



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Senate Meeting Minutes**

January 13th, 2022, 4:00-6:00 PM

**Attendees:** Anna Corinne Huffman, Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez, Jennifer LeVeque

**Senate Members:** Brenner Barclay, Cambria Keely, Justin McGlone, Sofia Larrondo, Rahma Iqbal, Carmela Lu, River Johnson, Quincy Ingalls, Jesus Resendiz-Eyler

**Guests:** Anna Corinne Huffman, Jennifer LeVeque

**Staff and Assistants:** Annie Byers, Delfine DeFrank, Nely Vasquez

**Motions:**

<b>SEN-22-W-1</b>	To move to vote for the WLD Agenda
<b>SEN-22-W-2</b>	To approve the WLD Agenda
<b>SEN-22-W-3</b>	To move to vote for the Vice Chair position
<b>SEN-22-W-4</b>	To approve the candidate for the Vice-Chair position
<b>SEN-22-W-5</b>	To move to vote for the creation of an Outreach Committee
<b>SEN-22-W-6</b>	To approve the Outreach Committee

***Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:21 PM***

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Add Vice-Chair Election to Action Items
- b. Add 20 minutes in Other Business for the modality shift of the University
- c. Add approval of the Outreach Committee to Action Items
- d. Report of the newly elected Woodring Senator to Information Items
- e. Add WLD Legislative Agenda to Action Items - Guests\*

### **III. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS – GUESTS**

### **V. ACTION ITEMS – GUESTS**

- a. WLD Legislative Agenda - Presented by Jennifer LeVeque**
  - a. Meeting Basic Needs**
    - i. Passing the WWU, CWU, EWU and Evergreen \$5.2 million joint operating budget**
      - 1. Main goal is to ensure students have the knowledge of government programs and resources they can benefit from**
    - ii. Expand the Houseless Student Support Pilot program**
      - 1. Main goal is for the program to support all higher public institutions in WA state to support students who are experiencing homelessness**
    - iii. Establishment of an annual Biennial Basic Needs survey**
      - 1. Main goal is to get precise numbers of how many students are experiencing housing and food insecurity**
    - iv. Expansion of the Working Connections Child Care program**
      - 1. Main goal is to have students get more accessibility to child-care programs at the undergraduate and graduate level**
    - v. Establishment of navigator positions at all public higher education institutions for financial assistance programs**
      - 1. Main goal is to give students information on programs they are eligible for**
  - b. Financial Aid and College Affordability**
    - i. Creation of “Bridge Grants” for low-income students**
      - 1. Main goal is to provide funds for student to cover nontuition related expenses**
    - ii. \$475,000 in new annual state funding to address regional and statewide needs in the nursing workforce and development of the WA state nursing program**

- 1. Main goal to make the program more accessible towards students by supporting the nursing program which is currently self-sustained
  - iii. Enhancement of the WA College Bound program access
    - 1. Main goal is to increase accessibility to students who would like to pursue a higher education
  - iv. Establish WA state student loan program
    - 1. Main goal is to give students accessibility to funding for their education needs and be rapid at a low interest rate
  - v. Raising awareness of the WA state's college grant and increase FAFSA and WAFSA completion rates
    - 1. Main goal is to have the knowledge of these programs more accessible to students
  - vi. Prioritizing investments in graduate student support and financial aid
    - 1. Main goal is to provide support for students who would like to pursue a graduate level education
- c. Student Wellness and Behavioral Health
  - i. \$300,000 budget proviso that will allow for access to knowledge about student health insurance
    - 1. Main goal is to see how many students need health insurance
  - ii. Establishment of Secondary Response Services on University campuses
    - 1. Main goal is to have a response service outside of campus police to handle mental health crisis calls
  - iii. Integration of equity as a foundational element of the curriculum in WA state's behavioral health training programs and credentials
    - 1. Main goal is to have experts that students with marginalized identities can talk to
- d. Environmental Justice and Campus sustainability
  - i. Expansion of HB 1139 (2021)
    - 1. Main goal is to have public higher education institutions provide safe drinking water and held to same standard as K-12 schools in testing their water
  - ii.

Investments in the transitions to clean energy heating systems on campus

**1.** Main goal is to lower Western Washington University's carbon footprint **iii.** Passage of HB 1631

**1.** Main goal is to have incentivize farmers to switch to sustainable practices in food production **iv.** Passage of HB 1735

**1.** Main goal is to ensure there is tribal consultation in reducing carbon footprints, to ensure their resources are not impacted

**e.** Supporting Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Survivors

**i.** Passing the WWU, EWU, and Evergreen \$5.2 million joint operating request

**1.** Main goal is to provide students access to necessary services and resources on campus **ii.** Expand trauma and support services for students experiencing interpersonal violence and sexual assault

**1.** Main goal is to establish an in depth- trauma training for staff that work in offices handling sexual assault and interpersonal violence cases

**iii.** Establishment of strict accountability measures for all higher education faculty and staff

**1.** Main goal is to have stronger disciplinary actions for public higher education faculty and staff who are found guilty of sexual harassment of misconduct

**f.** Establishing a Statewide Student Association

**i.** Establishment of a Statewide Student Association to strengthen student advocacy and promote fee autonomy

**1.** Main goal is to create an association for students to pay into apart from admin

**g.** Civic Engagement and Voting Rights

**i.** Passage of SB 5584

**1.** Main goal is to allow cities and counties to adopt ranked choice voting of they choose **ii.** Strengthening WA States Voting Rights Act



- iii. Barclay agrees with Provence, citing the lack of applicants even with Provence advertising the position and talking to students about it
- iv. DeFrank wants to let students apply because of the new quarter, and thus new students may want to join
- v. Barclay asks the Senators opinion about electing a new Woodring Senator next meeting
  - 1. There is agreement

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS – SENATE**

- a. Election of Vice Chair
  - a. Barclay asks if there is anyone else besides Provence who would like to nominate themselves or someone for position
  - b. There are none
- b. Creation of an Outreach Committee
  - a. Purpose would be to increase awareness of the Student Senate and Executive Board to students and contact
  - b. Byers suggest a change in charter for the committee

### **SEN-22-W-3**

Motion by Justin McGlone

To move to vote for the Vice Chair position

Second: Quincy Ingalls

Motion passed: 9-0-0

### **SEN-22-W-4**

Motion by Justin McGlone

To approve the candidate for the

Vice-Chair position

Second: Quincy Ingalls

Motion passed 9-0-0

### **SEN-22-W-5**

Motion by Justin McGlone

To move to vote for the creation of an  
Outreach Committee Second:  
Taylor Provence  
Motion passed 9-0-0

**SEN-22-W-6**

Motion by Quincy Ingalls  
To approve the Outreach Committee  
Second: Justin McGlone  
Motion passed 9-0-0

**IX. SENATE REPORTS**

- a. BSO DEMANDS – Updates
  - a. Ingalls has reached out to the BSO President, ethnic clubs, and staff of ESC to create a framework for the microaggression reporting system
  - b. Ingalls hopes to see how the BSO, ethnic clubs, and staff of ESC will construct it

**X. BOARD REPORTS**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Barclay says they and the Executive Board are reviewing and updating the position description of the Senator position
- b. Barclay would like the Senators to help update their position descriptions for future members based on the college they represent and the work they do
- c. The Senators for the remainder of the meeting discuss modality shift from in person to online

***Brenner Barclay, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM***