



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Seb Genge (he/him), Sargun Handa (she/they), Rahma Iqbal (she/her), Jesus Resendiz-Eyler (he/him), Noah Schexnayder (he/him), Sophie Snyder (she/her), Boliy Waathan (she/they)

Guests: Brandon Denny

Staff and Assistants: Joshua Kurz, Rue Blanchard

Motions:

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-20 To add five minutes to the item

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-21 To add ten minutes to the item

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-22 To add twenty minutes to the item

Sargun Handa, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. Finance Council Charge and Charter – Rahma said that the Charge and Charter was passed by the Senate the day before with the changes previously discussed by the Board. Brandon Denny presented the changes to the Finance Council Charge and Charter. Schexnayder asked what “recommended” means in the context of the point under Charge where “referring the recommended final AS Operating budget...” is written. Denny said that part of Finance Council’s job is looking at the overall budget and communicating it to the clubs and organizations to keep the budget in mind. Once the club and organization budgets are available, they would be presented to the Board to discuss, and then it would get final approval from the S&A Fee Committee. Handa asked if grants over \$20,000 were no longer coming to the Board in the revised Charge and

Charter. Denny said that was correct. Handa said that she liked seeing the grant proposals for the sake of transparency. Denny said that he was indifferent to the amendment and said that he saw it as possibly overwhelming for the Board to continue to see the grant proposals and is open to changes. Kurz said that he thinks that Handa makes a good point about transparency and asked how someone might see what the grant proposals are if they do not come to the Board. Denny said that is typically handled during the process of the proposal. Proposals go through WIN which gets specific information about the grants and its impacts. Kurz said that the concern is that it would not be as transparent if it didn't come to the Board, and how the public might know otherwise. Denny said that financial breakdowns are sent out monthly which includes the grants. Handa said that she is torn because she wants there to be transparency on the topic since Board and Senate meetings would make the documents more accessible to students but does not want to promote bureaucracy. She suggested raising the limit that would bring grants to the Board. Resendiz-Eyler said it was important to see multi-year grants even if they are below the cutoff. Rahma said that the Senate seeing a large number of grants would take up a large amount of the Senate's meeting time. Resendiz-Eyler said that making sure that the AS President and Senate President at every meeting is important. Handa clarified that grants are not passed same day they are received in the Finance Council. Denny confirmed that. Handa said the biggest con of keeping the grant proposal would be slowing down the process since the Senate meets every other week, but Finance Council also doesn't meet weekly. Rahma asked if there were other ways to make the grants accessible if it is a question of transparency. Denny asked if it would be the numbers or the details and specifics of the grants. If it is the numbers, he would have Cindy Monger send them to the Board. If it is the full proposal and breakdowns, it would be something that would be over the amount decided. Rahma said she was referencing transparency to the student body. Denny said that in regard to sending the grant to the whole student body, it opens up to a constant question cycle of having to explain the budget process and numbers. He said that while he values transparency, he doesn't think it would be good in regards of the student body. Handa said that transparency is for the student body and the governmental bodies. She said that she values being able to discuss the grants, especially at high numbers. Kurz said that part of the transparency is that by putting it on the Agenda, the grants are accessible public documents. Denny said it can be as simple as putting the documents from the Finance Council on the Board agenda. Kurz said that with the internal and external transparency, raising the threshold would sound like a good way to balance it. It would be beneficial to have a non-arbitrary number to look at to make an informed decision. Handa asked to table it and look at what numbers make sense. Denny agreed. Rahma asked if they can't bring it back to the Senate if it would cause problems for the Finance Council meetings. Denny said it might affect when they would meet but they do not know when meetings will be Winter quarter. Handa asked if the current Charge and Charter expired. Denny said that it did, but because they were

changing it, there were not concerns. The Board discussed when the document needed to be passed. Denny said it is not a concern until February.

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-20

Motion by Rahma

To add five minutes to the item

Second: Seb Genge

Motion passed 7-0-0

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-21

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To add ten minutes to the item

Second: Snyder

Motion passed 7-0-0

MOTION ASWWU-22-F-22

Motion by Rahma

To add twenty minutes to the item

Second: Waathan

Motion passed 7-0-0

Handa tabled the item

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Birnam Woods Parking Lot – Rahma said that she was told that the Birnam Woods Parking Lot was bad, and students have had cars broken into and stolen. She was approached by a student about the issue since break-ins are a regular problem. Resendiz-Eyler asked what campus police can do in those situations. Kurz said that they can arrest people on campus property. Handa said that during the police chief interview, bike thefts were brought up. Snyder said that the police chief who was hired was one who talked about stolen bikes and car break-ins. Resendiz-Eyler said that he knew that some Senators were working on a bike registration system. Handa said those Senators

should talk to Transportation Council, and this issue could be brought up as well. Rahma asked if there was no accessibility representative on the Transportation Council. Resendiz-Eyler said Snyder had been working in that role. He said that they had been talking about parking lot constructing in meetings. Rahma said they could talk to police about their routes or consider having a car in the parking lot a few nights a week. She said if a student brought it to the STF committee, they might be able to get cameras or tech security set up. Resendiz-Eyler said that Birnam Wood was the least accessible campus housing. Snyder said that she was looking into ways to make transportation more accessible. Kurz said that he does not know what the scope of the Transportation Committee had been, but his understanding was that it primarily ensures that there is a bus pass. Resendiz-Eyler said that they discuss alternate forms of transportation as well.

- b. LAC and Lobby Day Agenda Updates – Resendiz-Eyler said that on the 22nd, they will go over the Agenda Draft and approve the recommended agenda from the LAC to the Senate and the Board. The Senate will look at it on November 30th and the Executive Board will look at it on December 1st. Over break, he and Director of Legislative Affairs, Naira Gonzales Aranda, will look over the bills, and bring it to the first meeting of Winter Quarter. Kurz said that the key is that the final version has to be done by January 15th, but this one being brought in on the 1st is a draft. Rahma asked if there was Capital funding on Agenda draft. Resendiz-Eyler said that there was. Seb Genge asked about the sustainable heating system. Resendiz-Eyler said that the current system takes up 70% of WWU's carbon footprint. He spoke to Representative Alex Ramel who is interested in using a more sustainable system at WWU.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Snyder reported that since the beginning of the term she has been trying to finish former Vice President for Student Services Jasmine Fast's family workspace project and it is almost done. She is beginning to work on getting vending machines with menstrual products and Plan B with Sislina Ledbetter. Rahma said that one of the Senators is on Planned Parenthood Generation and was interested in getting Plan B in the markets as well, and recommended working with Planned Parenthood Generation. Snyder said WSU and UW already have Plan B in vending machines so it's possible. Snyder said that the Police Chief was chosen a while ago.
- b. Rahma reported that there was a majority at the previous meeting, but tech issues kept them from voting in the CFPA Senator. She said that STF has a budget that covers a lot of technology at WWU and out of a \$35 technology fee \$4.35 is used for the actual committee which approves grants. They are restructuring things with the STF and coming up with the best ways to manage the funding. She is trying to get at-Large students to join the STF. At the Senate Meeting, they have started working on their Mission and Values Statement, which is being facilitated by the Student Outreach Work

Group. They are working on their Diversifying Curriculums push as well. Resendiz-Eyler asked if Rahma knew more about the Academic Honesty Board. Rahma said they step in if there is an academic issue, and someone needs to review what happened. Resendiz-Eyler asked if the Academic Honesty Board decides consequences. Rahma said that she believes that the consequences are set, and the Academic Honesty Board comes to a decision.

- c. Resendiz-Eyler reported that he has been working on the Lobby Day Agenda and getting Lobby Day ready. It is coming along, and they have a subcommittee of Resendiz-Eyler, Joshua Kurz, Annie Byers, and Casey Hayden that meets about Lobby Day Logistics. A WIN Event has been made for people to RSVP to.
- d. Schexnayder reported that he's been meeting with Activities Council and there are new clubs getting grants. He has been trying to get more in touch with the Rec Center and the Rec Center Advisory Committee. Activities Council Charge and Charter will be amending soon.
- e. Seb Genge reported that the President's Sustainability Council has met since the last Board meeting. He is disappointed in how it is running partly due to a lack of transparency of when meetings are. The Council will meet again the 6th of December and are wrapping up the drafts of the Sustainability Action Plan. SEJF met on Tuesday but did not meet Quorum.
- f. Handa reported that she sent an email about her goals for the next quarter about organizing themselves and setting up for success.
- g. Boliy reported that they are still finishing the hiring portion of their position and getting a summary of what has happened before joining the Board. They scheduled a meeting with Annie Byers on Monday to get access to their Vice President for Diversity email.

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Sargun Handa, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.