



Western Washington University Associated Students Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2023, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Committee Members: Amanda Cambre (Campus Utility Manager), Keegan Curry (At Large Student), Lindsey MacDonald (Sustainability Engagement Institute Associate Director), Quincy Ingalls (Student Senator for Fairhaven College), Seb Genge (ASVP for Sustainability), Ted Tarricone (At Large Student), Zinta Lucans (Sustainability, Equity, & Justice Fund Coordinator), Anna Phippen (SEJF Student Ambassador), Froylán Sifuentes (Faculty Representative).

Guests: Dr. Karen Dade, Cabo Verde trip attendees- Hadley Hudson, Vaughn Turner, Navouny Swanson, Lina Albernaz.

Staff and Assistants: Casey Hayden (Assistant Director for Student Activities), Lily Van Mullem (Student Governance Assistant Secretary).

Motions:

SEJF-23-W-1 Add Five Minutes to the January 10th, 2023, Meeting. *Passed.*

Genge, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Genge** - Introductions 6 minutes
- b. **Lucans** - Presentation: The Cabo Verde Education Abroad Experience 29 minutes with Dr. Karen Dade and her students
 - a. The team was asking for additional funding for a partner project for the Cabo Verde trip.
- c. **Lucans** – Question and Answer with Dr. Karen Dade and her students 15 minutes
 - a. Curry asked if the students would share a highlight from the trip. Hudson said the Cape Verdean dance workshop was her favorite. Swanson said jumping into the tall waves at the beach was cathartic, like the dance workshop. She also said it was wonderful to connect with students at the local university in Cabo Verde and other people living in the town. Albernaz appreciated making friends with the people in Cabo Verde and taking classes at the University of Cabo Verde.
 - b. Tarricone asked what themes and personal affects from the trip the students would communicate with WWU students in the five-session series they were

requesting funding for. Albernaz said that each student who attended the trip had a unique trip experience. For her, the trip affirmed parts of her identity and taught her about international friendships. Dr. Dade added that black and brown students are the least likely to attend travel abroad trips.

- c. Ingalls asked if the students felt engrossed in the community in Cabo Verde. Hudson said that while the group was only in Cabo Verde for 10 days, she did not feel any otherness. Albernaz said that though the trip was short, she made friends. Swanson had a meaningful time with the people that understood her lived experience, but she had to be aware of her safety. Dr. Dade added that she thought the travel group brought important diversity and representation to Cape Verde.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

a. MOTION SEJF-23-W-1

Motion by Ingalls

To Add Five Minutes to the January 10th, 2023, Meeting

Second: Tarricone

Motion passed 3-2-0

- b. Next Meeting Friday, January 27th, 2023, 4:00 PM High Street Hall Room 25/Teams.**

Genge, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:03 PM.