



Western Washington University Associated Students

Senate Meeting Minutes

February 8th 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, Ted Topper

Guests:

Staff and Assistants: Nely Vasquez, Joshua Kurz

Motions:

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| <i>SEN-23-W-13</i> | To add five more minutes to the WILD Agenda topic |
| <i>SEN-23-W-14</i> | To adopt the WILD agenda with the amendments between 2/6/23 and 2/8/23 |
| <i>SEN-23-W-15</i> | To add five more minutes to the Viking Mascot Change topic |
| <i>SEN-23-W-16</i> | To add five more minutes to the PEJ GUR topic |

Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Handa reads an email to the Senate concerning the lack of communication, reduced seats, and decision making about WILD

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. Wild agenda

- a. Resendiz-Eyler explains the format of the agenda
- b. He and Gonzales-Aranda also explains adding and removing some bills from the agenda
- c. Larrondo asks if the Blue Resource Center had some say in the agenda
 - i. Gonzales-Aranda says the agenda used to go through the ESC Executive Board, but since they have departed from the AS, a representative from the ESC comments on the agenda
- d. Brown and Dizon would like to see some bills about protecting transgender students
- e. Iqbal reaffirms Senators can email Resendiz-Eyler with edits and notes about the agenda for the next 24 hours, even if the Senate passes the agenda this meeting

Motion by Meagan Danielle Brown

To add five more minutes to the WILD Agenda topic

Second: Sofia Trujillo

Motion passed: 17-0-0

Motion by Gabriel Wong

To adopt the WILD agenda with the amendments between 2/6/23 and 2/8/23

Second: Jaime Baxter

Motion passed: 17-0-0

a. Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order

- a. Handa goes over parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order
- b. Iqbal says to the Senate there will be a task force between the senate and executive board to update parliamentary documents, and any interested Senators should email Iqbal or Handa

b. Support for CATS Against Assault

- a. Handa talks about the topic to the Senate

c. Viking Mascot Change

- a. Handa presented a 2018 study in which White and Non-White Western students were asked about the perceptions of a white university mascot

- b. Brown asked how willing the school would be to changing the mascot
 - i. Handa says she tried doing this in 2019 and the President wasn't on board because donors could step back with mascot change
 - 1. Christoph argues that the current mascot isn't profitable
 - a. Other Senators agree
- d. Black History Month
 - a. There will be a letter written in support of black history month
 - i. Larrondo says the letter should not be just for this month, but in support for black students
 - b. Wong suggest writing an email to show support
 - c. Iqbal encourages the Senators to go to events hosted by student leaders

Motion by Meagan Brown

To add five more minutes to the Viking Mascot Change topic

Second: MJ Dizon

Motion passed: 17-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

- a. Recognize and Negotiate with WAWU
 - a. Wong explained the resolution documents
 - b. Iqbal wanted to point out a language change in the resolution documents passed by the Executive Board
 - i. “...Western Washington University has not recognized WAWU-UAW”
 - c. Baxter thinks the Senate should invite some people from WAWU to hear their needs
 - d. The resolution was not passed this meeting. It will be on hold for a few weeks
- b. PEJ GUR
 - a. Flores reveals a task force will be needed to move things along

- b. Iqbal informed that a charge and charter will be made in spring quarter, and that the task force will assemble in the fall
- c. Larrondo and Flores asked the Senators to help find people from their college to join this task force
- d. Baxter suggests writing in the legacy documents about continuing the support for this GUR
- e. Iqbal adds that the work put into making this GUR will be paid
- f. Wong brings up who and when this GUR will be targeted towards
 - i. Flores says that the GUR is intended for everybody to take
- g. Nessa asks if this GUR will replace another
 - i. Iqbal says this GUR will be a category with multiple classes underneath it, which is intended to replace the ACGM and BCGM
 - ii. Flores says only one class needs to be taken

Motion by Sean Hakala

To add five more minutes to the PEJ GUR topic

Second: Meagan Brown

Motion passed: 17-0-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

IX. SENATE REPORTS

X. BOARD REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Dizon says to sign up for a time slot for an Instagram take over under document 22
- b. Handa says to support a bill that requires a professor to disclose if they ever sexually harassed a student
- c. Handa also read the Honor Students of Color survey results

Rahma Iqbal, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM