



ASWWU Student Senate Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023, 5:30-7:00 PM, VU 567, YouTube Live

Members:

Present: Dacey Durbin (CBE, Vice-chair); Mariana Flores, James Dinh, Lauren Johnson (At-Large); Lily Duong (Woodring); Ella Byerly, MJ Dizon (CFPA); Meli Bernal, Lola Thompson (CENV); John Hardgrove (CSE); Devin Moreno (CBE); Miguel Acuna (CHSS); Quincy Ingalls, Miguel Estevez (Fairhaven)

Absent: Autumn Kay-Chapman (At-Large); Matt Condon (Woodring); Yasmin Lamas Flores (CHSS); Gabe Wong (Chair)

Advisor: Leona Friedman

Secretary: Nely Vasquez-Vasquez

Guests: Keara Ryan, Liam Pratt

MOTIONS

SEN-23-F-11	To approve the revisions and tabling the Chair’s report. Passed.
SEN-23-F-12	To table the SAC appointment. Passed.
SEN-23-F-13	To approve the minutes with the intention to change the formatting of the table and add an E to Melynda Huskey’s name. Passed.
SEN-23-F-14	To move “AS Divestment” to an Action Item – Guests. Passed.
SEN-23-F-15	To approve the AS Divestment document. Passed.

Call to Order: Dacey Durbin, Senate Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Update on the photoshoot – Information Item Senate
- b. Tabling Chair’s Report

MOTION: To approve the revisions and tabling the Chair’s report		
Motion Made By: Quincy Ingalls	Second: John Hardgrove	SEN-23-F-11
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

- a. Appointment to SAC

This item was tabled because Wong was not present.

MOTION: To table the SAC appointment		
Motion Made By: Quincy Ingalls	Second: Devin Moreno	SEN-23-F-12
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

- b. Approval of the October 23rd Minutes

Friedman suggested that to change the formatting of the table and correct Melynda Huskey's name.

MOTION: To approve the minutes with the intention to change the formatting of the table and add an E to Huskey		
Motion Made By: James Dinh	Second: John Hardgrove	SEN-23-F-13
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

- a. AS Divestment

Pratt explained showed the draft document to the senate about the WWU foundation's continued divestment from fossil fuels. Pratt explained the history of divestment at Western. He says that a request for proposal (RFP) will be going out this year and it was a good time to send out a resolution. He explained what the resolution is demanding. Ryan explained who will pass the document and hopes it will gain support from the student body. She notes there has been past support for divestment. Ingalls asks where the money that is being diverted from supporting fossil fuels will go. Pratt it will go to the environmental, social, governance (ESG) funds. Ryan says WWU is laxer in their demands compared to other universities. Pratt says this is the first year where there is no student input.

MOTION: To move "AS Divestment" to an Action Item - Guests		
Motion Made By: Devin Moreno	Second: Quincy Ingalls	SEN-23-F-14
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

- a. AS Divestment

Dinh wanted confirmation if the financial loss would be the loss in stock for fossil fuel companies. Ryan confirmed. He also wondered how they found out about the divestment. She says it is based on the RFP timeline. Ryan encouraged the senators to not actively talk about the document with the student body.

Miguel Acuna came into the meeting at 6:08 pm.

MOTION: To approve the AS Divestment document		
Motion Made By: Devin Moreno	Second: MJ Dizon	SEN-23-F-15
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*

- a. AS Charter

The new deadline is going to be in February. Durbin reports that Wong hopes something will

be approved in January which will then be presented at the February meeting. Ryan oversees the taskforce for updating the AS charter, and it needs a student senator. She explains how the meeting will go and that they will meet with Melynda Huskey.

b. Photoshoot for Senate

Dizon reports the photoshoot will be delayed until next Wednesday and Thursday. Dizon also says they would like to get pics taken during the meetings so it can be shown to the public.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Committee Assignments – Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) Power, Equity, Justice (PEJ) Taskforce & Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) General Commission

Durbin reports it is a faculty Senate committee. She explained Says there are two open seats in the general commission of the ACC. She explained what the work includes. Would like either Senate or Executive Board members because they will get paid rather than an At-Large student. Durnin explained that members will have to look at the documents before the meeting to understand what is going on. Regarding the PEJ GUR, Durbin explained it would replace the ACGM GUR and every student would be required to take. There is a taskforce concerning this and the faculty would like two students to join. These students' terms would begin middle to end of winter quarter and end April of 2025. Durbin thinks it is better to have those students be paid and would rather them be elected members rather than an At-Large students who might not be paid.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Durbin introduced Moreno to the Senate and announced there are two applications for the Graduate Senator positions.

Adjournment: *Dacey Durbin, Senate Vice-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

Minutes approved on 1-10-24