



ASWWU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Present: Keara Ryan, Gabe Wong, Erin Godwin, Morgan Whitt, Liam Pratt, Sebastian Mayotte,

Absent: Sophie Snyder

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Adam Lorio - Sub

Guests: Isaac Brandt, Trent Austin

MOTIONS

ASB-23-F-36	To approve revisions to agenda as presented
ASB-23-F-37	To Approve Consent Agenda Items
ASB-23-F-38	To Approve EAC Charge & Charter as presented with edits submitted by Wong

Call to Order: Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Addition of 10 minutes to AS Business Director Report

MOTION: To approve revisions to agenda as presented		
Motion Made By: Ryan	Second: Wong	ASB-23-F-36
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

- a. Meeting Minutes from Dec 7th, 2023 5 minutes (Doc 1) Ryan

MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda Items		
Motion Made By: Wong	Second: Pratt	ASB-23-F-37
Vote Count: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1		Action Result: Passed

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

- a. None presented

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Chair Report 5 minutes Ryan
 - AS Pres scheduling bi-weekly check ins with all ASEB members this term

- WA College grant online legislative testimony opportunity on 1/12/24 at 10am
 - Reach out to AS Pres via email if you want details
 - Call for AS newsletter content from ASEB ongoing, coordinate submissions through AS Pres
 - More information coming from WSA, dues getting paid
 - Will be having regular presentations from AS and WWU Staff during future ASEB meetings
 - Coordinate recommendations for presenters through AS Pres
- b. Advisor Report 5 minutes Ryan
- Urgent need to recruit/appoint 6 undergrads, 6 grad students for appt to AS Student Academic Grievance Board
 - Need to recruit appointees urgent
 - Admin Updates for Winter 2024 immediately after this meeting

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

- a. AS Business Director Report 15 minutes Ryan
- Trent Austin: Current AS Reserves at: \$357,476
 - Funds approved for:
 - \$25K to Outback Student Staff Positions
 - \$30K to Temp Club Coordinator position
 - Large Event Proposals
 - Fund balance: \$43,236
 - Approved funds for KUGS Anniversary celebration at end of month
 - Updated Charge & Charter for Finance Council will be presented soon
 - Start of Budget cycle coming soon, Finance Council will be busy.
 - Ryan: request to clarify definition of "AS reserves" & Grant request process
 - Austin provided clarification/definition of reserves/reserve process
 - S&A Fee committee process
 - Grants can be applied for from Finance Council website
 - Applications reviewed weekly by Finance Council
 - Offer opportunity to applicants to present
 - Approved or declined and forwarded to AS Staff for processing

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

- a. Elections Advisory Committee Charge & Charter 5 minutes (Doc 2) Ryan
- Brandt provided summary of edits made based on ASEB recommendations from last meeting. See Doc 2 in packet for tracked changes
 - o Ryan appreciates addition of updates to section on Committee Chair (III)
 - o Wong: provided history on Senate and proposed inclusion of Senate responsibility in EAC charter
 - o Edits submitted by Wong:

- insert “and the student senate” to the first sentence of the “charge” section after “...Executive Board....”
- amend the last sentence of the “quorum” section to read “The session shall conclude when the Elections Code that the session was called for is passed by the Executive Board and Student Senate, concurrent with the other provisions outlined within this Charge and Charter.”
- append “and the student senate” to the first sentence of the amendments section.
- amend reportage to read “the committee shall report to the AS Executive Board and Student Senate through their respective representatives ((through the AS Elections Coordinator)).”

MOTION: To Approve EAC Charge & Charter as presented with edits submitted by Wong		
Motion Made By: Godwin	Second: Pratt	ASB-23-F-37
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

Brandt: request to appoint members from Senate and ASEB to EAC as soon as possible, ASEB & Senate leaders agreed to expedite appointments for EAC function.

