



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2024 5:30 p.m. VU 567/Teams Town Hall

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

Absent: None
Advisor: Leona Friedman
Secretary: Rachel Kleffman
Guests: None

MOTIONS

ASB-24-W-40	To Approve Consent Items with Stated Amendments
ASB-24-W-41	To Extend WILD 2024 Legislative Agenda Information Item by 10 Minutes
ASB-24-W-42	To Approve Student Government Charter
ASB-24-W-43	To Approve OSE Recognition Resolution Draft

Call to Order: Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- a. Meeting Minutes from January 18th, 2024 5 minutes (Doc 1) Ryan
 - Change bill from "SB 59999" to "SB 5999"
 - Specify "Western Intersectional Lobby Day" instead of "Lobby Day."
 - On the Office of Civic Engagement Resolution Draft language in the first bullet point should be changed to "bargaining unit."
- b. At-large Committee Appointments 5 minutes
Ryan
 - There are three At-Large applicants for the Student Grievance Board. With these applicants, five out of the six undergraduate student seats will be filled.
 - Two of the students are part of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences while the other student is part of the College of Environment.
 - o These two students from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences will lead to a total of three students from the college on the Board. Considering that it is the biggest college on campus, they come from varying academic backgrounds despite falling under the same college.
 - A candidate for the Sustainability, Equity & Justice fund is replacing a previous candidate. They are majoring in Environmental Studies and have current and past committee experience.
- c. Finance Council Charge & Charter 5 minutes (Doc 2) Ryan

- Fund Financial Manager has been added to the Charge and Charter.
 - o All budgetary items are approved by the Executive Board, Senate, and the Fund Financial Manager.
- For Disillusion, approval goes through the Associated Students Leadership Group.
- Wong: This passed in its current form through the Student Senate last night.
 - o In Section VI. Quorum: The restriction of funding looks like it has been struck out, but it's not a material change because that information is present in Section I. Charge.

MOTION: To Approve Consent Items with Stated Amendments		
Motion Made By: Godwin	Second: Mayotte	ASB-24-W-40
Vote Count: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

None.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- Chair Report 5 minutes Ryan
- The Board of Trustees report is due on January 30th.
- Everything for the Communications AS newsletter is due on January 28th.
- Snyder, Whitt, and Ryan have found time to work on the Narcan project to make a survey for students and to ensure that there is more access to Narcan on campus.
- The Outback Task Force has also found a time to meet.
- Ryan was added into a group chat with all student lobbyists and AS presidents to be updated on bills.
- Senate President Report 5 minutes Snyder
- The Emergency Management Committee has been discussing how successful the alerts are and what can be changed.
- The Emergency Management website has been revamped.
 - o There will be a shift from the LiveSafe App to AppArmor.
 - o There are five blue light phones not working on campus that may be decommissioned instead of replaced.
- Wong: When LiveSafe was introduced, there was concern for students due to the police aspect of the app. Is that something that has been in consideration with this?
- Snyder: I will bring those concerns when we meet next. It will probably be in about a month.
- Vice President Report 5 minutes Godwin

- Western Intersectional Lobby Day closed submission forms for the event on January 23rd. As of January 25th, there were 83 people signed up with a capacity of 77, which means there is a small waitlist.
 - o Godwin is working on an email to send out to people who signed up with details about the itinerary and drafted agenda.
 - o They are also working on setting up meetings with legislators.
- Godwin spoke to Wendy Johnson from Event Services to cancel an event that didn't receive publicity. The event has been postponed until March.
- Vice President Report 5 minutes Mayotte
- The EDM club on campus is having a concert in Viking Union.
 - o They're hoping to make a profit to sustain themselves.
- Dead Parrots Society is putting on a festival at the end of the quarter.
- The Activities Council met this week, and they made some adjustments as to how they're operating.
 - o They are no longer funding food.
- Mayotte is meeting the Outback Task force on January 26th.
- Advisor Report 5 minutes Ryan
- None.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests*

None presented.

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests

None presented.

VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

None presented.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

- WILD 2024 Legislative Agenda 20 minutes (Doc 6) Godwin
- There was feedback for the WILD 2024 Legislative Agenda about formatting.
 - o After adjustments, there are issue areas that have short paragraphs underneath to connect to Western Washington University students.

- Godwin: Should we have a conclusion that is summing things up saying thank you for your time? I am also wondering how involved or detailed we want this agenda to be.
- Ryan: You can look at previous agendas to get ideas. In the past we have quoted some data. It depends on if it's for the legislator or the students.
 - o I don't know how we are defining intersectionality. The agenda doesn't read intersectional to me. We aren't addressing some really important areas with all the bills that were removed from the agenda, such as ensuring abortion pills on campus, the equal pay act, removing gender terms from the constitution, mental health treatment, firearms, human trafficking and exploitation.
- Godwin: I have been in communication with Stella Seth, who was an advocate for cutting down the length. It's hard to make a direct connection between every issue to a student issue.
- Ryan: There are some bills that directly impact students, such as updating the protected classes in The Equal Pay and Opportunities Act, accessing abortion pills on campus at a reduced cost, and funding for resources at the Counseling and Wellness center and Disability Access Center.
- Godwin: I agree abortion pills are a big issue. I don't necessarily want to take away time from these issues that are important. My main priority is the time and resources we can dedicate to specific topics.

MOTION: To Extend WILD 2024 Legislative Agenda Information Item by 10 Minutes		
Motion Made By: Ryan	Second: Godwin	ASB-24-W-41
Vote Count: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

- Wong: It's important that ideas keep showing up so that legislators don't forget about it. It's important to have long-term goals.
- Whitt: For the conclusion, I think it would be more impactful to move the request for money for the Ethnic Student Center and Disability Access Center to the Health and Wellness section.
- Wong: It is important for us to clearly say whether we support or don't support a specific bill. There should also be two different documents, one for legislators and one for students that contains more information.
- WWU Foundation's Response to Divestment Resolution 10 minutes (Doc 4) Pratt
 - WWU's Foundation responded to the Divestment Resolution by saying they plan on expanding their website to share information about sustainable investing.

- That is similar to what Ryan and Pratt were previously told in a meeting in October.
- The Foundation also denied students representation by saying “The Foundation Board’s Finance Committee will not be seeking outside involvement in the industry review process.”
 - In 2018, students were allowed to be involved in that process.
- Pratt plans on saying something to the Board of Trustees about this general update.

IX. Action Items- Board*

- Student Government Charter 10 minutes (Doc 5) Ryan
 - The preamble defines Student Governance instead of an all-encompassing ASWWU.
 - In Article 1 – ASWWU, the wording was changed to reference ASWWU as sole recognized student association of Western Washington University.
 - Instead of including all WWU locations in voting membership, the Charter now says “any WWU location where students pay the Services and Activities Fees.”
 - In article 2 – ASWWU Student Government, the document clarifies our role within the AS Student Government and adds a section about abolishment.
 - In Article 3 – ASWWU Student Government Duties, the document now states that the Student Government will be addressing and viewing its structures every 5 years.
 - In Article 4 – Granted Authorities, there is now less Student Government power and control over the bookstore. This section also moves the Student Government away from the Board of Directors model toward a model currently being used.
 - The Charter has been approved by the Student Senate and will be signed on February 1st if passed.

MOTION: To Approve Student Government Charter		
Motion Made By: Wong	Second: Pratt	ASB-24-W-42
Vote Count: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

- OSE Recognition Resolution Draft 10 minutes (Doc 7) Wong
 - The OSE Recognition Resolution Draft was approved by the Student Senate on January 24th.
 - There is a portion added that asks that Administration supports SB 5895 which is the bill clarifies collective bargaining authority.
 - Additions to the beginning of the document with quotes from Western’s response to Western Academic Workers United.

- Added that the ASWWU supports SB 5895.

MOTION: To Approve OSE Recognition Resolution Draft		
Motion Made By: Pratt	Second: Mayotte	ASB-24-W-43
Vote Count: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

X. Other Business

None.

Adjourn: *The Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.*