



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

5:30 p.m.

VU 567/You Tube Live

Members: Present: Keara Ryan (AS President), Gabe Wong (AS Senate President), Erin Godwin (AS VP Governmental Affairs), Morgan Whitt (AS VP for Diversity), Sophie Snyder (AS VP for Student Services), Liam Pratt (AS VP for Sustainability)

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Rachel Kleffman

Guests: None

MOTIONS

ASB-23-F-1 Move the Vice President for Activities Appointment discussion to Action. *Passed*

ASB-23-F-2 Move to table Parliamentary Procedure. *Passed*

ASB-23-F-3 Move to fill Vice President for Activities by appointment. *Passed*

Call to Order: Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. Consent Items (*subject to immediate action*)

a. Approval of the Minutes from previous meetings

i. None presented

II. Revisions to the Agenda

a. None proposed

III. Public Forum (*comments from students and the community*)

a. None

IV. Officer Reports

a. Chair Report

5 minutes Ryan

Keara Ryan opened the chair report with information about the Board of Trustees meeting. The Executive Board meeting time on October 12th was adjusted to 6PM to accommodate for a reception with the Board of Trustees. Ryan discussed finding ways for the Student Senate and Executive Board to work together in a collaborative way. She extended an invitation to the Board to attend a candidate forum taking place on October 10th for county sheriff. Ryan is participating in weekly classroom visits and encourages others to partake in residence hall or club visits that align with their position to give presentations on Student Government.

V. Information Items- Guests*

a. None presented

VI. Action Items- Guests

- a. None presented

VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

- a. None presented

VIII. Information Items- Board*

- a. Introductions 5 minutes Ryan

Introducing the 2023-2024 AS Executive Board - Keara Ryan (She/Her), AS President. Gabe Wong (She/They), AS Senate President. Erin Godwin (They/Them) Vice President for Governmental Affairs. Morgan Whitt (She/Her), Vice President for Diversity. Liam Pratt (He/Him), Vice President for Sustainability. Sophie Snyder (She/Her) Vice President for Student Services. Rachel Kleffman (She/Her), Student Government Assistant. Nely Vasquez (She/Her) Student Government Assistant. Adam Lorio (He/Him), Student Government Advisory, Special Project Manager for Student Services.

- b. Ground Rules for Discussion 5 minutes Ryan

Ryan quoted Dr. Paul Chen's syllabus, which outlines important rules that Ryan admires and appreciates. The syllabus detailed that prior to disagreeing with one of the board members, or guests, that are here it's important that their view or position is understood. Ryan expressed the importance of the belief that others, including those you disagree with, are trying their best to do what is right, what is just, and what is good. During the meetings, it is important to maintain an atmosphere that is constructive. To close the ground rules, there was conversation surrounding how to address self and others. The Board decided on using first names in general discussion with others, and last names, including pronouns, when referring to self.

- c. Sustainability Equity and Justice Fund 5 minutes Pratt

Rules of Operation Charge & Charter
Pratt is remaining as co-chair, and Whitt is joining committee. The committee is opening another at large position to allow for students outside of the college of the environment to sit on the committee. A fully seated committee will be comprised of 10-11 members.

- d. Legislative Affairs Council Charge & Charter 5 minutes Godwin

Godwin reviewed and summarized the Legislative Affairs Council's Charge & Charter. The Graduate Student Representative and ESP Representative were removed from voting membership. Godwin has started conversation with various groups and department heads about recruiting voting members, a formal invitation will be sent out on October 6th. Snyder raised a concern about achieving quorum with the amount of voting members listed. Ryan inquired about explicit approval from professional staff and advisors that oversee the student staff members listed, Godwin stated that explicit approval has not been acquired. Ryan wasn't comfortable approving the Charge & Charter without said approval. Ryan noted that 5-7 Students at-Large is a high number for voting membership, she stated that the most she typically sees is 3-4. Ryan stated that the Legislative Affairs Council Charge & Charter will be included in the next meeting agenda as an information item to further discuss.

- e. **Vice President for Activities Appointment Discussion** 5 minutes Ryan
Ryan explained that the Vice President for Activities vacancy happened over intercession in between Spring and Fall Quarter. Ryan opened a conversation for the Executive Board to determine if appointment would be to the detriment of the student body. Godwin responded with the question of if it would be to the detriment of the students if the position were to remain vacant for a long period of time. Snyder added that there's benefits to appointment and election, but appointment may be faster in this scenario. Pratt pointed out that because the Board is comprised of elected representatives of the student body, the power and trust was placed in them to be able to make the decision regarding appointment. Whitt asked if the previously elected Vice President for Activities ran unopposed, Ryan confirmed the race was unopposed. Ryan shared the lack of engagement in the election, stating that last year less than 5% of students voted. Lorio made an advisory note that the vacancy not being in the fall quarter is clear.

MOTION ASB-23-F-1

Motion by Wong

To move Vice President for Activities Appointment discussion to Action

Second: Pratt

Motion passed 6-0-0

MOTION ASB-23-F-2

Motion by Ryan

To table Parliamentary Procedure to October 12th

Second: Godwin

Motion passed 6-0-0

IX. Action Items- Board*

- a. **Vice President for Activities Appointment Decision**

MOTION ASB-23-F-3

Motion by Godwin

To fill the Vice President for Activities by Appointment

Second: Wong

Motion passed 6-0-0

X. Other Business

Adjourn: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.