



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 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: Anna Corinne Huffman

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

Motions:

ASWWU-22-W-43 To approve the minutes

ASWWU-22-W-44 To appoint applicants to the Academic Honesty Board

Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes

-January 14, 2022

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-43

Motion by Wagner

To approve the minutes

Second: Schaeffbauer

Motion passed 6-0-0

b. Academic Honesty Board Applicants

-Lisa Eddleman

-Tammie Chong

-Samuel Ellis

-Nathan Lloyd

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-44

Motion by Barclay

To appoint applications to the Academic Honesty Board

Second: Gonzales

Motion passed 7-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a.** Basic added Legislative Updates to Guest Information Items.
- b.** Wagner added a five-minute item for How COVID Decisions Are Made to Information Items.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a.** Tabling for Student Engagement with Legislative Session – Huffman said that there would be tabling in Red Square on the 3rd and 4th to give people resources to engage in the Legislative Process and build awareness about the bills being worked on.
- b.** Legislative Updates – Huffman shared a document of resources for the Legislative Session. It included the ASWWU Priority Bills, the 2022 Legislative Session Calendar, and a bill tracker.

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a.** Black Student Organization Demand 17: Better Communication Between Administration and Staff – Brainstorm – Glory started the discussion on improving communication between Administration and Staff and their communication with Students. Wagner asked if there was a communications liaison between Admin and Staff. DeFrank said that if there were talks it was a relay from supervisor to branch representatives. There is no specific liaison role. Glory said that she felt there could be more communication from the Board to the Student Body. Wagner spoke on

communication with COVID decisions at Western. She said that social media seemed to be a good starting place. Barclay said that one question they had been asked often was what the important variables are when COVID decisions are made. They said insight into what pushes a decision one way or another would be helpful. Wagner added that more accessible and digestible information would also be helpful. Glory had spoken to Melynda Huskey about the confusing wording of the law about the refund policy that was sent in the email about class modality. Glory said that members of the AS Board receiving email drafts from information to see if they have clear communication could be helpful.

- b.** How COVID Decisions are Made – Wagner reported that there had been a meeting on the issue of COVID decisions, how they are made, how to better communicate with students on the topic, and how the AS can be involved in that. The questions that were discussed were: what feedback has been heard from students in WWU’s COVID decision making this quarter, what do students want to know about the issue, what we can share with students to ease their stress and shed light on these processes, what is the most beneficial tool(s) to share this information.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a.** Wagner reported that she has heard that there are attempts from Joyce Lopes to revive the Sustainability Advisory Committee and has asked about goals and student representation, but not heard back. There is also a group of students organizing to make demands of the university to offer hybrid or online classes for every class and be more accessible in how accommodations are handled. The demands are still in the works and the talk of budget for compensating professors for the extra time they’re working during COVID. On the topic of Earth Day/Week, Wagner reported that she had met with the Student Sustainability Ambassador and the Director of the ESP to discuss the brainstorming document. Wagner asked Eric Alexander about fundraising for the Longhouse but has not heard back. She heard that Leaf’s Tea would be interested in coming to campus, and the ESP has screening rights access to the documentary *End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock*. There would be a meeting on the topic the following Tuesday.
- b.** Fast reported that she spoke to Harry, a representative from Ridwell. They would rent a table in Red Square and do a pickup, probably for thin plastic film and will promote their services. She spoke to him about the concept of WWU partnering with Ridwell. Fast said that she had a meeting with Jonathan Stubblefield and connected about working together. In the meeting she brought up the idea of WWU partnering with the YMCA for drop-in childcare for student parents who need childcare during class when

schools are closed but WWU is open. Stubblefield has connections with the YMCA through June Frasier and Skookum Kids. The idea would be partnering with one of the organizations who would hire a childcare provider on campus. She also received an email from Lindsey MacDonald saying that aluminum cans would be an okay option, but she also made a case about plastic bottles being better than cans. The reasoning was about the energy consumption of making plastic bottles vs cans. Wagner said that there were other issues with plastic besides energy consumption, including biomagnification and bioaccumulations, as well as plastic leeching in the water itself. Fast said that she is in support of aluminum canned water rather than plastic bottled water. Fast said that she and Schaeffbauer had discussed having a brick painting activity and suggested that it happen during Earth Week.

- c. Glory reported that she had a meeting about Committee Council and the decision has been made to reinstate it. The Council will work on creating a better process as well as appointing to committees. Glory had got in contact with the Cops Off Campus Coalition during the summer and heard back recently. The Coalition asked if they still needed help, and Glory plans to update them and asked if any Board members would like to be a part of that. She met with Fred Collins, Eric Alexander, Delfine DeFrank, and Amy Westmoreland about MCC/ESC Funding and discussed looking into how the State and Institution could fund those services so they are not only funded by students. Westmoreland promised that admin would not get rid of the ESC because of funding. Westmoreland also said that helpful next steps from the AS would be having concrete written documentation of what students need and want.

X. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Barclay reported that Keara Ryan came to the previous day's meeting to go over the Elections Committee Timeline and Position Descriptions. There was discussion about modality changes, and the Senate is currently meeting virtually.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Glory Basic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.