



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Senate Meeting Minutes**

October 9th, 2023, 5:30-7:00 PM

Senate Members Present: Gabe Wong, Mariana Flores, Autumn Kay-Chapman, James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Lily Duong, Matt Condon, MJ Dizon, Meli Bernal, Lola Thompson, John Hardgrove, Marv Locke, Dacey Durbin, Miguel Angel Acuna-Martinez, Yasmin Lamas Flores, Quincy Ingalls, Miguel Estevez

Student Government Assistant: Nely Vasquez

Advisor: Adam Lorio, Leona Friedman **Guests:**

Officers	College
Gabe Wong	AS Senate President
Mariana Flores Autumn Kay-Chapman James Dinh Lauren Johnson	At-Large Senators
Yasmin Llamas Flores (Absent) Miguel Angel Acuna-Martinez	College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Dacey Durbin TBD	College of Business & Economics

Lily Duong Matt Condon	Woodring College of Education
TBD	Graduate School
John Hardgrove Marv Locke	College of Science & Engineering
Quincy Ingalls Miguel Estevez	Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
Meli Bernal Lola Thompson	College of the Environment
MJ Dizon Ella Byerly (Absent)	College of Fine & Performing Arts

Motions:

- ASWWUSEN-23-F-3** To approve the October 2nd, 2023 minutes with the motions to change the current meeting date to the previous meeting date and start the motions with 1 and 2. ***Passed***
- ASWWUSEN-23-F-4** To move the Finance council charter revisions topic to an action item. ***Passed***

Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

I. CONSENT ITEMS – Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ingalls

(Doc 2)

To approve the October 2nd, 2023 minutes with the motions to change the current meeting date to the previous meeting date and start the motions with 1 and 2.

Second: Byerly

Motion passed: 11-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

a. Finance Council Charter Revisions

(Doc 3)

Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, presented the Changes to Financial Council Membership document, where the Finance Council has proposed removing and adding some members. Wong explained why some of these changes are being made. Must be approved before the Finance Council can meet. Wong and the Senate tabled this item, due to Trent Austin not being present. Wong later returned to this agenda item. Dacey Durbin, Senator of the College of Business and Economics, asked if the Finance Council couldn't meet if the Senate didn't pass the document. Wong clarified it would be harder to meet quorum. They also said a new charge and charter would be presented at the end of the quarter to the Senate.

Motion by Ella Byerly

To move the Finance council charter revisions topic to an action item Second: Meli Bernal

Motion passed: 12-0-0

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – SENATE

a. Senate Vacancies

Wong informs that after the Vice Chair is elected at this meeting, they will meet with other people to start looking through applications. Wong informs there are applicants for the College of Business and Economics, but none for Graduate. She further explains that $\frac{3}{4}$ of seated Senate members will need to be present when it is time to elect the new Senators.

b. Woodring Inclusion Statement

(Doc 5)

Matt Condon, Woodring College of Education Senator, read the Woodring Statement document. Wong suggests double checking the responsibilities of the faculty called out in the statement. Meli Bernal, College of the Environment Senator, suggested getting the approval of the Dean.

Flores joined the meeting at 5:50 PM

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE

a. Vice Chair Appointment

Wong gave Quincy Ingalls, Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies Senator, and Durbin two minutes each for their speech for Vice Chair. The Senators elected Durbin as the Senate Vice Chair.

IX. SENATE REPORTS

a. Introductory Reports

(Doc 4)

Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies Senators

Ingalls is focusing on scheduling and working on the Outreach Task Force and continuing his Arbitrary Borders Art project. Estevez is doing a Chalk with Children event at Fairhaven. They are both working on making the Fairhaven bathrooms more inclusive for students.

Woodring College of Education Senators

Duong and Condon both are preparing a luncheon so the Woodring students can get to know them. Condon will be taking lead on the Woodring Inclusion statement.

At-Large Senators

All of the Senators will continue the quarterly meetings that the previous AtLarge Senators did last year. Flores is continuing the food accessibility project that Ted Topper (former Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies Senator) did last year. Johnson is working on creating a student form to get students' knowledge about the Senate.

College of Business and Economics Senators

Durbin is working on getting the vacant Senator position for her college filled. Laura Johnson, At-Large Senator, asked when the position would be filled. Wong replies that at the next Senate meeting the Senate will be appointing them.

College of Fine and Performing Arts Senators

Byerly will be meeting with their Dean next Monday. She says it's difficult to talk to faculty.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senators

Acuna will be joining the Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion committee. They want to partner with wavelength to get the word out about their respective jobs. Acuna is still working on getting lists of faculty members who identify as Latine.

College of the Environment Senators

Bernal and Thompson are on the Policy committee. They are working on projects to interact more with students.

College of Science and Engineering Senators

Hardgrove is working on setting up a meeting with the Dean and the three chemistry professors in charge of creating the new ethics class.

X. BOARD REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM

Minutes were approved at the October 23rd, 2023 Student Senate Meeting.