



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Senate Meeting Minutes**

January 25th 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, Sofia Trujillo, Dacey Durbin, Sofia Larrondo, Yasmin Lama Flores, Quincy Ingalls, Ted Topper

Guests:

Staff and Assistants: Nely Vasquez, Joshua Kurz

Motions:

ASWWU-22-F-13 To add 30 seconds to the Poster Approval topic

ASWWU-22-F-14 To add five minutes to the Power, Justice, & Liberation GUR topic

Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

a. Switch items C and A in the Information Items-Senate

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

- a. Current Status of Western Academic Workers United Union
 - i. Baxter updates the Senate that the bill WAWU is working was heard before two relevant committees, and that the legislation being worked on right now is to include regional University academic workers
 - ii. Graduate Faculty Governance Senate unanimously voted to support these efforts
 - iii. Queen says Faculty Senate and members support this and are working to get support from the deans
 - iv. Wong has written a resolution for Western to acknowledge WAWU as a Union, and is hoping to get passed in the future
- b. Poster Approval
 - i. Ingalls resents two posters, one for the Senate, and the other with the Senators names and college
 - ii. Senator's comment about a possible missing apostrophe in the first poster, and discussed revising the tile of the poster
 - iii. Ingalls says he will be needing head shots from every single Senator

Motion by Quincy Ingalls

To add 30 seconds to the Poster Approval topic

Second: MJ Dizon

Motion Passed: 18-0-0

- c. Values Statement
 - i. Gold explains creating the document
 - 1. Iqbal says the document would need to be formatted as a resolution, if it's to be an official document
 - ii. Gold will put a copy in Teams for the Senators to edit
 - iii. Handa says they are willing to help Gold with editing this document
 - iv. Hakala was not able to present his document, but Iqbal said to contact him and Gold with comments, and it would be a good to have co-writers from both the Senate and Executive Board, so it can be a joint document

- v. Iqbal says to email Hakala with their edits and comments about his value statement
 - 1. Gold says her version is a shortened version of Hakala's statement, which is the main difference
- d. Power, Justice, & Liberation GUR
 - i. Larrondo says her and Flores talked to their dean about this GUR, which apparently was in the works two years ago, but never brought up again. When asked why, their dean said it was confidential information
 - ii. Right now, they are trying to build a task force, and Larrondo asked everybody if they could contact their dean to get volunteers for this
 - iii. Handa reveals they were a part of the group of people working on this GUR, and offered to help Larrondo and Flores with their work
- e. Senate Instagram
 - i. Dizon reveals an Instagram account for the Senate has been created, and is looking for the opinions of what the Senators want to see
 - ii. Queen suggested making a Facebook page to preschedule and get analytics on posts
 - iii. Wong suggests making regular updates on what the Senate is working on
 - iv. Dizon and Duong first will focus on explaining the Senate, and getting to know the Senators

Motion by Ted Topper

To add five minutes to the Power, Justice, & Liberation GUR topic

Second: Gabriel Wong

Motion passed: 18-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

IX. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Iqbal announces she will choose a few colleges to do detailed Senate Reports every meeting
- b. College of Humanities and Social Science
 - a. Larrondo says they will go to meetings about the GUR and talk with the ACC about the task force

- b. Larrondo went to the Committee on Undergraduate Education and is working on getting student input and making the meetings known to the public
 - c. Larrondo and Flores are going to meet with Michael Karlberg to talk about doing ADEI training every quarter for students
 - d. Larrondo and Flores said that making WWU a sanctuary will be hard, but that Amy Westmoreland told them there is support network for undocumented students meeting once a month
 - e. They are also trying to make an undocumented ally training for professors
 - f. They also picked their art pieces and are looking for good places to place them
- c. College of the Environment
 - a. Bock says they have also picked out their art and are looking where to place them
 - b. Hakala, Pratt, Wong and Bock are helping to put a panelist of graduated alumni at their college's job fair
 - c. Bock and another student from his college are going around classrooms getting input from students to see what they want for the future of their college
 - d. General Senate Reports
 - a. Wong encourages the Senators to sign up for WILD, and to try not to cancel last minute
 - b. Handa agrees with Wong, and they also announce they are trying to change Western's mascot

X. BOARD REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Topper will be tabling with the At-Large Senators to get student attention about the heater problem
 - a. He will also be working with the new and old director of WHOLE (Western Hub of Living Essentials) to partner with the Bellingham Food Bank to distribute food at the VU
 - b. He would also like the Senators to investigate if their individual colleges have food banks, and to send that information to him
- b. Wong would like to organize and clarify parliament procedure

- c. Larrondo brings up that affinity housing will be in Higginson Hall, and doesn't like the lack of accessibility and community and believes it should be placed in another dorm
 - a. Darbin and Hartford agree it doesn't promote community
- d. Handa brings CATS Against Assault to the attention of the Senate, saying sexual assault victims are to sign NDAs, and is hoping to write a resolution about it

Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM