# Western Washington University Associated Students
# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022, 7:45 AM

## Attendees:

**Board Members:** Naira Gonzales Aranda (she/they), Brenner Barclay (they/them), Glory Busic (she/her), Jasmine Fast (she/her), Mallory Schaefbauer (she/her), Eli Stanciu Jr. (he/him)
**Guests:** Keara Ryan (she/her), Dr. Sislena Ledbetter
**Staff and Assistants:** Annie Byers (she/her), Delfine DeFrank (she/they), Rue Blanchard (they/them)

## Motions:

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| **ASWWU-22-S-109** | To approve the minutes |
| **ASWWU-22-S-110** | To add five minutes to the item |
| **ASWWU-22-S-111** | To move the STF Funding Recommendation to an action item |
| **ASWWU-22-S-112** | To approve the STF Funding Recommendation |

***Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM***

## I. CONSENT ITEMS

**a.** Approval of Minutes
-April 28, 2022

***MOTION ASWWU-22-S-109***

*Motion by Stanciu Jr.*

*To approve the minutes*

*Second: Schaefbauer*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

## II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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## III. PUBLIC FORUM

## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

**a.** Elections Endorsements – Keara Ryan, the AS Elections Coordinator, said that with the campaign period open, endorsements of candidates can be made. Ryan said that all ASWWU Executive Board members can make endorsements, but no AS resources can be used, like work emails. There is a form that can be filled out that the AS Review will receive, and the endorsement will be put on the elections guide. Glory asked if she could email someone asking for an endorsement back on her professional email to decline their request. Ryan said that yes, that was okay. Glory asked if she could post on her AS Instagram to announce that she was not going to be making an endorsement. Ryan said that was okay.

**b.** CHW Health Service Fee – Dr. Sislena Ledbetter presented the CHW Health Fee Proposal. Barclay said that other fees had been taken to a ballot referendum and asked how this fee could be increased by the Executive Board. Dr. Ledbetter said that this is an advisory vote, and that she wanted to make sure that the Executive Board is hearing what is being proposed to the Board of Trustees to get feedback from students. Glory said that when these increases are needed, the fees go straight to students, and she wished that there were other places the financial support could come from. She said that it is a larger issue than this single fee, but felt it was important to voice, and that she has discussed the issue with Melynda Huskey as well. Dr. Ledbetter said that many ways to find resources are being explored, this will not only be a cost on students. She said that she is writing grants and working with foundation and looking for resources outside of fees. They are exploring the idea of tapping student's existing insurance companies to rely less heavily on student fees. Stanciu Jr. said that he had three students say that they had unsatisfactory experiences with the Student Health Center, specifically counselling, who will be advocating for some kind of change, and said that with fees going up, these issues should be considered. Dr. Ledbetter said that one thing being experienced is impacts related to increases in behavioral and mental health needs. Appointments have increased by 43% over the last few years and during the pandemic, caregivers were struggling. There is now new leadership and there is being work done on multiple guided pathways to help students receive mental and behavioral health services and partnership with the Student Health Center, which is where 95% of the funding will go. Dr. Ledbetter also explained that there was not a session limit on counselling sessions for students. There is also a program called Guided Pathways, where students are not directed immediately to a one-on-one counselling approach and are instead directed to other approaches. There has been a mental health crisis since 2018, and they are doing their best to respond to it. The state was asked for $50,000 to supplement training on campus for students, staff, and faculty, and the institution said that they would find the money to provide that training. Fast said that she supports the

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fee increase, and from a big picture application, the minor fee increases provides accessibility to healthcare and mental health services on campus, which is not something that can be found easily after leaving Western.

***MOTION ASWWU-22-S-110***

*Motion by Stanciu Jr.*

*To add five minutes to the item*

*Second: Barclay*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

## V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

## VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

## VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

**a.** STF Funding Recommendation – Barclay said that they are the co-chair of the Student Technology Fund Committee. The STF Committee sponsors student technology initiatives, which are proposals submitted by faculty and students regarding technology needs on campus that require funding and are often low cost, which can be funded by the Student Technology Fee. They presented the document showing the Technology Initiatives that are receiving funding recommendations.

***MOTION ASWWU-22-S-111***

*Motion by Barclay*

*To move the STF Funding Recommendation to an Action Item*

*Second: Stanciu Jr.*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

**a.** STF Funding Recommendation

***MOTION ASWWU-22-S-112***

*Motion by Gonzales*

*To approve the STF Funding Recommendation*

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*Second: Schaefbauer*

*Motion passed 6-0-0*

## IX. BOARD REPORTS

**a.** Stanciu Jr. reported that the Canyon Lake Statement will hopefully be brought the next week alongside a resolution as an action item. LAC expressed the opinion that they wanted Stanciu Jr's budget to be nonexistent and the funds controlled by LAC instead, for a maximum of two years, when which the funds would be redistributed to that budget. Barclay asked if that two-year plan would be in the actual document, since communication is lost as new people take positions on the Board. Stanciu Jr. said that the LAC demanded that the two-year period be written explicitly. In that two-year period, travel and other expenses that would come from the ASVP for Governmental Affairs budget would instead come from LAC's and be approved by LAC. DeFrank said that when Finance Council brings up the budget, this two-year plan can be named, and cemented in those documents. DeFrank also said that she submits the LAC report to the Board of Trustees, and it can be written into that as well. Stanciu Jr. said he can put it into his legacy document too. Stanciu Jr. asked how much the FXXLAF budget usually was. DeFrank said $16-18k. Stanciu Jr. said that even after that there should be some excess at the end of the year. Some LAC members expressed the idea of cutting the budget 75% instead. Glory said that reducing the budget rather than entirely cutting it would be better, and that often "temporary reduction" gets renewed yearly. DeFrank said the FXXLAF was $16.5k for the current fiscal year and is now at $11k.

**b.** Glory reported that the turnout for the leadership symposium was not high, but it was the first leadership symposium, and the hope is for it to be annual. The Lobby Day/Community Engagement is the following week.

## X. SENATE REPORTS

**a.** Barclay had no reports.

## XI. OTHER BUSINESS

***Glory Busic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 8:48 AM.***

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