



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

February 2, 2023, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

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

Guests: Gabe Wong

Staff and Assistants: Joshua Kurz, Rue Blanchard

Motions:

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| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-34 | To approve the minutes |
| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-35 | To approve the S & A Fee Committee Membership |
| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-36 | To approve the revisions to the agenda |
| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-37 | To approve the “Recognize and Negotiate with Western Academic Workers United” Resolution with the friendly amendment that two instances of “Whereas” are edited to have the correct spelling. |
| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-38 | To add five minutes to the item |
| MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-39 | To add five minutes to the item |

Sargun Handa, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a.** Approval of the Minutes
-October 20, 2022
-October 27, 2022

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-34

Motion by Seb Genge

To approve the minutes

Second: Schexnayder

Motion passed 5-0-2

- b.** S&A Fee Committee Membership – Handa shared the S&A Fee Membership and Summer Work Summary.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-35

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To approve the S&A Fee Committee Membership

Second: Waathan

Motion passed 7-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a.** Resendiz-Eyler reduced the time for the WILD Agenda to 15 minutes.
- b.** Handa reduced the time for the Parliamentary Procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order to 10 minutes and moved it to the last Information Item.
- c.** Handa reduced the time for the Mission, Vision, and Values Statement to 10 minutes.
- d.** Handa tabled the Shred the Contract Updates.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-36

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To approve the Revisions to the Agenda

Second: Iqbal

Motion passed 7-0-0

III. PUBLIC FORUM

- a.** Naira Gonzales Aranda, The Director of Legislative Affairs, said that she is going to look over the WILD Agenda after the meeting. She said she would like to see the Board members at WILD. Rahma said she was concerned that strong participation from the AS will take up too many seats. Handa said that she is concerned about there being 50 WILD seats and thinks it should be 100. She said that they should increase advertising and cutting the seats first is not her leadership style or an ADEI focused approach. She said that WILD historically has lower attendance because it is run by women of color who are overworked and is less supported by the AS. Gonzales Aranda said that she brought up those concerns during a meeting on January 17th with Resendiz-Eyler and Kurz, and that it is unequitable. She said it is a good time to get as many students as possible to put forward efforts to lobby for bills. She said it seems like there seems to be

a lot of interest. Handa asked if it is possible to increase WILD's seats. Kurz said that the contracts for the bus and hotel take weeks to go through, and the reason the numbers were set where they were is they have never had more than 30-40 people attend. He said he cannot find specific numbers and had to base it on conversations he had with administrators and students because there is not a centralized place that has a record of numbers. Handa asked who made the decision. Kurz it was Resendiz-Eyler, Byers, and himself. Handa said that she thinks that the number of WILD's seats were unfair this year and that Gonzales Aranda, Shrija Gandhi, and other women of color should have been consulted and that their concerns were not heard. She said that WILD should be nurtured rather than cut down. Kurz said that that in the following year they will have a larger team working on Lobby Days which will provide more support.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. “Recognize and Negotiate with Western Academic Workers United” Resolution – Gabe Wong presented the Resolution.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-37

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To approve the “Recognize and Negotiate with Western Academic Workers United” Resolution with the friendly amendment that two instances of “Whereas” are edited to have the correct spelling.

Second: Waathan

Motion passed 7-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. WILD Agenda – Resendiz-Eyler presented the WILD Agenda.
 - i. Handa asked if there were repeat asks from Western Lobby Day. Resendiz-Eyler said there was one ask repeated which is the full investment of the capital budget request for the Student Development and Success Center, which is under the disability accommodations.
 - ii. Boliy asked about a second document addressing other bills that WWU supports that had been brought up. Kurz said that the LAC was thinking about priority for Western Students, which meant taking some things off the agenda that they agree with that do not have the same relation to

students. The idea was to have a supplementary page to list bills that WWU supported and did not support that were not on the agenda.

- iii. Rahma asked what was done to focus on intersectional identities. Resendiz-Eyler said they focused on bills that supported marginalized communities. Rahma said she was disappointed that there wasn't more on the agenda supporting mixed status and undocumented students.
- iv. Handa asked why the meeting basic needs bills were not on the WILD Agenda as well as WLD to continue lobbying for them. Resendiz-Eyler said it could be added.

- b. Viking Mascot Change – Handa presented the LRFT Report and Recommendations Recommendation Regarding the Viking Union. She said that she has been passionate about this issue since 2019 but has been too scared to speak about it herself because of the historical prejudice against women of color. She said the AS as a whole should have an opinion on the issue rather than one person who could be targeted. She spoke to President Sabah Randhawa, who said they are open about talking about it but are not going to change it any time soon. Donors removed funding from WWU when the football team was cut and when the Huxley name was removed from the college. They will do so again if the mascot is changed. The concern is revenue as WWU cannot afford to lose that especially after COVID. They said that they did not want too much change all at once. Her response was asking why they want racist money, and that the students pay fees, and their desires are more important as they are the ones being actively affected by it. WWU has not done anything since there were threats toward a black woman who originally brought up the issue of the mascot. The AS has also not done anything about the Viking Mascot issue. Handa then presented the document on student perceptions of the mascot. She said she was interested in if the responses would change currently. Schexnayder said it is important to make a statement on the issue since the University will not budge without it. Resendiz-Eyler said he would be interested in the idea of a referendum on the issue during the next elections to find out what current students think. Handa said she would like to do that as well as a survey. Seb Genge said that donor's money does impact scholarships, and that is a consideration of if it affects student's ability to pay for college. Handa said that WWU has bounced back after every change, and that they will have sources of money without donors.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-38

Motion by Handa

To add five minutes to the item

Second: Schexnayder

Motion passed 7-0-0

- c.** Support for Cats Against Sexual Assault – Handa presented the documents on the Cats Against Sexual Assault, a group from Central Washington University advocating for CWU to uphold Title IX laws and respond appropriately to sexual assault. Handa said her goal with the item was to write a resolution or letter in support of Cats Against Sexual Assault.

 - i.** Rahma said that she would also consider adding something in the resolution about WWU investigating their own Title IX office.
 - ii.** Cats Against Sexual Assault is also campaigning for Bill 1522 on the topic of sexual assault at the university level.
- d.** Black History Month – Handa said that they should write a letter about Black History Month.
- e.** Outreach Taskforce – Handa said that the Senate was working on Outreach and thought the Executive Board should do something similar to better communicate who they are.

 - i.** Rahma said that the Senate is doing a lot of work with tabling, making posters, making stickers, and similar work. Groups of Senators are also going to classrooms to talk to people about their positions. She said that with the Executive Board it’s important to reach out to students as well, and the taskforce could be collaborative.
 - ii.** Handa asked if Rahma would want separate taskforces. Rahma said that yes, the Senate Outreach Taskforce could guide them, but it would be a lot of work for the Senate to combine the two.
- f.** Mission, Vision, and Values Statement – Handa said she was going to the Outreach Taskforce meeting to ask how they’re doing things and talk about their Mission, Vision, and Values Statement. She discussed how she did outreach as the Senate President, including emailing the colleges. She said the Executive Board could do a takeover of Our Western for a week as outreach.

 - i.** Handa asked what the Senate’s Mission, Vision, and Values Statement looked like. Rahma said it was one document and still being worked on. Each Senator sent in their goals and values, and those were grouped into broader topics and compiled to create the statement. The statement is only for the current Senate, as each body may have different thoughts. Resendiz-Eyler suggested that they make it something that is reviewed yearly like a charge and charter.
- g.** Parliamentary Procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order – Handa presented the Parliamentary Procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order documents.

 - i.** Rahma suggested putting together a Senate and Executive Board taskforce to work on writing up a document on the topic.

- ii. Resendiz-Eyler suggested considering a speaker's list.
- iii. The Board discussed having a document available to guests that is an overview of how meetings are run.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-39

Motion by Handa

To add five minutes to the item

Second: Waathan

Motion passed 7-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Snyder reported that she is working on Vending Machines and the Request for Proposals, as well as talking to Shred the Contract.
- b. Schexnayder reported that the Student Union Advisory Group met for the first time and are doing onboarding. The Activities Council is working on their Charge and Charter. DRAC is starting to meet.
- c. Resendiz-Eyler reported that he has been working on WILD.
- d. Boliy reported that they have been working on WILD and are planning to talk to Eric Alexander about Earth Week. She will be meeting with the BSC at some point in February.
- e. Handa reported that she has been working on the Parliamentary Procedures, job descriptions, WSA Board of Directors, and the S & A Fee Committee.
- f. Rahma reported that she has been working on the Student Technology Fee Committee.
- g. Seb Genge reported that he has been working on the WILD Agenda. The Transportation Committee met the previous day.

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Sargun Handa, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 5:59 PM.