



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

January 19, 2023, 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:

Staff and Assistants:

Motions:

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-33 To approve the minutes with the edits

Sargun Handa, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a.** Approval of the Minutes
 - October 6, 2022
 - October 13, 2022

- b.** Approval of Previous Board's Minutes
 - May 19, 2022
 - May 26, 2022
 - June 2, 2022

MOTION ASWWU-EB-23-W-33

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To approve the minutes with the edits

Second: Schexnayder

Motion passed 6-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a.** Handa reported that she went to WLD and had a WSA meeting coming up and has been focusing on that. There are a few campuses that are not being responsive and are working on that. She put Rahma on the Student Trustee Selection Committee and Resendiz-Eyler on Election Advisory Committee.
- b.** Seb Genge reported that SEJF met, and they are looking at a tentative grant application. They are helping other committees that are working on grants.
- c.** Resendiz-Eyler reported that Lobby Day was the previous weekend, and it went well. He got good feedback from participants. They met with about 50 Legislators and had about 50 participants. He is now gearing up for Western Intersectional Lobby Day.
- d.** Boliy reported that they met with Kurz to go over their job description and see what committees their position is on still exist. They will be working on reaching out to Multicultural Center about WILD. Resendiz-Eyler asked if they knew their role in the ESC. Boliy said that they were working on that with Kurz. Rahma said that she talked to Amy Westmoreland, and they were discussing how because the ADEI Unit split off, there is a perceived disconnect between that and the AS, but the issue is that many people on the ADEI unit are new, so they are unaware of what the AS does. Westmoreland said that one of the most important things is representation and access and it is important to start bridging that gap. She said they could work on it as an Executive Board and Senate situation.
- e.** Schexnayder reported that he has been working with Activities Council to work on old requests that went through over Winter Break. They are also moving ahead with the Student Unions Advisory Group and are setting up a training grant so they will be prepared for working with budgets and other work. Activities Council has been drafting the new Charge and Charter. Handa asked if the Student Union Advisory Group has a Charge and Charter. Schexnayder said they had a draft.
- f.** Snyder reported that she went to Shred the Contract meetings and wants to be prepared to go to the committee knowing what they want. She might be joining a University Committee for Counseling, Health, and Wellness. She wants to do a presentation on the Request for Proposal once she finds out what she can say.

- g.** Rahma reported that IT Advisory Council is starting and there are a lot of Committees starting up that she is on. She is starting work on the Student Trustee Selection Committee.

X. SENATE REPORTS

- a.** Rahma reported that she met with the Graduate Senators about changing their position descriptions and exploring where the best place for them would be in the AS. The Graduate Senators feel that a lot of their job is about Graduate Students quality of life. Resendiz-Eyler asked if the Graduate Students would still have a role in the Senate. Rahma said the first step would be changing the position description so that it fits their role more, another step would be figuring out if the Senate is the best place for them, and Graduate Students exist under both the Graduate College and every other college which creates a disconnect between Graduate Students, and they do not have a space at Western. There is one in the works, but that will not be ready this year. Resendiz-Eyler asked if Graduate Students could be in any seat. Rahma said that no, they could only be Graduate Senators. Rahma said that part of the thought process is if there are Graduate Students in every college, then maybe they should be meeting with all of them, but that would be too much for only two people. She said there are a few Graduate Student Committees that are similar to Undergraduate Committees. Handa said that other colleges have Graduate Schools with their own Student Governments. Rahma said that she feels starting the conversation now is important since WWU is advertising Graduate Programs more. Resendiz-Eyler said that there is a Graduate Student Advisory Council at Western and he would imagine that Council would get an idea of what is happening with all Graduate Students. Handa said the AS is on a deficit right now, and they are trying to think of what is realistic with budget. Resendiz-Eyler said that they can look into how the Graduate Student Advisory Council operates.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a.** Rahma said that WWU still has the remains of 93 Native People in the Anthropology Department. Resendiz-Eyler asked if the article on the topic presented a solution or if it was informative. Rahma said it was just informative and is an issue at many schools. The solution is returning the remains. Snyder said that there is a lot of verification in trying to return the remains, and it is complex process. Rahma said that the Anthropology Department is underfunded and struggling to deal with it. Snyder suggested having Senators work on it. Rahma said they could, but there is more conversation to be had. Resendiz-Eyler suggested looking for more information rather than a solution at the current time.

Sargun Handa, AS President, adjourned the meeting at 4:31.