

Hi! Here is a version of the draft I screwed around with a little. I have added comments for kinks I couldn't really work out, since I won't be able to make tuesday's meeting to discuss.

Intro

The Western Washington University (WWU) Associated Student Senate, hold the below values as those instructing our processes and decisions. All members of the Student Senate strive to abide by these values as guiding principles, so that we may collectively arrive at good outcomes for our constituency—all WWU students.

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Body

Accountability, Transparency, and Integrity

Accountability, Transparency, and Integrity are foundational to any positive work being done by the Student Senate. The Student Body of WWU must be able to hold us to account, ensuring that our work aligns with student priorities. For students to hold us accountable, we must be transparent with students in all our work. Clear communication with those who elected us is essential to guarantee that our work is not just important to us, but all WWU students.

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Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity

The Student Senate values Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity, because without them we cannot truly serve the whole Student Body. Keeping our minds open to many perspectives helps us meet the needs of all students, not just those like us in race, gender, religion, or identity. Our work must be in the service of our full constituency; and Open-Mindedness and Inclusivity are essential to see the full picture of work to be done.

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Justice & Equity

Justice and Equity must be core values for those serving the student body of WWU. To elevate the conditions of all WWU students and inspire confidence in our institution, Justice and Equity must be prioritized by the Student Senate. Justice means standing up to those in power and fighting for decisions that make life at WWU fairer and more equitable for all students. However, Justice is not merely retribution—restorative justice also means elevating oppressed communities, strengthening our neighborhoods, celebrating cultural differences, and building solidarity networks. Many at WWU have been underserved for far too long and it is our job to represent them.

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Fostering Open Communication

A true relationship with the students we represent is essential to representing students equitably. To form these relationships, we must foster communication between the Student Senate and all students. Consistent feedback is essential for keeping us accountable to students and ensuring our work is focused on real student needs. As senators we must reach out and encourage communication from all students, especially those who have not been equitably represented at WWU.

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