Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 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/they), Eli Stanciu Jr. (he/him), Laura Wagner (she/her)
Guests: Noemi Bueno, Greg McBride
Staff and Assistants: Annie Byers (she/her), Delfine DeFrank (she/they), Rue Blanchard (they/them)

Motions:

ASWWU-22-S-113	To approve the minutes
ASWWU-22-S-114	To move the AS Finance Council Charge and Charter to an Action Item
ASWWU-22-S-115	To add ten minutes to the item
ASWWU-22-S-116	To sign on to the statement about Canyon Lake and approve the Resolution
ASWWU-22-S-117	To approve the VU Facilities Budget
ASWWU-22-S-118	To pass the ASWWU Finance Council Charge and Charter

Glory Busic, AS President, called the meeting to order at 7:48 AM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Minutes
-May 5, 2022

MOTION ASWWU-22-S-113

Motion by Wagner

To approve the minutes

Second: Stanciu Jr.

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Motion passed 7-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

a. Wagner tabled the ATF Charter.

b. Glory changed the Budget Recommendation from an Action Item to an Information Item.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. AS Finance Council Charge and Charter – Noemi Bueno presented the AS Finance Council Charge and Charter.

MOTION ASWWU-22-S-114

Motion by Stanciu Jr.

To move the AS Finance Council Charge and Charter to an Action Item

Second: Schaefbauer

Motion passed 7-0-0

b. Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter – Noemi Bueno presented the Student Opportunities Council Charge and Charter. Student Opportunities Council was originally Student Enhancement Fund Committee, which is a reserve fund that supports students educational and professional development via funding support for conferences and other opportunities. The previous year students were helped to go to conferences that would build them as a leader, including outside of the academic world. It was decided the previous year for the name of the council to change since the Employee Development Fund, an AS Reserve Fund, was included in what is overseen by the committee. Stanciu Jr. said that on the Charter it says that there is an ASWWU Employee Development Fund, but on the ASWWU Website it states that the Employee Development Fund was abolished in accordance with the BSO Demands. He asked if that Fund still exists or not. Bueno said that she worked on the demand the previous year, and the Lobby Day Trip funds were reallocated, but the meeting to reallocate the Employee Fund did not meet quorum and had to be cancelled, so the site is inaccurate. The Diversity Fund was invested in and the BSC Account was made and received funding from other sources. In the current year, the Finance Council approved the BSC Grant for $153k but the Employee Development Fund was not abolished. Bueno and the AS Personnel Director have done internal document adjustments for the Employee Development Fund stating that no one who is a known seated member of the council

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can apply for the fund, but it is still available for students. Application guidelines were also updated, but the fund was not abolished. Stanciu Jr. said that earlier in the year the Executive Board said they would look into abolishing the Employee Development Fund, and that the Executive Board should reach out to the BSC to acknowledge that this demand was not completed. Bueno said that it probably says completed because Lobby Day Funds and a large portion of the Executive Board Travel Fund had been defunded.

c. ASWWU Finance Council Budget Recommendations – Bueno presented the ASWWU Finance Council Budget Recommendations. The final recommendation for the budget was $134,873 overbudgeted instead of $150k.

MOTION ASWWU-22-S-115

Motion by Stanciu Jr.

To add ten minutes to the item

Second: Barclay

Motion passed 7-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. Canyon Lake Statement – Stanciu Jr. presented the Canyon Lake Statement and Resolution. Stanciu Jr. said that Resolutions can be passed through just the Executive Board.

MOTION ASWWU-22-S-116

Motion by Stanciu Jr.

To sign on to the statement about Canyon Lake and approve the Resolution.

Second: Schaefbauer

Motion passed 7-0-0

b. VU Facilities Budget – Greg McBride said that the Board was being asked for an advisory vote on the previously presented VU Facilities Budget.

MOTION ASWWU-22-S-117

Motion by Schaefbauer

To approve the VU Facilities Budget

Second: Gonzales

Motion passed 7-0-0

c. ASWWU Finance Council Budget Recommendations

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MOTION ASWWU-22-S-118

Motion by Barclay

To pass the ASWWU Finance Charge and Charter

Second: Stanciu Jr.

Motion passed 7-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

a. AS Ethics Board Charter – Stanciu Jr. presented the changes to the AS Ethics Board Charter.

b. LAC Update on ASVP for Governmental Affairs Budget – Stanciu Jr. presented the LAC Statement on the AS VP for Governmental Affairs Budget. He said that even with the reduction for the following year's budget, he will be planning on transferring about $7k to the next person in his position from remaining funds once that is approved. Glory said that it was discussed in Finance Council as well, and she said that there should be some money in the account and suggested a few hundred dollars. The Finance Council discussed having around $3.5k in the account.

c. Executive Board Shred the Contract Statement – Wagner said that the plan was to have this read out during the Board of Trustees meeting but heard from Melynda Huskey that an email would be sent out with a decision of if Self-Op structuring and planning would be pursued or a request for proposals. The statement was written to be pitched to Administration rather than students. She said that it would be best to send the statement through Glory through email to say that the Executive Board had signed on to the statement. Glory said that this had been discussed in her one-on-one with Huskey, who had said that some of the parts would not be possible like partnering with local restaurants and businesses, since people would need to invest in Self-Op and it would be expensive to give that money to other businesses, and that Vendor's Row would likely be gone if there was Self-Op dining. Glory said that she felt that there might need to be more research into that. Wagner said that it was an interesting point because a variety of Self-Op Universities that exist with a lot of local input, and in this document, there will be works cited. There was a New England case study that found that there was more local sourcing in Self-Op when compared to Contracted Dining. There is an extensive amount of research in the lobbying document. Stanciu Jr. said that there were students who believed that the Executive Board wanted to extend the Aramark contract, and that he recommends leaving something that explains that the extension is up to University Administration, and not the Executive Board. Wagner said that Shred the Contract is aware of the extension of contracts being common during transitionary

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periods to Self-Op Dining Systems. Stanciu Jr. added that there were people campaigning on the idea that the current Board voted to extend the contract, which is not what happened. Wagner said that they could create a statement explaining the actual situation, as the Executive Board has always worked with Shred the Contract to work in the direction of Self-Op.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

a. Wagner reported that things are going well with Shred the Contract. Shred the Contract has reached out to the ESC regarding Culturally Appropriate vs Culturally Appropriative food. There is going to be a sit-in for the Student Unionization Group and shredding the contract is one of their demands, though it is not organized by Shred the Contract. The ATF Committee met recently because State Legislature approved the rule that all people 18 or under should not pay for public transportation, which complicates things since students come to WWU at 18 and turning 19 while there. ATF Financial Management members have figured out a solution as the ATF Fee includes more than the Bus Pass, so students will pay 25% of the total fee for the other things covered by ATF. If a person is still 18 on the Sunday before the start of the quarter, they will only have to pay the 25%. Wagner is working on updating the Rules of Operation for SEJF and waiting for feedback on it. The report about suggestions for moving forward and a better relationship between the committee and the program was sent out the previous day. She is in contact with people and figuring out how to best prepare her successor for the role. She is reaching out to the ESC after being informed of potential issues in the past of SEJF grant proposal process and wants to have more information on that to include in her legacy document. Naira said that she will be putting in her legacy document that there have been issues with BIPOC people having to work harder to get information and work with the SJEC.

b. Stanciu Jr. asked if the new Board members would be invited to the next meeting. Glory said that they would.

c. Glory said that the Board of Trustees written report was due the following week and that she would send out a Google Doc to get information from the Board.

d. Fast said that the Haggard Hall 350 Family Workspace has not changed. Transportation services have not been able to be arranged yet, but the big tables will remain, and the individual ones will be removed. Wire wall hangers are ready to be put up for parents to hang drawings, and there will be cubbies, bookshelves, and in the future, furniture and

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small tables for kids. Fast is trying to have a mural painted while the furniture is moved out.

X. SENATE REPORTS

a. Barclay said that a special Senate meeting was called, and all three documents were passed, and now the Senate can meet weekly. The Senate legacy documents are now part of the governing documents, and in the future Sabah Randhawa will not need to approve amendments to governing documents. This will be reported to the Board of Trustees and the Faculty Senate.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Glory Busic, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM.

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