



ASWWU EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING Minutes Draft

November 2nd, 2023 | 5:30 PM | VU 567, YouTube Live

Members:

Present: Keara Ryan, Liam Pratt, Erin Godwin, Morgan Whitt, Gabe Wong, Sophie Snyder

Absent: none

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Adam Lorio

Guests: Melynda Huskey- scheduled

MOTIONS

ASB-23-F-19	To approve 11/2/23 Consent agenda items as presented. Passed
ASB-23-F-20	To move As Gov Gaza Statement Information item to Action Item. Passed
ASB-23-F-21	To approve AS Govt Gaza Statement for distribution as presented. Passed

Call to Order: Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Notes: No revisions requested

II. CONSENT ITEMS (*subject to immediate action*)

- a. Meeting Minutes from October 12th 5 minutes (Doc 1) Ryan
 - Notes: No revisions made.

MOTION: To approve 11/2/23 Consent agenda items as presented.			
Motion Made By: Godwin	Second: Pratt	ASB-23-F-19	
Vote Count: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed	

III. PUBLIC FORUM (*comments from students and the community*)

Notes: None presented

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Chair Report 5 minutes Ryan
 - Notes: Ryan: WSA summary provided previously.
 - Will email WSA advocating for more transparency and sustainable practices at gatherings, especially in light of fees charged to member organizations. Pushing alignment with WWU values.

Approved by the ASWWU Executive Board on 11/09/23.

- b. Vice President Report 5 minutes Pratt
- Notes: 1st SEJF committee meeting this week, full turnout
 - 2 large projects with 1 mid-size projects, will have information items for next SEJF meeting, updates to Exec Board to follow
 - Discussion of President's Sustainability Council
 - VP Sustainability & Pres met with Brovak (Foundation) to discuss divestment
 - Lots of concern from students regarding Outback Farm, FHV sewage leak
 - Ryan: update, current issue found, solution in progress
- c. Vice President Report 5 minutes Whitt
- Notes: Whitt: first SEJF meeting, connected with B. Joseph, learned about Social Justice Equity committee- requested more information from staff, meeting with DAC & Vet Affairs offices,
 - Met with VP ESS, ADEI leadership to discuss ESC clubs, moving BIPOC work with Senate to next quarter
- d. Advisor Report 5 minutes Ryan

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

- a. ASWWU Charter 20 minutes (Doc 2) Ryan
- Notes: Ryan: Time provided to get more clarity on charter update discussions, timing. Open to Exec Board individuals interested in joining workgroup on Charter update. Currently: Wong, Ryan, Snyder (volunteered), Senate Member to be identified by Sen Pres.
 - Workgroup will be primary body responsible for follow up with Melynda, forwarding recommended changes.
 - Timeline to present to WWU BOT extending to Feb 2024, final approval needed by mid-January for BOT presentation timeline.
 - Any questions from Exec Board?
 - Godwin: Article 2 Recognition, Section 2: suggest clarification of thresholds for abolishment vote threshold numbers
 - **Workgroup will discuss suggestion**
 - Wong: Suggest looking at clarification of fee committees, structures, impacts on students "What does it mean to have authority"?
 - Huskey: Asked to share in discussion of potential impacts of charter revision discussions.
 - MH: charter updated last in 2010, significant changes in operational structure of AS WWU programs and governance since that time. (e.g. Exec Board & Senate creation)
 - Discussion of how to distinguish ASWWU entire and subset involving AS

Government, may not make sense for Governance to be directly responsible for operations of all ASWWU programs (i.e. hiring staff, staffing programs, etc)

- Hopefully more operational clarity will allow for specific focus on Governance responsibilities and functions/projects
- May move some functions to University supported as essential/core services
 - Godwin: discussion of shared governance, clarified “shared governance” is between ASWWU and Institution.
 - MH: shared description of different stakeholders/constituents, roles and potential responsibilities – i.e. civil service = primary operations. Student responsibility for shared governance has never been clearly defined.
 - Intent is for students to be materially represented in fiscal decisions that have impacts on student experience
 - Division of “labor” for Govt bodies (Senate = academic affairs, Exec – other University issues pertaining to students)
 - Ryan: Question: What are the major/main guardrails that may be set up in charter?
 - MH: good to discuss in workgroup, could include expectations made through good policy, internal and constituent based (impeachment/recall) controls.
 - Internal controls better placed in constitution or bylaws
 - Charter is to explicitly lay out Institutional expectations of Student Governing bodies
 - Wong: What is the appropriate venue for a hypothetical grievance between Bookstore, Faculty Senate and AS Governance?
 - MH: depends on nature of agreement referenced in grievance
 - **Item for workgroup: pull distinct contracts to look at formal relationships (e.g. Bookstore may be independent but have agreement to share distribution of “surplus” income)**
 - MH reiterated communication/questions can be done by email within comms guidelines (quorum, in e-mails, etc)
- Ryan: reiterated that conversation will return to Exec Board regularly before final action taken

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

Notes: None presented

VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS (*subject to immediate action*)

Notes: None presented

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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

- a. AS Gaza Statement 20 minutes (Doc 3) Ryan
- Notes: Ryan: crafted by Wong, Ryan, Whitt in coordination with AS Comms Director
 - Crafted in response to inquiries from students
 - Important to note focus on free speech, right to assemble, does not extend to hate speech or threatening actions, etc.
 - Can't really separate AS identity from University Identity as we are same community
 - Was approved with no edits by AS Senate
 - Opened to questions/conversation:
 - Pratt: reminder of who crafted
 - Paragraph 3, has this statement been reviewed by Clubs with connections to identities identified in statements?(e.g. JSU, ASA, etc)
 - Ryan: not specifically in effort to reduce burden on clubs dealing with a lot currently, outreach has happened from VP Diversity and their cultivated connections with clubs to make sure AS Govt support has been offered
 - Wong: clarification that message is not the intended end of action, e.g. listening sessions, advocating on behalf of ASWWU for those spaces e.g Academic program hosted sessions, etc
 - Recognize that these issues and concerns pre-date current Gaza conflict
 - Intent to focus on supporting students
 - Ryan: notes complexity of historical context and discussions is well placed in academic areas, encouraging faculty to take up and support students, consistent with what was heard from students at Sandwiches with Sabah listening session.
 - Ryan: list of references and sources to include UN statements on humanitarian crisis, access support to Counseling resources on campus
 - Ryan: Discussed awareness of comms that may be needed in follow up
 - Whitt: clarified ADEI Unit open to collaboration/communication directly to clubs, received some feedback regarding expanding to more general global events
 - Ryan/Pratt: important to address current focused interest/concerns from students specific to Gaza
 - Wong: role of this to support students, conversation may change

if choice made to craft statements addressing positions on world events/conflicts directly

- Snyder: Potential to include Humanities listening sessions in resource list
- Ryan: reminder that this draft is embargoed until official distribution
- Godwin: discussion of other potential actions/support AS Gov can offer to students
 - Ryan: more conversation can be had to discuss on future AS Exec Board efforts
 - Wong: scope of constitution includes resolutions, differentiate between individual rights vs elected role.
 - Reminder: Exec Board Pres is liaison to AS Comms, please coordinate any communications through AS Pres to avoid confusing communications to Comms office
- Pratt: can we include statement on action, e.g. ceasefire support?
 - Ryan: challenging with this draft already approved by AS Senate, really affirming students right to free speech, assembly and support resources
 - Godwin: support for question, and action/resources will be focus of resource list (UN, etc)
 - Wong: suggested potential for additional statements as more action aligned with logistical needs.

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- b. Student Advisory Committee Appointment 5 minutes (Doc 4) Ryan
- Notes: Document 4, proposing motion to appoint Pratt to Student Advisory Committee as Exec Board member per charter, intended to add to consent agenda for next meeting
 - Wong: reminder Snyder and Godwin expressed interest
 - Snyder: happy to stay focused on charter work
 - Godwin: happy to stay focused on LAC work
- c. Student Advisory Committee Vice Chair Appointment 5 minutes (Doc 5) Ryan
- Notes: Document 5, proposing motion to appoint AS Pres as Vice Chair of committee, Wong: initial work focused on getting committee function and operations clarified, description of Vice Chair role.

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- Discussion of work loads, clarification of new committee purpose and scope, relationship to current committees, will be room for at-large student members.
 - AS Pres as Vice chair could make sense with current, already scheduled communication channels to University Admin and BOT.
 - Pratt: clarification of Chair/Vice Chair & membership
 - Appointments will come as consent items at next meeting

IX. ACTION ITEMS – Board*

A. AS Government Statement on Gaza

a. Discussion:

- i. Pratt: commends crafters on statement, acknowledges difficulty/challenges and appreciates efforts
- ii. Ryan: Will be more outreach and updates on future action and resources

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Pratt: Conversations with M. Brovak (WWU Foundation) about divestment campaign and current position of Foundation, potential for resolution from AS Government on support for forward movement on divestment strategy, attempt to unite student body on this effort, ideally have something for information items next week, may request move to action items, draft available soon via Teams
- b. Godwin: LAC working on survey for ASWWU legislative priorities, will bring to Board next week

Adjourn: *The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.*

** All agenda items are subject to immediate action.*

Note: Proposed motions show what is being requested. The actual motion may differ.