



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 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: Melynda Huskey, Amy Westmoreland, Ryan Morris, Litav Langley

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

Motions:

ASWWU-22-W-57	To move Ramadan Accommodations to an action item
ASWWU-22-W-58	To endorse the 2022 Ramadan Accommodations Document
ASWWU-22-W-59	To table the remaining non-action items
ASWWU-22-W-60	To pass the ATF Referendum Language

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

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. BSO Demands Updates – The Board discussed updates on the BSO Demands.

1. BSO ASWWU Demand #1: Glory had heard that the construction was close to being finished, though she did not know exacts, and plans to bring it up in her next meeting with Eric Alexander.
2. BSO ASWWU Demand #2: The demand has been completed.
3. BSO ASWWU Demand #3: Wagner asked if the prediction for financing for the BSC lined up with the allocated funds. Glory replied that at Finance Council the grant had been brought as an info item and would be voted on the following week.
4. BSO WWU Demand #1: Wagner said that there were celebrations in Black History Month, but since it happens yearly, she wouldn't mark it as complete. She said that Juneteenth happens during Summer Break, so she was unsure if there were or had been plans for it. No one on the Board was aware of plans.
5. BSO WWU Demand #3: Wagner said that this was more of a Student Senate demand. Barclay replied that it was happening at different speeds in different colleges. They said that from an organizational standpoint from their position in CUE and ACC, there is movement on reevaluating the application process, but they are pessimistic in the current conversations resulting in University wide GPA removal from Major Applications. They said the current goal is for Student Senators to work with individual deans of the colleges. They confirmed that the application process university wide is being reviewed and changed.
6. BSO WWU Demand #4: Wagner asked if the Black Friday event had been hosted before Thanksgiving Break. Schaeftbauer, who was looking into the demand, was not there to comment.
7. BSO WWU Demand #5: Glory said that she believed that was happening more in a Resident's Life setting but is not sure about the AS.
8. BSO WWU Demand #6: The College of the Environment has had the Huxley name removed but has not been renamed yet. The renaming of the college will be difficult based on the struggle to dename the college and Wagner had heard from Admin and Faculty members that they expected that it would take years to rename the college. Fast said that in regard to the logo, there was a conversation about redoing the College of the Environment Logo, so it did not have the Huxley name anymore. She spoke to Ingrid Patrick, an administrative assistant and scholarship coordinator at the College of the Environment and was told that they were wanted to change the logo, but the college has not been interested in it. It would need to be approved by the university communications and marketing prior to the initiation process. Ingrid had been told no but believes a request from the Board and Senate might go further. If approved, a committee composed of students, faculty, and staff will convene and make a recommendation to the dean and the university communications who would make the final decision.

- b. SEJF Out of Session Language – Wagner presented the SEJF Charter’s Out of Session language.
- c. ESC Executive Board Conflict – Naira said that she was told by the previous ASVP for Diversity that Hillel would be applying to be part of ESC, which they did as of January. The process was initiated and Amy Westmoreland, Chelsea Joefield, and Naira facilitated the process as directed by the ESC 2019 Bylaws. However, the Bylaws were flawed and because of this they accidentally facilitated a process in which a vote could not be taken since 'student fee-funded organizations must admit all clubs who apply for membership when they meet the procedural criteria for inclusion. Inclusion must be viewpoint- and content-neutral. Hillel joining the ESC was brought as an information item one week when the Arab Student Association was not present, and returned as an action item the following week, but it was found that the Bylaws were not clear or updated, which caused the unclear process. Naira and Joefield were put into a position to facilitate the following conversation around the issue. Naira explained that she and Joefield were not in a position to stop a club from trying to join the ESC, nor are they voting members or able to decide if a club is or isn’t part of the ESC. Westmoreland gave background that Huskey brought her in in January to give support in this conversation. She said that Multicultural Student Services will be where ESC is housed, and Westmoreland was in the process of figuring out what that would look like. At that time, she did not supervise Melissa or ESC. She said that at this point there is a lot of harm and hurt that has been done unknowingly. She said that Naira and Joefield led the conversation thinking that the process had been vetted and was the proper process, which it turned out not to be, and she contacted Huskey about becoming involved in the situation. Westmoreland said that it taught her about the lack of care in the ESC and noticed things that had not been attended to in the way they are at other places in the university. She said that one of those things that was not attended to was looking at those processes, which is what has caused harm for students. She said that she regrets not stopping it earlier, though she had believed the process was correct. She said that Naira and Joefield had been transparent about the process of bringing it as an information and then an action item, but the issue came in the outlined process being incorrect. Huskey said that she became involved after the realization of the issue with the process. She said that there is a Supreme Court decision that declares that student fee funded organizations must be open to all members of the university community, which includes organizations like the ESC. Any student fee funded organization that meets the procedural criteria needs to be included without viewpoints or content questions or discrimination. She said that the processes in the ESC and Club Charge and Charters are procedural processes, and the vote is about if the club meets the criteria for being a part of the ESC, not whether another club does not want them there. This is the process in the ESC bylaws, mission, and statement. Other understandings of how the process should go are not in the procedures, bylaws, or charge and charter, which is the part of the process that was the issue. Huskey said that if she had understood that there

was an impression that Clubs could be excluded from the ESC for content or viewpoint perspectives, she would have stopped the process before the harm was caused. She expressed regret for not realizing that was happening. She stepped in as soon as she realized to stop the process and move forward in a way consistent with the process and into the work to help the ESC flourish and give it support so this does not happen again. Langley said that going forward there is work, repair, and healing to be done, as well as improving the documents. They said that they want to support the work of being in spaces and creating dialogue together in perpetuity. Langley said that these are conversations that professionals in the MCC will be holding spaces for these conversations regularly going forward.

- d. Ramadan Accommodations – Rahma Iqbal presented the Ramadan Accommodations document.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-57

Motion by Wagner

To move to an action item

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. Ramadan Accommodations

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-58

Motion by Barclay

To endorse the 2022 Ramadan Accommodations Document

Second: Wagner

Motion passed 6-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Senate Meetings – Barclay said that the Senate Meetings are currently every other week while the Executive Board meets weekly. There had been issues with this since documents have to be passed on the same day, or lack of quorum has pushed a document back two weeks. There have been general opinions expressed in the Senate that meetings should be weekly rather than biweekly for the sake of matching efficiency

with the Executive Board. This would mean changing the guiding documents, but it does not change hours or pay. Barclay said that meetings may be shorter because of the meetings happening more often, which would make scheduling and holding quorum easier. Wagner and Glory agreed that it would be a good change. Barclay said that they would continue with the plan since there were no objections.

- b.** WWU's Assistant Vice President for Risk, Ethics, Safety, and Resilience – Conversation – Glory said that David Rasmussen, the Chief of Police at WWU, had been selected as WWU's Assistant Vice President for Risk, Ethics, Safety, and Resilience. WWU is looking for a new Director of Public Safety of Chief of Police. Glory brought it up at the meeting as it relates to the BSO Demand regarding defunding the UPD and the Executive Board looking into the structure of UPD. She asked about Board Members thoughts on it. Barclay asked if this appointment gives the UPD access to more funds or if it creates more ties between the UPD and the University. Glory said that Litav Langley told her that the position is not under public safety. It seems to combine previously separate functions. Wagner planned to discuss this further with Huskey.
- c.** AS President Position Description – Glory presented the AS President Position Description Draft.
- d.** AS Senate President Position Description – Barclay presented the AS Senate President Position Description Draft.
- e.** AS Vice President for Student Services – Fast presented the AS Vice President for Student Services Draft.

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-59

Motion by Wagner

To table the remaining non-action items

Second: Fast

Motion passed 6-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

- a.** ATF Referendum Language

MOTION ASWWU-22-W-60

Motion by Fast

To pass the ATF Referendum Language

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 6-0-0

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Family Workspace – Fast reported that the Family Workspace event had 13 people show up to tour Haggard Hall 250 and 350, which included parents, children, staff, faculty, and members from the parents and caregivers group. The next steps are developing signage for the space. The space modification request is still pending and cannot be approved until there's a capital budget in place. It was agreed that it would not be premature to start designing signage prior to getting funds.

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:00-6:30

Glory Busic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.