

Intro

We, the Western Washington University (WWU) Associated Students Senate, hold these below values and those found within as the values which guide our processes and decisions. All members of the body are expected to abide by these values as guiding principles, so that we may collectively arrive at good outcomes for our constituency, the Student Body of WWU.

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Body

Accountability, Transparency and Integrity

Accountability, Transparency, and Integrity are foundational to any positive work being done by public servants in any political landscape. The Student Body of WWU must be able to hold us to account, that we may face consequences for actions which are deleterious to the student who transferred to us their mandate in the first place. In furtherance, Furthermore, of these values of Accountability, Transparency and Integrity, clear communication between us and those who elected us is essential.

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- Communication
- Responsiveness
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Community and Open-mindedness
- Accountability
- Representation
- Dedication to Constituency
- Work Ethic

Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity

Any public servant must value Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity, because without those values, they cannot truly serve the public. If they cannot open their mind to different perspectives from their own, they will fail to meet the needs of the full public, and serve only those who are similar to them in ways. In the course of fulfilling the requirements of our positions, we must put aside differences such as race, gender, creed, religion, and ideology so that our work will benefit everybody we represent. The work of a public servant must be in the service of the full public and constituency, thus we must keep Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity as important values.

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- Empathy
- Inclusivity
- Community
- Open-mindedness
- Equity
- Community
- Representation
- Hospitality
- Equity
- Empathy
- Humility

- Dedication to Constituency
- Acceptance

Justice & Equity

Core values of ~~any body of public servants~~, but especially one serving the student body of WWU, must be Justice and Equity. In order to serve the needs of our constituency in ways that elevate the conditions of said constituency and encourage confidence in our institution, Justice and Equity must be an overt value which are routinely showed to be cared about by this body. We cannot serve our constituents without a strong idea that we want what is just and equitable, and being willing to make difficult decisions that would advance those interests.

Justice is not merely retribution -

Revitalization means elevating oppressed communities: internally strengthening our neighborhoods, encouraging cultural difference and identity, building solidarity networks, mutual aid, festivals – identities that have suffered for too long are entitled to happiness.

- Boldness
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Community
- Representation
- Sustainability
- Nurturing
- Accountability
- Openness
- Empathy
- Mutual Aid
- Dedication to Constituency

Encouraging a communicative constituency

~~We cannot do our jobs without~~ a real relationship with the people we serve and represent, thus Encouraging a Communicative Constituency is something which we value heavily. Without consistent feedback from those who we represent and serve, we fly through the leadership process blind and cannot engage with any of our other values. Thus, we must do more to encourage a communicative relationship between those who make up our constituency and us.

- Dedication to Constituency
- Responsiveness
- Community
- Open-Mindedness
- Integrity
- Boldness
- Representation
- Justice
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Empathy

- Mutual Aid
- Work Ethic