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

- a. None

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

- a. Narcan Access at WWU 5 minutes Ryan
 - Ryan: update on state of Narcan availability at WWU after discussion with Chief Potts and Discussion of item at last WWU Board of Trustees meeting.
 - Potts confirmed that regardless of WA State Bill Passage, WWU will have Narcan access
 - Potts requesting ideas from AS Exec Board on access location ideas
 - Suggested perhaps co-located with AEDs
 - Rec Center
 - Res Halls
 - Large Student Gathering Buildings
 - Want access for students and community visitors
 - Currently only in Library
 - Thoughts about additional locations
 - Discussion
 - Godwin: purpose of locations?
 - Clarified: Rapid access from known location in event of emergency/response
 - Feedback can be sent to Ryan for relay to Chief Potts
 - Additional questions: Design of location infrastructure?
 - Education/Outreach that would be helpful?
 - Canvas course vs other options
 - Will have additional surveys prior to final deployment
 - Pratt: feedback to Ryan for aggregation: yes
 - Mayotte: design still in process, locations, recommend public transit areas, balance of security v access

- Pratt agreed with transit sites, better access for community
- Godwin: still researching but at least 2 bills will address/support education and access
- Ryan: there will be more partnership requests from UPD during implantation phase
- Ryan: Desire for other health & safety trainings from students?
 - CPR/First Aid
 - Food Handlers
 - Mental Health First Aid: more
- Whitt: ADA accessibility is important for Narcan locations
 - Also, outdoor exposure/temps important
- Ryan will share survey next week
 - Let Ryan know if you want to help work on this topic

IX. ACTION ITEMS – Board*

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Wong: will be bringing a resolution like what Senate passed last year that supports the Operational Student Employees in their quest for voluntary recognition from the University
- b. Pratt: President's Sust Council is wrapping up Sust Action Plan plan, reviewing a couple of sections, recruiting additional help with that review.
 - Provided summary of SAP
- c. Godwin: LAC is working on finalization of Leg Agenda, planning to present at Jan 25th meeting for approval

Time adjourned: 18:15

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

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

Student Advisory Committee Appointment

Proposed motion: Appoint Sophie Snyder, Associated Students Vice President for Student Services, to the Elections Advisory Committee.

Proposed by: Keara Ryan, Associated Students President

Context:

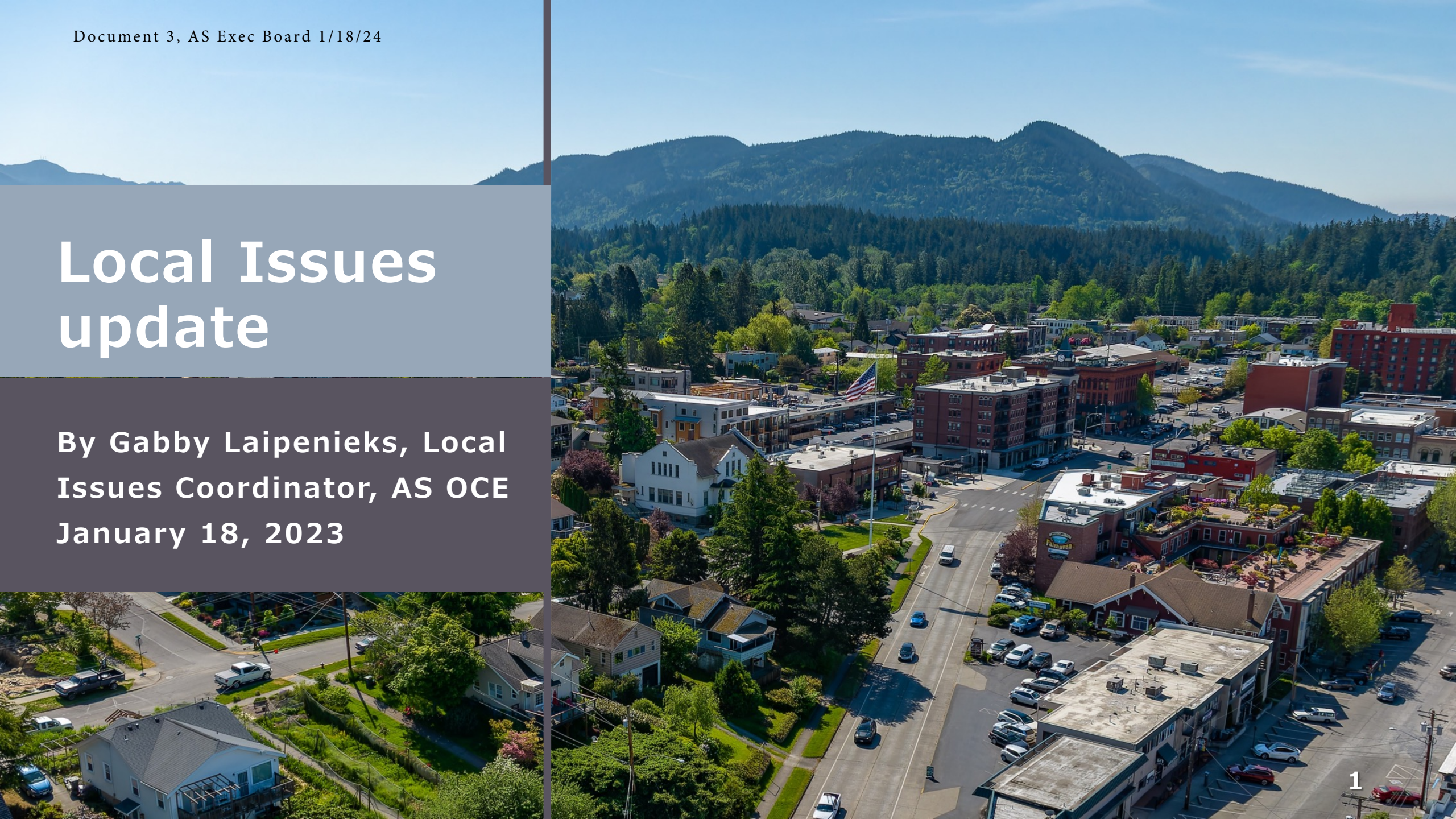
The purpose of the Election Advisory Committee is to review and make recommendations to the AS Executive Board and Student Senate regarding the AS Election Code and to advise the AS Elections Coordinator on all Elections processes to encourage student participation in the election process by:

- Making particular efforts to increase the simplicity, clarity, and accessibility of the AS Elections.
- Encouraging more professional, accessible and equitable campaigns.

The Executive Board is charged with appointing an Executive Board member as a voting member of the Elections Advisory Committee. For the committee to begin meeting a Student Senator and Executive Board member must be seated.

Local Issues update

By Gabby Laipenieks, Local Issues Coordinator, AS OCE
January 18, 2023



November 2023 Election Overview

City

- Kim Lund elected mayor
- Hannah Stone (Ward 1) and Daniel Hammill (Ward 3) both re-elected to City Council
- Jace Cotton elected to at-large City Council seat
- Public Health, Safety, and Justice sales tax passed
- Both Initiatives 1 and 2 passed (minimum wage and renter protections, respectively)
- Greenways Levy passed

County

- Satpal Sidhu reelected as County Executive
- Donnell Tanksley elected as Sheriff
- Jail initiative passed

City Happenings

Winter Shelters

- The City and County have been collaborating to meet increased demand on winter shelters during the freeze
- Many shelters have been over capacity

Comp Plan

- The City continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan Update, is seeking feedback
- Bike Master Plan public comment period ends tomorrow!

Renter Protections

- The City is trying to strengthen its rental registration and safety inspection program, recently increased noncompliance fines
- Some discussion on taxing landlords via a business & operations tax

City Happenings, Contd.

Ceasefire Resolution

- The City Council unanimously passed a resolution urging a ceasefire in Gaza, Israel, and Palestine, supporting U.S. House Resolution 786, which urges the federal administration to call for a ceasefire.

WTA Expansion

- WTA is considering an expansion of Bellingham Station to accommodate more buses, encouraging growth in the downtown area

County Happenings

Opioids/ Fentanyl

- The County Council passed 2 resolutions requesting the state and fed. govt. to declare an emergency in response to the opioid crisis
- Lummi Nation is seeking state funding for crisis response

New Jail

- Sales tax adopted by the County Council to fund the new jail, along with other behavioral health and criminal justice programs

ABC Recycling

- Proposed metal shredder on Marine Drive, associated noise and environmental concerns
- County Council voted against a moratorium on heavy industrial permitting for that area

Thank You!



For more details, or if you are interested in commenting on any of the City/WTA plans, please message me!

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Sen. J.Res. 2023/24-02**

“Recognize and Negotiate with WAWU Operational Student Employees”

WHEREAS, operational student employees – custodians, clerks, program support staff, resident advisors, photographers, laborers, and others who do similar jobs – do critical work across Western Washington University including keeping students safe, keeping facilities running, and maintaining programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a majority of operational student employees (OSEs) working for Western Washington University have authorized Western Academic Workers United / United Auto Workers (WAWU-UAW) to represent them in collective bargaining [1]; and

WHEREAS, WAWU-UAW has filed a representation petition with the Public Employment Relations Commission [2]; and

WHEREAS, WAWU-UAW has requested that Western Washington University voluntarily recognize the OSE bargaining unit [1]; and

WHEREAS, every on-campus union – WFSE Local 1381, PSE of WWU / SEIU Local 1948, UFWW / WEA/AFT Local 2084, and WAWU / UAW Local 4121 – has demanded that Western Washington University recognizes the OSE bargaining unit [3]; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University is capable of voluntarily recognizing the OSE bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University is capable of negotiating over OSE working conditions; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University already has a relationship with WAWU-UAW; and

WHEREAS, the Western Washington University Board of Trustees approved the Western Washington University Strategic Plan for 2018 through 2025 [4]; and

WHEREAS, within this strategic plan, the Board of Trustees asserts its plan to advance Western by “Improving climate and working conditions for student employees, staff, and faculty at all

39 locations” and “Providing competitive compensation and professional development for student
40 employees, staff, and faculty” [4]; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, historical improvements to the compensation and working conditions for employees
43 have been spearheaded by collective bargaining [5, 6]; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, collective bargaining would bring clarity to the rights and responsibilities of OSEs and
46 Western Washington University; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, despite this, Western Washington University has declined to recognize the OSE
49 bargaining unit [7].

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51 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON**
52 **UNIVERSITY**

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54 **THAT**, the voluntary recognition of the OSE bargaining unit is in the best interest of Western
55 Washington University, OSEs, the membership of the ASWWU, and the public; and

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57 **THAT**, the ASWWU requests that Western Washington University

- 58 1. respects the wishes of its faculty and staff,
- 59 2. acts in accordance with its strategic plan,
- 60 3. immediately recognizes the OSE bargaining unit,
- 61 4. begins negotiating with WAWU-UAW OSEs, and
- 62 5. formally responds to the ASWWU’s above requests.

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64 *Introduced Jan. 10, 2023, in the Student Senate.*

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66 *Introduced Jan 18, 2023, in the Executive Board, with amendment.*

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69 cc: Marcy Hammer, Director of Employee and Labor Relations
70 Sabah Randhawa, President
71 Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General
72 WWU Students, Staff, and Faculty
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Western Washington University
Associated Students of WWU Student Government Charter
(revised 2023)

Preamble:

The students of Western Washington University have the right and responsibility to participate in the shared governance of the university. The Associated Students of Western Washington University is the body created to represent students for this purpose. The Associated Students of Western Washington University (ASWWU), as defined in this Charter, is charged by the president to elect a student government (AS Student Government) which:

- Represents student interests and opinions to the university administration, Board of Trustees, and appropriate governmental agencies,
- Fosters participation and inclusion of the student body in university governance and operations as appropriate,
- Communicates with the ASWWU membership about institutional matters which affect them.

Article I: ASWWU

- 1.1. Western Washington University recognizes the ASWWU as the sole recognized student association of Western Washington University.
- 1.2. The voting membership of ASWWU shall include all full-time, part-time, graduate, and undergraduate students who are registered for at least one academic credit at any WWU location where students pay Services and Activities Fees. Only voting members of ASWWU may vote in student government elections.
- 1.3. The ASWWU may only be abolished by a vote of the membership of the ASWWU. In such case, the powers granted in this charter shall become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held.

Article 2: ASWWU Student Government

- 2.1. Western Washington University recognizes the ASWWU Student Government as the sole student government association of Western Washington University and as the governing body of the ASWWU.
- 2.2. The ASWWU's authority to participate in shared governance of the university through the AS Student Government is established by the President of Western Washington University, with the consent of the ASWWU membership, and registered by the Board of Trustees.

- 2.3. The AS Student Government may only be abolished by a vote of the voting membership of ASWWU. In such case, the powers established in this charter become null and void at the end of the academic year in which the vote is held.
- 2.4. All amendments to this charter must be approved by the ASWWU Student Government and the University President.

Article 3: ASWWU Student Government Duties

- 3.1. The AS Student Government shall make every effort to represent the needs and concerns of students through its participation in shared governance and representation to appropriate governmental agencies.
- 3.2. The AS Student Government shall hold annual elections open to all members of ASWWU for the purpose of selecting representatives and deciding referenda on matters of importance to the student body.
- 3.3. The AS Student Government shall consult with and report to university bodies on matters of concern to students.
- 3.4. The AS Student Government shall encourage student involvement in the development of institutional policies which impact students.
- 3.5. The AS Student Government shall inform the university community of actions taken by the AS Student Government.
- 3.6. The AS Student Government shall adopt bylaws and establish structures as necessary to govern its organization and carry out its responsibilities in a manner consistent with this charter and the regulations, policies, and procedures of the University. It shall review those bylaws and structures at least every 5 years.

Article 4: Granted Authorities

The AS Student Government is granted the authority to fulfill its duties within the provisions set forth in this charter and within the constraints of University regulation, policy, and procedure. In addition, the AS Student Government shall have the following special authorities.

- 4.1. With regard to student fees, the AS Student Government has the authority to:
 - a. Ensure that monies allocated to the AS Student Government by the Services and Activities Fee Committee are used to support continuous, safe, and efficient operations, consistent with federal, state, and university policy.
 - b. Provide recommendations regarding any increases and/or renewals of mandatory and voluntary student fees.
 - c. Hold elections to determine changes to or establishment of voluntary student fees.
 - d. Review all information pertaining to the expenditure and usage of student fee dollars.

- e. Ensure a majority of student voting members on fee committees overseeing mandatory and voluntary student fees, with the exception of operating and building fees.
 - f. Exercise the right to appoint a student chair, with the concurrence of the University President or designee, on all committees overseeing and appropriating mandatory and voluntary student fee dollars, with the exception of operating and building fees.
- 4.2. To fulfill its administrative responsibilities, the AS Student Government has the authority to:
- a. Obtain and review information on the affairs of the University,
 - b. At the request of University committee chairs, to appoint student representatives to standing University committees, and to other bodies.
 - c. Allocate funds to support the employment of student and permanent staff as needed to fulfill the goals and maintain the operations of the AS Student Government, consistent with the regulations, policies, and procedures of the university.
 - d. Manage its allocated funds in accordance with regulations, policies, and procedures of the university and with fiduciary responsibility on behalf of students.
 - e. Participate in the management of the AS Bookstore's net operating revenues, where applicable.

[Signature block]

Western Intersectional Lobby Day Legislative Agenda, Draft 3

Values Statement:

ASWWU believes that when we take steps to ease the financial burdens associated with pursuing higher education and invest in comprehensive health support, students will be fully engaged with the campus community, and: retention, completion, and enrollment rates will increase. We ask the legislature to provide robust, accessible, and equitable financial aid opportunities and health services to Washington State's higher education institutions because investing in students is investing in the future of Washington's workforce and the state's long-term economic growth.

Financial Aid:

[SB 5999](#) Expanding financial aid eligibility for the WCG to 70% MFI

[SB 5904](#) Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs from 5 to 6 years of eligibility

We believe that increasing eligibility for the WCG will encourage more people to pursue higher education and help the state reach its goal of having 70% of adults possessing post-secondary credentials. We recommend increasing the median family income (MFI) requirement from 60% to 70%.

[HB 1946 23-24 \(in committee\)](#): Creating the Washington health corps behavioral health scholarship program

This bill would help students pursuing degrees in the behavioral health field by reducing the cost of their education. Having more students pursue this career would increase the number of mental health care providers within Washington state. This scholarship would also incentivize recipients to provide services in rural or underserved areas.

Proviso to increase funding for the supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Program

The current funding amount for this program is \$4.4 million. By increasing funding to \$10M. This will not only provide more housing resources for young people, but it will also support better educational outcomes. 40,000+ Washington State students are experiencing homelessness.

Student Employment:

[SB 5895](#) Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education.

The proposed legislation is similar to SB 5238, passed in 2023. This proposal is to add a section to RCW 41.56, which defines union bargaining frameworks for different employees in higher education, to clearly enshrine a collective bargaining framework for other student workers who wish to form a union.

[HB 1889](#) Allowing persons to receive professional licenses and certifications regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

Undocumented students are unintentionally excluded from internship and work opportunities due to their immigration status. This bill would remove employment requirements to be a U.S. citizen or resident alien in Washington state. Additionally, employers would be prohibited from reporting an individual's citizenship status to external agencies including the federal government.

HB 1905 23-24 (in committee): Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act

In Washington state, the Equal Pay Act has not been updated since 1943. This bill would update the language in the Equal Pay Act to include protected classes from discrimination relating to wage gaps. ““Protected class” means a person's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability.”

Health and Wellness:

HB 1929 23-24 (in committee): and SB 6050 23-24: Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment

One of the biggest reasons that students drop out of school is because their mental health is not doing well and/or because they are dealing financial difficulties. This bill would dedicate more resources for young people without secure housing who receive inpatient behavioral health treatments once they are released from treatment.

“Provide funding to a community-based organization or organizations with expertise in working with young people experiencing unaccompanied homelessness, behavioral health conditions, or both, to operate a residential program or programs”

HB 2145 Concerning medically necessary treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder.

Access to mental healthcare is an on going struggle. This bill would require insurance companies to cover mental health treatment. This would be useful for students who have health insurance and could help offset the burden on the Counselling & Wellness Center by directing students to providers off-campus.

HB 1958 Concerning nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a sexually protective device.

Sexual assault on college campuses is unfortunately very common. This bill would establish remedies for victims of a form of sexual assault and recourse for perpetrators of this form of sexual assault, allowing civil cause for nonconsensual removal/tampering of sexually protective devices.

HB 2112 Concerning opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness at institutions of higher education.

To promote health on safety on campus, we are asking the legislature to provide funding for our school to secure free fentanyl testing strips for students. Additionally, we are asking that the legislature make Narcan, and the training required to administer it, more widely available as this medication can be used to reverse an opioid overdose.

Miscellaneous:

HJR 4208 23-24 (in committee): Removing gendered terms from the Constitution.

This bill would update the language in the state Constitution by changing gendered pronouns from "he, him, his, himself" to “they, them, theirs, their self”. This would illustrate our state’s commitment to gender equality and the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in governing documents.

SB 5766 Concerning the temporary suspension of the state motor vehicle fuel tax. (Against).

HB 1955 Repealing the greenhouse gas content disclosure provision (Against).

An act repealing RCW 19.405.070, which requires electric utilities to report their greenhouse gas content calculation to the dept of Commerce

HB 1902 23-24 (in committee): Enhancing requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms.

HB 2076 23-24 (in committee): Addressing crimes involving human trafficking or sexual exploitation.

HB 2114 23-24 (in committee): Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act

By limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.

No Bills Attached:

- Help with mental health by supporting resources like the Counseling and Wellness Center and Disability Access Center with more funding and staff.

Ask the Legislature to ensure that the University Administration's capital budget request for the 2025-2026 biennium include funding for services that support marginalized communities on campus. Particularly the Disability Access Center, the Ethnic Student Center, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. To meet the state's 70% attainment goal, we must remain committed to ADEI and supporting the needs of all students in and outside of the classroom.

- Lower eligibility requirements for student employees to enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - We are asking that the legislature reduce the work requirement for student employees from an average of 20 hours a week to 15 hours a week.
- Ensure abortion pills are available at the student health center at a reduced cost.