



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023, 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Rahma Iqbal (she/her), Jesus Resendiz-Eyler (he/him), Noah Schexnayder (he/him), Sophie Snyder (she/her), Boliy Waathan (she/they)

Guests: Jonathan Salazar

Staff and Assistants: Joshua Kurz, Rue Blanchard

Motions:

MOTION ASWWU-23-W-30

To approve the new EAC Members

MOTION ASWWU-23-W-31

To approve the Finance Council Charge & Charter

Jesus Resendiz-Eyler, AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. New EAC Members – Jonathan Salazar said that there are three candidates who need approved. They are on track for the needed participation in the committee.

MOTION ASWWU-23-W-30

Motion by Snyder

To approve the new EAC Members

Second: Schexnayder

Motion passed 5-0-0

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. EAC Timeline – Jonathan Salazar said that Candidate Filing has been extended to 46 days, which is about 12 more days. Voting will take place the first week of May after

midterms. There are now two mandatory candidate meetings. The Elections Code will be ready to approve at the end of Winter Quarter. He asked if there was anything the Board would want to be different with running for their positions.

- i. Schexnayder said that there was not a lot of time to apply or run originally, so the additional time is a good start. He said a lot of the elections happened during dead week and finals week, which he thought might affect the voter turnout and how many people wanted to run. Salazar said that the elections will be reported to the Board the second week of May if there are no grievances, and the campaign period was extended to avoid voting during Dead Week.
- ii. Resendiz-Eyler said that it would help to be clearer about what funds could be given to candidates to run. Rahma said that spending out of pocket and getting an Expenditure Request makes sense as someone in the AS, but for people unfamiliar with it is it less accessible. Kurz said that there would be more detailed instructions.
- iii. Resendiz-Eyler asked if there would be a debate or public forum. Salazar said that it could be added.
- iv. Schexnayder said the maps and where to campaign were not clear. Salazar said they would go over that in mandatory candidate meetings. Rahma said they could talk to the Publicity Center about putting up the posters since they will know where to post. Salazar said that they might combine voting spots to have voting in the MPR. Rahma said that there is not much visibility there. Boliy said that as a voter, the visibility of voting in the MPR would be only people who are already working in the AS and people who spend time in more recreational areas.

V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS

- a. AS Finance Council Charge & Charter – Rahma presented the Finance Council Charge and Charter with “\$20,000” to “\$50,000.” It was approved by the Senate.

MOTION ASWWU-23-W-31

Motion by Rahma

To approve the AS Finance Council Charge & Charter

Second: Waathan

Motion passed 5-0-0

VI. PERSONELL ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – BOARD

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- a.** Resendiz-Eyler reported that he was getting ready for Western Lobby Day.
- b.** Snyder reported that the Vending Machines have officially gotten started. They are looking at SEJF for possible funding. Request for Proposal stuff has not started yet, but she is getting questions from STC people and talking to Leonard Jones about what can be said on the topic.
- c.** Schexnayder reported that Activities Council is starting up for the Quarter. They are about \$2,000 more than the budget and are looking for clubs to support. Resendiz-Eyler asked what the Activities Council does. Schexnayder said that clubs make requests through WIN for funding, and Activities Council goes through them and helps with funding and organizing and connecting people. They approve new Clubs. Rahma asked what the largest amount they can approve is. Schexnayder said it's a couple thousand, but it is not in the Charge & Charter. \$75 can automatically be approved but \$300 and more are discussed in meetings. The yearly budget is \$30,000. He and Handa received an email from the Faculty Senate wanting someone for an Ad Hoc Committee for rewriting the course evaluations at the end of the quarter. Rahma said she will talk to Handa about it.
- d.** Boliy reported that they are still backtracking all the emails from when they did not have access to the email. They have less than 300 now, having started at 800. Resendiz-Eyler asked if the ASVP for Diversity is on any Committees. Boliy said that they don't know for sure, as the position is being remodeled.
- e.** Rahma reported that the STF Charge and Charter and STF Operational Guidelines are passed so the Committee will start at the end of January. She will be chairing the Student Trustee Hiring Committee. Her main goal for the quarter is to make the Jacqueline Hughes and Chief of Police meetings happen with the Senate and Board. The STF was involved with the Multifactor Authentication push. Resendiz-Eyler asked how the Student Trustee Hiring works. Kurz said that people apply, the committee narrows it down to three, and the governor selects the person.

X. SENATE REPORTS

- a.** Rahma reported that the Senate is doing well, all positions are filled. The Outreach Task Force is doing a lot of good work and posters are about to be printed. There are sticker designs that have been approved as well. They discussed Course Evaluations, and all Senators are working well in their Committees. More diversity is being pushed for in GUR Courses and they are pushing for an ADEI course as a GUR. Resendiz-Eyler asked about the Course Evaluations discussion. Rahma said that there are paper evaluations again and people want to change back to online since those are more environmentally friendly. Faculty said that there were fewer Course Evaluations filled out online. The

Senators thought there might not be anonymity through handwriting. Kurz said that there is a drop in response rates at other schools when moving online. Faculty Senate had a subcommittee dedicated to it. Given Student responses, the Senate is going to bring concerns to the Faculty Senate and make it known. Rahma said that there were updates on the Grad Students and Academic Employee Unions.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Jesus Resendiz-Eyler, AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs, adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM.