



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2022, 4:30 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Naira Gonzales Aranda (she/they), Brenner Barclay (they/them), Glory Busic (she/her), Jasmine Fast (she/her), Mallory Schaeftbauer (she/her), Laura Wagner (she/her)

Guests: Keara Ryan, Ryan Morris

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

Motions:

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| ASWWU-22-W-61 | To approve the minutes |
| ASWWU-22-W-62 | To add fifteen minutes to the item |
| ASWWU-22-W-63 | To add five minutes to the item |
| ASWWU-22-W-64 | To move from an information item to an action item |
| ASWWU-22-W-65 | To approve the HSOC Demands Endorsement with edits |
| ASWWU-22-W-66 | To approve the ASWWU Spring Executive & Senate & Ballot Elections with edits |
| ASWWU-22-W-67 | To move from an information item to an action item |
| ASWWU-22-W-68 | To move from an information item to an action item |
| ASWWU-22-W-69 | To approve the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter |
| ASWWU-22-W-70 | To approve the SEJF Charge and Charter |
| ASWWU-22-W-71 | To approve the AS President Position Description |

ASWWU-22-W-72

To approve the AS Senate President Position
Description

Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - February 18, 2022
 - February 25, 2022

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-61

Motion by Fast

To approve the minutes for February 18th and 25th

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 5-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. BSO Demand Updates –
 1. BSO WWU Demand #7 – Naira said that they started a task force in the Senate to work on those demands. They have been working on a step-by-step for Senators who are interested in working on this demand. They hope to go into the first Senate meeting of spring quarter and start working on that. The Chandeliers made by Fred Wilson have also been installed in the VU.
 2. BSO WWU Demand #8 – The demand is complete. Barclay said that the Faculty Senate is reviewing their ethics book to look into bolster the language around anti-racism in the University system. Despite being complete, the faculty continues to work on it.
 3. BSO WWU Demand #9 – The demand is marked as complete. Barclay said that it is unclear how complete the demand is. They are hoping to discuss

creating anti-Blackness training for students with the Faculty Senate Committee about updating the Faculty Senate Handbook. Naira said that they thought that #8 and #9 did not feel complete and the training is not sufficient considering what they have heard from students. The training appears to be minimal. Huskey has been considering how to improve training for faculty. Naira plans to meet with the Faculty Senate and Faculty Union and discuss better racial training. Wagner said that on Demands #8 and #9, there was Anti-Discrimination training for all students that was required for all students, which included all marginalized identities and was not focused specifically on racism or anti-Blackness, and she does not believe that it was continued to this year.

4. BSO WWU Demand #11 – Barclay said that they did not know what level of completion this demand was at. The Fairhaven Senators are in discussion with their Dean about the topic as there are many majors in Fairhaven that touch on the topic. They are discussing rearranging and compiling classes to create an African American Studies Program. Glory said that she was in an independent study that looked at rebuilding Ethnic Studies at WWU because WWU used to have an Ethnic Studies College. Work and study has been happening around rebuilding Ethnic Studies, which relates to the demand since African American Studies would be under the Ethnic Studies College.
5. BSO WWU Demand #12 – Wagner said that starting after April 27th 2021, there was a letter written by Shred the Contract that was signed by Executive Board and Student Senate members and sent to Sabah and other administration reiterating the sustainability issues with the Aramark contract. There was not an official response due to being sent at the end of the quarter. In fall, Wagner has been connecting with Huskey and Leonard Jones about the specific timeline that Administration has about moving forward. There has to be a request for proposal process, which means various dining systems will put in a proposal and be graded against a rubric, and whichever has the highest score will likely be chosen. Administration is planning to have some kind of public forum for students to express what they want to see in dining. Wagner is working with Huskey and Jones to make a survey between student government and the consultant to put out to the student body, which will hopefully be both electronic and paper. There was a timeline sent to reporters on the topic.
6. BSO WWU Demand #13 – Barclay said that ACC and the Faculty Senate are moving forward on the PLEJ GUR. PLEJ would be a general university requirement rather than a major requirement, which means it does not fulfill the ask. PLEJ is in line with the idea of cross-cultural education courses, but they do not currently know what the status is of major required cross-cultural education courses is and will have to look into that. It is a topic that

is worked on by the Deans of each college. Wagner said that she has seen cross-cultural education sections within classes at the College of the Environment, as well as an Indigenous Resource Management class. It is not mandated and is an upper-level class, and there needs to be further work on the demand.

7. BSO WWU Demand #14 – Barclay said that this was another demand that needs to be addressed by each Dean. Professors have a large amount of control over the books in their classes as well. This is also a question in reviewing the Faculty Handbook and the Ethics as a way to encourage including texts by BIPOC authors and less Eurocentric texts. Naira said that professors have a large amount of power over their syllabus, but she is unsure of who they go through to have their syllabus approved and will be looking into that. She is starting to start a group in the Senate to work on this. She said that a Fairhaven Professor taught a course on James Baldwin and Tony Morrison, which was originally going to be focused on two white authors, but he made the decision to change that. She is going to ask the Senators to ask their Deans if there is a process that can be put in to diversify the books in the curriculum.
8. BSO WWU Demand #15 – Barclay said that they are not aware of the hiring processes in the colleges. On a similar topic, WWU is currently hiring a new Provost and Barclay is on the committee. They cannot say much on it due to the confidentiality, but it is the first thing on their mind during the meetings since the Provost will have impact on the colleges processes.
9. BSO WWU Demand #16 – Naira said that the Bias Response System is in place for reporting microaggressions. There is also work for it to be added to the LiveSafe app. The report system has been data gathering rather than addressing them, and the next step needs to be holding professors accountable. She will be bringing it up with Structural Equity Transition Committee.
10. BSO WWU Demand #17 – Glory said that she has been discussing communications with Sabah and Huskey about the Board reading over emails to students to make sure they have clear communications. She is also bringing up CHOICE and HSOC demands and providing written reports to the Board of Trustees to ensure that the Board of Trustees has written documents of what is happening with students so they can follow up.
11. BSO WWU Demand #18 – The Ramadan Accommodations were passed the previous meeting and would continue to be reindorsed.
12. BSO WWU Demand #2 – Glory said that she has met with the Cops Off Campus Coalition and was provided with a few Instagram pages and suggested she talk to the University of Washington. The Coalition also has

events that can be participated in or created locally. It is uncertain if Student Government can take part in the events.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-62

Motion by Barclay

To add fifteen minutes to the item

Second: Schaeftbauer

Motion passed 6-0-0

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-63

Motion by Gonzales

To add five minutes to the item

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

- b.** HSOC Demands Endorsement – Sargun asked for there to be a letter to endorse the HSOC Demands, and it was drafted by Ryan Morris with Barclay and Glory’s input, and Glory wanted to have the Board read it before publishing it. Barclay said that they wanted to wait to add the Student Senator’s names until it was passed in the Senate. The letter would be endorsed during this meeting and then later endorsed by the Student Senate. Naira asked for both of their last names to be added. Wagner suggested changing “ask” to “stipulate” to strengthen the word choice. Glory said that she felt “ask” was more straightforward and understandable. Morris suggested changing “ask” to “we call upon.” Wagner agreed with that language choice. The addition of “completing the demands by Spring 2024” was also added.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-64

Motion by Wagner

To move from an information item to an action item

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a.** HSOC Demands Endorsement

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-65

Motion by Gonzales

To approve the HSOC Demands Endorsement with edits

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

- b.** Elections Timeline – Keara Ryan presented the elections timeline document. Wagner asked if there were time constraints for when there can be advertisement for upcoming ballot measures. Ryan said that she would not post anything now outside of the campaign period. She will come back at the beginning of the following quarter to go over the changes and approve them.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-66

Motion by Gonzales

To approve the ASWWU Spring Executive & Senate & Ballot Elections with edits

Second: Schaeffbauer

Motion passed 6-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a.** Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter – Glory presented the changes to the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter. One change was that the voting staff member was changed from Eric Alexander’s position to Raquel Vigil’s, the VU Assistant Director of Business and Planning. Barclay asked why this change was made. Glory said it was for a new perspective as Alexander has been in that position for a long portion of time. DeFrank said that the AS Logo would need to be updated.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-67

Motion by Wagner

To move to an action item

Second: Gonzales

Motion passed 6-0-0

- b. AS Vice President for Sustainability Position Description Draft – Wagner presented the current Position Description Draft.
- c. AS Vice President for Activities Position Description Draft – Schaeffbauer presented the Position Description Draft. Glory recommended emphasizing that all the Board Positions include working over the summer.
- d. SEJF Charge and Charter

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-68

Motion by Schaeffbauer

To move to an action item

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-69

Motion by Barclay

To approve the Student Trustee Selection Committee Charge and Charter

Second: Schaeffbauer

Motion passed 6-0-0

- b. SEJF Charge and Charter

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-70

Motion by Fast

To approve the SEJF Charge and Charter

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

- c. AS President Position Description

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-71

Motion by Wagner

To approve the AS President Position Description

Second: Fast

Motion passed 6-0-0

d. AS Senate President Position Description

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-72

Motion by Gonzales

To approve the AS Senate President Position Description

Second: Wagner

Motion passed 6-0-0

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a.** Wagner reported that she was going to meet with Leonard Jones at the start of the next quarter about collaboration with dining discussions and collaborating with the consultant for outreach to the student body.
- b.** Admin Lobby Day – Glory met with people from the OCE, DeFrank, and Byers about Admin Lobby Day. A poll of possible dates for a town hall will be sent out to Administration. It will be spread across several days, with separate town halls with focuses on academic and student life, as well as office hours for students to meet with Administration.
- c.** SEJF Winter Quarter Recap – Wagner said that four proposals had been passed. The first was the Climate Leadership Certificate and Sustainability Proposal, which allocates some funding toward that certificate, which is a program students can go through to get training and experience to apply what they learn to different areas of sustainability. The second was the Mobile Field Station Housing for WWU Sustainability Pathway Students in Methow Valley. In the summer these students get to have hands on experience in Methow Valley to learn about sustainability as well as connections, social justice, and human wellbeing, which is an experience that helps the students become better leaders. This proposal gives students guaranteed housing for this experience. The third proposal that was passed is Period Postal, which is a way to create accessible period products that can be picked up in person or ordered online. The final proposal was Strengthening Experiences for Black and Brown Men at WWU, which provides funding for this group to attend the Men of Color National Summit at Clemson University, as well as funding to go to surrounding culturally and historically significant places in the area. They would return to WWU and provide information to the public about the experience.

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a.** Executive Board Meeting Times and General Spring Planning – The Board discussed what timing works for the next quarter’s meeting times. It was decided to do 4pm-6pm Board Meetings on Fridays from April 1st-22nd, and then 7:45am-9:45am on Thursdays starting on the 28th.

Glory Basic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 6:28 PM.