justin McGlone, Sofia Larrondo, Rahma Iqbal, Carmela Lu, River Johnson, Quincy Ingalls, Daniela Reyes, Dylan Singh, Miriam Gold, Taylor Provence

Guests: Ryan Morris, Sargun Handa
Staff and Assistants: Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

Motions:

ASWWU-22-W-8  To approve 2/20/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
ASWWU-22-W-9  To approve 1/27/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
ASWWU-22-W-10 To approve 1/13/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
ASWWU-22-W-11 To approve 12/02/21 Student Senate Meeting Minutes

ASWWU-22-W-12 Move HSOC Demands from Information Item - Guests* to Action Item - Guests*

ASWWU-22-W-13 To endorse the HSOC Demands

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Change Connor Johnson to River Johnson for minutes 12/2/21 - 1/27/22

ASWWU-22-W-8
Motion by Quincy Ingalls
To approve 2/20/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Second: Sofia Larrondo
Motion passed: 10-1-0

ASWWU-22-W-9
Motion by Miriam Gold
To approve 1/27/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Second: Quincy Ingalls
Motion passed: 11-0-0

ASWWU-22-W-10
Motion by Quincy Ingalls
To approve 1/13/22 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Second: Justin McGlone
Motion passed: 10-1-0

ASWWU-22-W-11
Motion by Quincy Ingalls
To approve 12/02/21 Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Second: Justin McGlone
Motion passed: 10-1-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. HSOC Demands
   a. Sargun Handa (She/They) presents
   b. Due to injustices going on in WWU campus, Handa hopes to have the Student Senate endorse HSOC Demands
   c. The goal of HSOC is to enrich a student of color’s college experience
   d. Handa reports that the Honors Program threatened that they would deny claims of racism and not formally respond to the demands, saying this is not how WWU wants to have dialogue with student groups
   e. Handa also reports that the Title IX office has said HSOC has enough grounds for an investigation for discrimination and racism by the Honors Program

ASWWU-22-W-12
Motion by Justin McGlone
To Move HSOC Demands from Information Item - Guests* to Action Item -Guests*
Second: Quincy Ingalls
Motion passed: 11-0-0
V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. HSOC Demands
   a. Ingalls informs Handa that he and Naira Gonzales have been working on one of the BSO demands on a report system, and to contact them about it
   b. Topper adds he is working with a Fairhaven staff member to create a African-American Studies Major and to contact them to help complete an HSOC Demand
   c. Handa says that HSOC demands are more Honor’s centric and would like to keep it separate from BSO demands

b. CHOICE Demands
   a. CHOICE regards the safety, communication, and education of students and professors concerning COVID-19
   b. Voting will be held next time as quorum fell
   c. Gold asks whether the professors provide some classes online or all of them dual
      i. Handa thinks dual but will get back to Gold on it
      ii. Gold then asks whether having owls in all classrooms are allowed under the Collective Bargaining Agreement
         1. Handa says they will investigate
   d. Johnson asks how demand 7 will be implemented
      i. Handa answers with indoor mask mandates throughout campus
   e. Iqbal informs Handa that they could go through the Sustainability, Justice, Equity and Inclusion Fund Committee to get the OWLs

ASWWU-22-W-13
Motion by Quincy Ingalls
To endorse the HSOC Demands
Second: Justin McGlone
Motion passed: 10-1-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

a. Meeting Frequency
   a. Barclay says biweekly meetings creates time issues in approving items and meeting quorum and asks for opinions
      i. Gold agrees biweekly meetings create problems but asks if it is possible if on the off weeks the Senate could one-hour meetings that only focuses on specific items
      ii. Gold clarifies that the mini meetings would only be about spill over items and/or continuing discussion about specific items
iii. Johnson adds that those mini meetings can be skipped over if there’s nothing to talk about
iv. Iqbal and Gold express concern with Senators being able to attend the added meetings
   1. Barclay clarifies that Senate meetings have flexible meeting times, and thus could have condensed meetings
   2. They also believe those condensed meetings could help with attendance issues and meeting quorum
v. DeFrank clarifies that changing frequency of the meetings has to be a ballot vote with ¾ majority from all the Senators, and approved by the WWU President

   b. Ramadan Accommodation
      a. MSA decided to change extensions for religious holidays to 24 hours to keep in mind new students to MSA, campus, and Professors
      b. Johnson would like to add examples of accommodations

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

IX. SENATE REPORTS

   a. Topper reports he has been working with the Fairhaven administration to enact a public forum in the courtyard for student input and concerns
      a. For example, students do not want WWU to partner with Aramark anymore
      b. Topper expresses concern over the definition of “self-operation” if the contract with Aramark ceases
      c. Johnson informs Topper to contact other Universities that are self-operated to help his research
      d. McGlone also informs Topper that community college near WWU have self-operating systems and to contact them as well
   b. Barclay reports faculty Senate are making a task force to review and edit current faculty ethics guide and would like student input (students will not vote)
   c. McGlone would like to start working on legacy documents for successors to fall back on and wants Senate input
      a. Barclay would also like documents that detail the structure of each College, so it is easy to navigate
      b. Larrondo asks if this document should be collective or individual
      c. Gold would like maintenance of these documents

X. BOARD REPORTS
XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM