



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

January 14, 2022, 4:30 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Naira Gonzales Aranda (she/they), Brenner Barclay (they/them), Glory Busic (she/her), Jasmine Fast (she/her), Ankur Handa (he/him), Mallory Schaeffbauer (she/her), Laura Wagner (she/her)

Guests:

Staff and Assistants: Annie Byers (she/her), Rue Blanchard (they/them), Delfine DeFrank (she/they)

Motions:

ASWWU-22-W-37 To approve the minutes

ASWWU-22-W-38 To add ten minutes to the item

Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes
-December 10, 2021

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-37

Motion by Fast

To approve the minutes

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 7-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Naira added the allegation that a VU employee was forced to work while positive for COVID as an information item.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Conversation About Remote Learning Announcement – Wagner began the conversation on the impacts of the announcement and asks the Board’s opinions on the announcement. The Board discussed the issues with the timing of the announcement, both with it being the same day as the deadline for refunds when withdrawing from classes and with how abrupt it was. Barclay had attended the Faculty Senate Meeting and said that answers from President Randhawa on the topic of going online were vague. Fast spoke on the challenges that parents and caregivers are facing and the lack of recognition for that from administration. The Board discussed the issue of the difficulties of going back in person shortly before midterms. The Board also discussed the financial aspect of the timing with the announcement of going online being the last day to withdraw with a refund.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-38

Motion by Barclay

To add ten minutes to the item

Second: Gonzales

Motion passed 7-0-0

- b. Earth Day 2022 – Wagner said that there was \$4,020 in the AS Budget allocated for Earth Day, which was not all used the previous year. She continued that there is hesitancy in planning something in person for Earth Day and wanted to begin discussing options. The Board discussed collaborating on the planning of Earth Day events and options for guests to invite and other possible plans.
- c. Allegation About Student with Positive Covid Test Being Made to Work at the VU – Naira said that there were allegations made that a student employee working for Aramark in the VU Cafe learned that they had tested positive for Covid while on shift and were told not to leave during their shift. They said that it had also been alleged that the student’s roommate had tested positive rather than the student, which was not

grounds for the student to leave their shift. Western commented on a post about the situation saying that it was being investigated. Wagner was also told by John Thompson that the student's roommate tested positive, but the student had not, and the student was not told they could not leave their shift. The Aramark protocol is that employees that test positive should immediately begin the quarantine process, and OSHA and WWU guidelines are followed in relation to Covid. Schaeftbauer said that a friend had been exposed to her when her roommate had Covid and was told not to come to work at the VU despite not having direct exposure. Wagner said that there was no story that was clearly factual yet. Naira planned to ask Melynda Huskey about the allegations in an upcoming meeting.

- d. President Position Description Draft – Glory presented the President Position Description Draft.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Wagner reported on the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee; the fee is up for a vote this year and would be included as a ballot measure in the spring elections. There are uncertainties around the circumstances of Covid, as the fee is based around ridership data, which causes concerns about the data being accurate until the next vote in five years. DeFrank said that based on the ballot from March of 2017 there will need to be a vote, but the number of years before the next vote can be changed.
- b. Glory reported that she had emailed Sislana Ledbetter to find out if there are updates about the contracted 24/7 Mental Health Service at UW but has not heard back. She also planned to bring the Student Trustee Search Committee Charge and Charter to the next meeting.
- c. Schaeftbauer reported that she met with Eric Alexander about the Student Union Board and plans to bring the outline of the Student Union Advisory Board to the next meeting.
- d. Fast reported that over the break there were meetings with the architects for the Student Development and Success Center, and there was just another meeting to discuss the planning of the building and the departments that would fit in it.
- e. Naira reported that Melissa Uyesugi, the Multicultural Center Assistant Director is leaving, and the ESC Executive Board meetings have been moved online. There is also a new club trying to join the ESC Executive Board.
- f. Handa reported that Western Lobby Day would be that coming weekend.

X. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Brenner reported that the Senate had started meeting that quarter online.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Board of Trustees February — Written Report – Glory informed the Board that the Board of Trustees would need a written report from the Board and asked if there was anything the Board members would want in that report. Wagner said that they could include discussion of the timing of going online. Fast suggested adding concerns about funding for ATUS and how to provide more laptops and hotspots for students who are in financial need. Glory said that the materials would be due Tuesday, February 4th, and the meetings dates are February 10th and 11th.

Glory Busic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:57 PM.