



**Associated Students of Western Washington University**

## Queer Guild Council Charter

Rechartered on: October 18 2023

### **I. CHARGE**

The Queer Guild Council is comprised of Queer and Trans<sup>1</sup> focused clubs working collaboratively to set policies and procedures, to hold each other accountable, and maintain the mission of the university by:

- Conducting strategic planning and long-term goals for individual clubs.
- Providing a space in which AS club leaders can come together and address issues affecting the community.
- Allocating funds and making recommendations for the distribution of funds to AS Queer clubs.
- Engaging in resource exchange between AS Queer and Trans focused clubs and LGBTQ+ Western
- Fostering inter-club communication and providing collaboration for large-scale events.

1. The terms “Queer” and “Trans” are being used to describe diverse (a)sexualities and (a)genders that are not exclusively heterosexual, cisgender, and/or dyadic. There is a recognition that not everyone uses the terms “Queer” and “Trans” to describe themselves, as well as that initialisms such as “LGBTQIA+” and its many other derivatives do not encompass all those who are not exclusively heterosexual, cisgender, and/or dyadic.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Voting:**

LGBTQ+ Western Community Development Co-Coordinators (Chair and Co-Chair)

Representative from QueerCon

Representative from Queer Eco Justice

Representative from Western Scream Queens

Representative from Royal Gambit Drag Club

Representative from Out in Business

Representative from WWU Lavender Menaces

Representative from WWU Furry Club

### **Non-voting:**

LGBTQ + Western Director (Advisor)

ADEI Unit Program Manager (Advisor)

Club Activities Coordinator (Advisor)

### **Former/Inactive:**

Representative from Gaymers

Representative from Queer Christian Club

Representative from Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Club

Representative from Queer Club

Representative from Western Aces and Aros

Representative from T.A.G. Team

## **Club Membership**

The committee will be made up of one representative from each AS Queer & Trans focused club.

## **III. CHAIR**

The Co-Chairs shall be the LGBTQ+ Western Community Development Coordinators. They shall convene the meetings, develop agendas, and preside at all meetings.

If the LGBTQ+ Western Community Development Coordinator positions were to become vacant, the Council may vote to appoint one of the other LGBTQ+ Western coordinators to become interim Chair.

A majority vote is needed to appoint the interim Chair, and the interim Chair must consent and be able to commit to the responsibilities of being Chair.

## **IV. MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The committee shall generally meet at least every other week with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice, but preferably at a set recurring time. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

## **V. VOTING**

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority approval of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast. The council may vote electronically if action is required before the next available meeting time.

A representative from non-active clubs and clubs that cannot access the Queer Guild Council funds may still vote as long as that has been approved to be part of the Queer Guild Council.

## **VI. QUORUM**

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.

## **VII. FUNDING**

It shall be the purview of this council to allocate monies appropriated to the Guild Council for distribution to AS Queer and Trans Clubs. The committee chair will meet at least once a month and have consistent communication with the AS Club Activities Coordinator or a delegate from the AS Club Hub to discuss club funding and event guidance to the Council.

## **VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES**

In order to provide for coordination and direction, the Council may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the council with respect to procedure.

## **XI. RULES OF OPERATIONS**

This council may adopt and amend rules of operations governing its function by a majority vote of the council, subject to review and approval by the AS Executive Board.

## **X. AMENDMENTS**

This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Executive Board with the AS Queer Guild Council's knowledge.

## **IX. REPORTAGE**

This committee shall report to the AS Executive Board through the Vice President for Diversity.