



## Western Washington University Associated Students

### Senate Meeting Minutes

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Nely Vasquez, Sargun Handa, Joshua Kurz

**Senate Members:** Rahma Iqbal, Gabe Wong, David Nessa, Liam Pratt, Calvin Christoph, Hailey Hartford, Meagan Danielle Brown, MJ Dizon, Pierce Bock, Sean Hakala, Jaimie Baxter, Kathryn Queen, Miriam Gold, Justin McGlone, Sofia Trujillo, Dacey Durbin, Sofia Larrondo, Yasmin Lama Flores, Quincy Ingalls, Ted Topper

**Guests:**

**Staff and Assistants:** Nely Vasquez, Joshua Kurz

**Motions:**

<b>ASWWU-22-F-10</b>	To approve changes made to the AS Finance Council Charge and Charter
<b>ASWWU-22-F-11</b>	To approve the STF Tech Initiatives Charge and Charter
<b>ASWWU-22-F-12</b>	To approve the STF Operational Guidelines 2023-2026 with the friendly amendment that under section 1 of Fee Allocations in items D and F AS Executive Board is changed it AS Student Senate

***Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM***

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. PUBLIC FORUM**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS**

## **V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS**

### **a. AS Finance Council**

- i. A change that was made were any proposals over \$50,000 would need to be presented to the AS Senate and AS Executive Board as Consent Items
- ii. Everything else has remained the same since the last time the Senate voted on it

Motion by Justin McGlone

To approve changes made to the AS Finance Council Charge and Charter

Second: Meagan Danielle Brown

Motion passed: 19-0-0

## **VI. PERSONELL ITEMS**

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE**

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE**

### **a. Advertising Approval**

- a. Ingalls presented two stickers and seeks approval from the Senate fully represent the senate and have them for advertisement
- b. Some Senators wonder if voting is required for advertisement materials
  - i. Kurz clarifies the Senate doesn't need to vote on it and that talking about advertisement materials doesn't violate OPMA

### **b. STF Tech Initiatives Charge and Charter**

- a. Iqbal reminds the Senate that some main changes were adding a clause for how the committee can proceed if they lack full membership
- b. Reportage was changed so that funding recommendations are approved by the senate and university president
- c. Rules of operation section had a conflict resolution put in

Motion by Justin McGlone

To approve the STF Tech Initiatives Charge and Charter

Second: Sean Hakala

Motion passed: 19-0-0

**c. STF Operational Guidelines**

- a. Changes were made in the Allocation sections 1 D & F to make sure it said AS Student Senate instead of AS Executive Board
- b. There is also a new advisory section added to the guidelines, which is the main reason it was brought back

Motion by Gabrielle Wong

Motion: To approve the STF Operational Guidelines 2023-2026 with the friendly amendment that under section 1 of Fee Allocations in items D and F AS Executive Board is changed to AS Student Senate

Second: Sofia Larrondo

Motion Passed: 19-0-0

**IX. SENATE REPORTS**

**a. At-Large Senators**

- a. Pratt says the outreach task force will print a poster for the Senate, and possible posters for individual colleges
- b. Christoph has been going to the Undergraduate Education Committee meetings to try to fix a GUR misclassification
- c. Wong went to a finance council meeting and learned about how it's run
  - i. They have also been in talks with the library about displaying the art pieces
  - ii. Wong also went to a few English classrooms to talk about the AS and AS government
- d. Iqbal asks about future plans they have
  - i. Pratt says they want some of the BIPOC art up in the library as well in dorm residences
  - ii. Nessa wants to set up a structure where the Senators meet with freshmen in the beginning of the year

**b. College of Humanities and Social Science Senators**

- a. Flores talked with the faculty of their college and proposed giving the students extra credit for watching their Senator video, for the faculty agreed to
- b. Larrondo also suggested to the faculty about moving social platforms so that students can find information more easily
- c. Larrondo and Flores would also like to see training regarding racism in a more interactive way and taught by people of color

- d. They also want to implement a social justice GUR, but were informed it is already in the works with a different committee
- e. Larrondo would also like to see more advertisement on scholarships available to undocumented students, making sure the Blue Resource Group has resources, and giving the professors in their college a plaque to put outside their signifying a safe space
- f. Larrondo was wondering who to talk to about making Western a sanctuary for undocumented students
  - i. Iqbal says Hughes and Melinda Husky would be a starting point, and then bring it to the board of trustees
- c. Iqbal says she, Kurz, and Handa have been thinking about doing a joining senate and executive board meeting with Jacqueline Hughes and with the University Police Department
- d. College of Business and Economics Senators
  - a. Darcy has been advocating for more student involvement in the Dean Search Committee
  - b. Trujillo has been working on a subcommittee within their college, focusing on new measures for a student's success in a class, as well as recognizing students at graduation for accomplishments
    - i. She is also working on bring an intersectional perspective to classrooms in their college, based on student concern
  - c. One goal they have is build a community within their college
  - d. Another is to have an event for first generation students, people of color, and women in their college
- e. Woodring Senators
  - a. Hartford says she and Duong have bi-weekly meetings with their dean
  - b. They are also working on making Woodring more accessible to students, in terms of applying
  - c. One goal they have is working with them to figure out what last year's Woodring Senator did
- f. Graduate Senators
  - a. They have submitted their application to unionize, and are now working on getting support from legislators
  - b. They will also be sitting on a council to help make changes regarding, accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - c. Queen will also sit on a committee to help make graduate programs more successful
  - d. There will also be a space created for graduate students to become more visible and accessible
- g. College of Science and Engineering Senators

- a. Gold has been going to the Union meetings and is a big advocate for it since their college has a lot of academic workers in it
  - b. They have been working on getting an ethics course implemented
  - c. Both Senators sit on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee within their college which is focusing on providing more student's support
  - d. Another committee they sit on is working on a document on how each college is working on modality changes with established courses
  - e. They will also contact department heads to figure out which classes can have more diverse content added
  - f. With their ADEI college committee, they are also working anti-racism training
- h. College of the Environment Senators**
- a. Bock is a part of the five-year visionary committee, and will be going to classrooms soon to get thoughts from students on what they would like to see in their college in the next five years
  - b. Both Senators and their Dean would like to hold a panel with fresh alumni to talk to freshman about what jobs they can get
  - c. They would also like to increase retention within their college
  - d. Hakala is a part of the Diversity and Community Affairs Committee, which is working on displaying the BIPOC artwork and displaying BIPOC leaders in the environmental field
  - e. They also received complaints from students at the end of fall quarter, disliking the use of paper for course evaluations
    - i. Hakala and Bock are trying to figure out if it could go back to online
    - ii. Iqbal comments that the decision came from faculty Senate to get students to respond
    - iii. Brown expresses concern about the anonymity of students, citing future bias from professors they may have again
    - iv. Some Senators suggest alternatives to paper evaluations, but Kurz says if the University sees a high response rate, then there will be a strong desire to go back to paper
- i. Fairhaven College Senators**
- a. Ingalls project right now is scheduling time with a Senator and anyone else relevant from their college to go pick which BIPOC art pieces they want
    - i. He also says the artwork will be ready for distribution on March 17th

- b. One goal he has is for Winter and Spring quarter is to continue anti-racism training
- c. Topper succeeded in moving disabled parking spaces to a flat surface, as previously they were in a 35° angle
  - i. Another success is his college will continue to host an important event as needed
  - ii. Another is his work with the BSC, where textured hair products will be available in the VU and Black Affinity Housing by the end of the month
- d. Topper says he is a part of the Fairhaven Curriculum Committee, and right now they are figuring out what will happen with the ethnic studies program
  - i. They are also thinking about expanding programs they offer
- e. He will also be working with Naira Gonzales to tackle food insecurity on campus
- j. College of Fine and Performing Arts Senators
  - a. Brown is working on renovating Old Main Theatre
    - i. They will also be working with their College's ADEI committee this quarter
    - ii. They will be going with Ingalls soon to select artwork for their college
- k. Iqbal makes some last announcements
- l. Kurz clarifies the Senators work hours during Lobby Day, and reminds them of the maximum number of hours they can work per week

## **X. BOARD REPORTS**

## **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

***Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM***