



## Western Washington University Associated Students

### Senate Meeting Minutes

April 4th, 2022, 5:00-6:30 PM

**Attendees:** Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

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

**Guests:**

**Staff and Assistants:** Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

**Motions:**

ASWWU-22-S-1	To approve February 24 <sup>th</sup> and April 1 <sup>st</sup> Student Senate Meeting minutes
ASWWU-22-W-2	To approve Ramadan Accommodations document

***Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM***

#### **I. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approving minutes

##### **ASWWU-22-S-1**

Motion by Brenner Barclay

To approve February 24<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> Senate meeting minutes

Second: Justin McGlone

Motion passed: 12-0-1

#### **II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Ramadan Accommodations - Action Items - Senate\*

- b. Finding a Finance Council Proxy - Other Business
- c. Admin Town Hall - Other Business
- d. Fairhaven Senator Job Description - Information Items - Senate\*

### **III. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS**

### **V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS**

### **VI. PERSONELL ITEMS**

### **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE**

- a. Fairhaven Senator Job Description
  - a. Ingalls asks what the process for finalizing the Senator job description is
    - i. DeFrank says the Senators would send it to them and then they'll CC Barclay and Vasquez
    - ii. The document would then be submitted as an information item, and then the Senate will review it and give feedback
    - iii. The Senator would then implement (or not) the feedback and submit as an action item
  - b. Quidwai wants confirmation that the Senator Job Description can be conformed to whatever they think is important for their specific college
    - i. DeFrank confirms this, and says the sections that would be conformed are the “About the Position” and “Position Responsibilities”
  - c. Ingalls talks about the position changes they added, such as:
    - i. Bringing Fairhaven ethics to the Student Senate and the University
    - ii. Contributing to committee and projects
    - iii. Self-directed position etc.
  - d. Ingalls asks if the Senate could move the document to an action item to vote for today, or wait until the next meeting to do so

- i. DeFrank says to wait until the next meeting for Ingalls to add any changes they may see fit
- ii. They say the required qualifications may not be as changeable, but they may change the minimum GPA to say “good academic standing” instead
  - 1. DeFrank says they can clarify that Senators can work elsewhere as well because of the low number of hours per week
- e. Iqbal likes that Ingalls used Fairhaven specific language

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE**

- a. Ramadan Accommodations Document
  - a. Iqbal says some language had been changed for it to be usable for future years
    - i. The major change that was made was the extension time to submit assignments from 12 to 24 hours

### **ASWWU-22-S-2**

Motion by Rahma Iqbal

To approve the Ramadan Accommodations document

Second: Quincy Ingalls

Motion passed: 13-0-0

## **IX. SENATE REPORTS**

- a. Barclay lets the Senate know they are in the process of finding a new Provost for the University
  - a. Ingalls wonders if they are meeting with the Student Senate
  - b. Barclay says they don’t know, but shares the candidates information with the Senators, encouraging them to look at it and give feedback in their surveys
- b. Ingalls shares his frustration about the troubles with meeting quorum, especially with Fridays special meeting
  - a. He also points out that it looks bad when Senators don’t show to meet quorum, giving the Senate a powerless look
  - b. He pleads with the Senators to come to the meetings to get work done, and if they can’t, to communicate

- c. Guenther shares Ingalls frustration with meeting quorum, citing his experience with the Bellingham Farmers Market, and wonders if quorum could be lowered
  - i. McGlone informs Guenther that changing quorum falls under the Charge and Charter, which would go through the AS Executive Board and Student Senate, with a super majority vote
    - 1. Barclay says that quorum cannot be changed, as it is based with the number of seated Senators
- c. BSO DEMANDS - Updates
  - a. Larrondo would like the Senators to discuss with their respective College's Dean to involve students in curriculum building
  - b. Larrondo says that the Dean she discussed with about this recommended creating a Social Justice Committee in their college where students of color can participate and voice their concerns directly with the Chairs of the departments as well as with the Deans of their respective colleges
    - i. Ingalls tells Larrondo to email him and Topper as they are working on it in Fairhaven College, and that they can have the process started faster within it
  - c. McGlone asks if Larrondo at some point could explain what it would take to set up the committee
    - i. Larrondo says that once they talk with their Dean about how it would look specifically they'll present
  - d. Topper asks if a drafted statement can be written for those who might want to investigate what Larrondo is asking about
    - i. Larrondo says yes
- d. Ingalls is talking with their Dean about funding for Black and Indigenous work on campus, and they are figuring out how much they would get
  - a. Ingalls would like a local artist to paint a mural in the Fairhaven Academic building
  - b. They are also looking to add more outdoor sculptures to the sculpture garden
  - c. Ingalls asks the Senators if they would like to participate, and if so, to ask their Dean's if there could be more funding to add to the garden
    - i. He also says their work in getting these projects done would be recognized
- e. Topper informs the Senate that he and the Dean are working on a creating an African American studies major, which will be expanded outside of the American Studies program with the WWU catalog
  - a. He says it will also be exclusive to Fairhaven

- i. Ingalls clarifies this by saying that many of their classes regard sociology and race
- b. He also says the major will be more developed around the middle of May

## **X. BOARD REPORTS**

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Barclay asks if any Senators can be his proxy for the Finance Council
  - a. They add the meetings are remote and the general task is to approve specific budgets or funding requests
- b. Barclay also informs the Senate that under the direction of the OCE director, the student government is planning to have town hall with the administration
  - a. The town halls is scheduled to be between May 23rd and May 26th
  - b. To have a productive town hall, the OCE released a survey to get a better understanding of what it is students are concerned about
  - c. They encourage the Senators to fill it out and spread the news of this to other students
- c. Vasquez informs the Senate their best meeting times for the special meeting
  - a. Barclay and the Senate lean more towards Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 PM
    - i. Ingalls asks if it is possible to do voting by proxy at the special meeting
    - ii. DeFrank says Senators can't have proxies in the Senate

***Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM***