

Members:

Present: Gabe Wong (Chair); James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Mariana Flores (At-Large); Lily Duong, Matt Condon (Woodring); MJ Dizon (CFPA); Melissa Bernal, Lola Thompson (CENV); John Hardgrove (CSE); Dacey Durbin, Devin Moreno (CBE); Miguel Estevez (Fairhaven); Ellen Esteves (Graduate)

Absent: Yasmin Lamas Flores, Miguel Acuna (CHSS); Ella Byerly (CFPA)

Advisor: Leona Friedman

Secretary: Nely Vasquez

Guests: Liam Pratt (AS VP for Sustainability)

MOTIONS

SEN-23-W-22	To approve Consent Items. Passed.
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Call to Order: Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a. Striking appointment for the Academic Coordinating Commissions - MJ Dizon.
- b. Adding advisor note from Friedman in Other Business

II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

- a. Appointment to Student Advisory Committee – Devin Moreno
- b. Approval of Minutes – 10/30/23, 11/06/23 and 11/20/23

MOTION: To approve Consent Items		
Motion Made By: Dacey Durbin	Second: Melissa Bernal	SEN-23-W-22
Vote Count: Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1		Action Result: Passed

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

Pratt tells the Senate the Sustainability Council is trying to push out the Sustainability Action Plan. He came to the senate because he wants input from students for curriculum research, engagement and leadership, and student life. This is to make the process more inclusive because right now the plan only involves involvement from the College of the Environment. Durbin asked Pratt to give a quick summarization on those three areas. Pratt says he is mainly focusing on engagement and leadership because there is investment involved. He would like input on the curriculum and input section as it revolves around GURs and classes. Pratt gave an update on the Divestment Resolution. The Faculty Senate unanimously supported it and the Board of Trustees too. Pratt says The Foundation will give them a formal list of what will be given based on the Divestment Resolution.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*

a. Spring Meeting Time

Wong thinks it would be easiest to keep this time and would like it if everyone scheduled their classes around this. Thompson would like it if everyone could give an advanced schedule, possibly next month, of their spring classes. That way a spring meeting time could be found.

b. Update – Governing Documents

Wong defined the AS Charter, AS Constitution, and the Senate Bylaws. She hopes all the documents are up to date by year's end. On the AS Constitution, Wong informs there is no group work being done on it. Wong also informs the Senate that she and Keara Ryan have submitted their final revisions for the AS Charter and are waiting on Melynda Huskey's response.

c. Long-Range Calendar

Wong presented a Calendar with all the documents that will be presented at future meetings and other important meetings for winter and spring quarter.

d. OSE Recognition Resolution

Wong explains that the resolution asks the university to recognize an Operational Student Employee Union. WWU doesn't have to because there is no law telling them to do so. Wong continued to explain what the resolution requested of WWU.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. SENATE REPORTS

Dinh is still working on Arbitrary Borders. Condon is working on a disability access listening session with Freidman. Him and Duong have been talking about working with Woodring's embedded therapist for a de-stress session during finals week. Johnson is working on Lobby Day, and says the hours spent on lobbying are paid but not the training portion. Moreno mentioned the WWU Entrepreneurship Club got approved at his college. Durbin is hoping to meet with their College's Dean more this quarter. She also wants to appoint students for the PEJ taskforce. She would like it if they were elected officials so they can get paid. Wong was in a budget committee today and reported there is work on getting more transparency on where money is going. She also says AS Executive Board approved a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. Thompson is still working on their food security project and would like the bookstore to sell staple foods. They also interviewed students from the College of the Environment. Thompson is also working with clubs from their college to get funding so they can go to conferences. Esteves introduced herself to the Senate as the new Graduate Senator.

Hardgrove is working on organizing ADEI resources for the CSE website and working on finding someone to oversee the relationship between faculty and student ambassadors.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Friedman asked the Senators to fill out a survey asking their availability/work hours.

Adjournment: *Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.*

Passed on the 1/10/24 Student Senate Meeting.