



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

October 27, 2022, 4:00 PM

Due to technical error, part of this recording was lost, limiting the information available.

Attendees:

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

Guests:

Staff and Assistants:

Motions:

MOTION ASWWU-EB-22-F-17	To pass the SEJF Rules of Operation
MOTION ASWWU-EB-22-F-18	To extend the Executive Session by fifteen minutes

Sargun Handa, AS President, called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of the Minutes
- October 6, 2022
The minutes were tabled for the following meeting.

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. AS Finance Council Charge and Charter

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. SEJF Rules of Operation – Seb Genge presented the SEJF Rules of Operation with the expiration date removed and spelling changes.
MOTION ASWWU-EB-22-F-17

To pass the SEJF Rules of Operation

Motion passed 6-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

- a. The Board held an Executive Session to discuss the ASVP for Diversity Appointment.

MOTION ASWWU-EB-22-F-22

Motion by Resendiz-Eyler

To extend the Executive Session by fifteen minutes

Second: Schexnayder

Motion passed 6-0-0

Boliy Waathan was appointed as the new ASVP for Diversity for 2022-2023.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

- a. Condemning Hate – Handa said that in the past month, there was an article about Sexual Assault that harmed a lot of survivors, there has been Anti-Semitic drawings on the free speech board, there has been anti-Iranian and Islamophobic posters in Bond Hall, and there has been Anti-Black and Anti-Trans graffiti in the dorms. Handa sent out an email about the article and got a lot of support. She spoke with people who disagreed and came to agreements. Handa spoke with the Communications Director, Casey Hayden, and other advisors about creating a bias task force to deal with this. This may include forums to discuss this. Handa said that there would be a task force to avoid having to have names public to avoid threats. She wants to use social media for the task force as a way to interact with constituents. Resendiz-Eyler said that progress is being made to help those affected. The Herald and King 5 have reached out to Handa for comment, and she is working with the Communications Office to reply. Schexnayder said that it should not be on one person to respond to all of these events. Handa said that she wants to have a bigger support system in replying to incidents in the future. Rahma asked how the article was dealt with. Schexnayder said the Student Publications Council recently started meeting and discussed the issue. Handa said that the Front and the author apologized. Resendiz-Eyler said that it was reviewed by three or four people before being approved and posted. Handa said the everyone is entitled to free speech, but people can also be harmed by words. She said that sexual assault it not a political issue. Schexnayder said that when a statement like the article is made, a response should be expected. Handa said that while there are good points in the article, it does

not negate the problems with it and harm it caused. Resendiz-Eyler asked how a statement would be handled in the future. Handa said that they will be signed as the task force and her own emails will be about student outreach. Resendiz-Eyler said that one of the effective things that made the statement impactful was how quickly it was posted and asked if it would be just as fast with a Task Force. Handa said they would do their best to respond quickly. Schexnayder asked if it would be a regular meeting or a response meeting. Handa said that currently it would be a regular meeting. Resendiz-Eyler asked who would email out statements. Handa said it would through AS Communications. Handa said that the Iranian students that reached out to them were the ones who okayed the statements, and the Hillel students said that it was good after it was posted. Handa said that she wouldn't take back the statements and appreciates the support. She said that even if a few people disagree, she still needs to take those responses seriously. She said that with the task force, she is working with the Communications Office for a student wellbeing statement. Resendiz-Eyler asked who is being represented by the Task Force. Handa said it will represent the AS as a whole.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Resendiz-Eyler reported that he is working with LAC and figuring out logistics for Lobby Day. He had a person resign from the LAC due to a timing conflict. He has been reaching out to representatives about RCW which requires the University to buy from prison labor. He talked with Naira Gonzales Aranda about what should be done for WILD and WLD about the dates of each and possibly switching them. Chelsea Joefield said that if WILD was on MLK Day, it would divide people between events and advocating for marginalized needs. Handa said that the reasoning for switching might make WILD seem like less of an afterthought. Resendiz-Eyler said they will be working to give WILD more support.
- b. Schexnayder reported that he met with Alexander and discussed the VU Advisory Board. Activities Council met and has been handling budget issues with clubs to support them but be fair with how money is allocated. Publicity Council met and discussed the unnecessary pressure put on student workers and expectations to work without full pay, as well as discussing the Western Front article. He is talking to AS Productions and will be helping with Cancel the Apocalypse.
- c. Rahma reported that she has started with the process of reorganizing the Student Outreach Committee. There are ideas for a Diversifying Curriculum Committee as well. The committee on Undergraduate Education is starting soon. The CFPA vacant position may be reopened for more applicants. She would have posters up in the CFPA buildings and table as well as pushing for CFPA students in various offices to apply.
- d. Seb Genge reported that on Monday he went to a Shred the Contract meeting. On Tuesday there was an ATC informal meeting due to not being able to meet quorum. On

Wednesday he attended a presidential sustainability council meeting, and they were updating the SAP.

- e. Handa reported that the cost of converting from Aramark to Self-Operated Dining would be 2 million dollars and little less than 1 million dollars would be lost in revenue yearly. A new financial update will be needed after the pandemic and with inflation which has been approved. The money and capacity are not there to fully transfer. They need a 5-, 8-, or 10-year contract to build revenue to move to self-operated dining. A committee with Snyder and a Shred the Contract student on it will evaluate the contracts. They want to lobby for the state to cover the loss but may not be a priority on Western's agenda. Resendiz-Eyler asked if it would be possible to lobby for the funds. Alexander said it is possible, but he would suggest not doing so this year as it would not be a priority. Resendiz-Eyler said that one Capital Budget priority was to replace all the classroom doors with bulletproof doors, and he does not see how that is more of a priority than money for Self-Operated dining. Handa said it was likely a public safety issue. She said that issue was comparing all the issues, since it was subjective. Resendiz-Eyler said that he was thinking about student priorities. Schexnayder said that from what he has seen, administration tends to undervalue Self-Operated Dining as an investment. Handa said she had talked to Melynda Huskey about why WSU has Self-Operated Dining while WWU doesn't, and it was because WSU started out with it, and switching is expensive. She said she had been working on appointing the VP for Diversity.

X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Sargun Handa, AS President, adjourned the meeting at