



ASWWU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023

5:30 p.m.

VU 567/You Tube Live

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

Absent: None

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Rachel Kleffman

Guests: President Sabah Randhawa, Matthew Benedict, Jill McIntyre-Whit, Riley Weeks, Seddie LeBlanc, Sam Guy

MOTIONS

ASB-23-F-22	To approve consent items. Passed
ASB-23-F-23	To move ASWWU Resolution in Favor of Divestment to an Action Item. Passed
ASB-23-F-24	To approve ASWWU Resolution in Favor of Divestment. Passed

Call to Order: *Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.*

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

None presented.

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

- a. Meeting Minutes from October 19th, 2023 3 minutes (Doc 1) Ryan
- b. Meeting Minutes from November 2nd, 2023 3 minutes (Doc 2) Ryan
- c. Student Advisory Committee Appointment 3 minutes (Doc 3) Ryan
- d. Student Advisory Committee Vice Chair Appointment 3 minutes (Doc 4) Wong

MOTION: To approve consent items		
Motion Made By: PRATT	Second: GODWIN	SB-23-F-22
Vote Count: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

- The Students for Renewable Energy club has been working on the Divestment campaign for the past ten years or so. In 2012, a protest gained a lot of signatures from students and staff. When the foundation didn't want to listen to the resolution, the students climbed on top of the Rec Center in protest. They now try to work with the foundation to change the money management.
- Faculty club advisor is proud of student leadership. The students launched the campaign in 2011. The advisor stated that change takes a long time, which means it extends past the students 4 or 5 years on Western's campus. Applauding phase 2 of a resolution, urging the foundation to clean up their investments to match western's values.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Chair Report 5 minutes Ryan
 - Ryan stated that nine students applied for the Vice President of Activities position. She had a meeting with President Randhawa on November 8th to go over the resolution coming forward. They talked about general well-being of students and shared how we can continue to educate students on social media harassment. Students have the same tools to address harassment on social media as they would if it were to occur on campus.
 - Ryan has a meeting next week to discuss the charter with Wong and Snyder. Any suggestions for the charter are still welcome.
- b. Senate President Report 5 minutes Wong
 - Wong reported that a resignation in student senate meant that a new appointment was necessary. They hope to have two Graduate senators appointed by November 20th to have 19 senators seated. Almost all senators have joined committees and have started on their decided projects.
 - The senate has been working on the Finance Council charter and budget. They have been in conversation with the chair of finance council about standardizing parliamentary procedures to provide a more comprehensive procedure.
- c. Vice President Report 5 minutes Godwin
 - Godwin was approached about helping with a resolution on a ceasefire on Gaza, which is now in process between Godwin, Wong, and Ryan. They also discussed doing broader outreach and immersing themselves in community with students across campus.
 - Godwin announced that there is a planned teach-in at Fairhaven on November, 22nd at 9:30. They suggested having a table outside for students to provide an opportunity for students to give feedback to government representatives.
 - o Pratt: We would have to be careful about how we do it so it doesn't seem like we are just promoting the AS.
 - o Godwin: We wouldn't be there advocating for things, just saying we are here to listen.
 - Godwin shared that the LAC primary focus is on legislative agenda. They made a lot of progress at the October 24th meeting. That meeting was spent getting everyone on the same page about purpose.

- The second meeting was about intersectionality about what it means to the members of the LAC. They spoke about political identity, privileges within community, necessity of allyship, representing diverse student body, and LAC'S primary focus.
- At the most recent meeting, the LAC crafted a student survey about legislative priorities.
 - Grouped together issue areas: sex, gender, and sexuality, race, ethnicity, and nationality, accessibility and higher education, socioeconomic conditions and basic needs, and sustainability and climate action.
- Ryan: If this information is not being used to create the agenda, have you started creating the agenda? How are policy areas being chosen?
- Godwin: The questions the LAC came up with have to do with policy and those policies are going to be part of the agenda itself. The LAC discussed police training on racial bias, mental health resources, supporting undocumented students, allowing abortion pills on campus, and collective bargaining for operational student employees.
- RYAN: how are you prepared to handle not being able to cover every issue since you have so many different people engaging in the conversation?
- GODWIN: In restructuring the charter, we made our timeline very clear to everyone for the finalization of our first draft. After winter break, we will have it finalized by end of January. They are encouraging people to come to LAC prepped with ideas, ready to have the discussions.

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- d. Vice President Report 5 minutes Snyder
- Snyder visited the Residence Hall Association and shared that she plans on meeting with the Resident Programming Board individually.
 - Fairhaven is going through a lot. They're frustrated since they deal with reoccurring issues every year. Some students are interested in joining student government.
 - The Emergency Management Council is getting up and running and hasn't had students in awhile.
 - Snyder wants to plan more education around students and emergency plans so students are aware and prepared.
 - Wong: can you explain broadly the structure of RHA? Is that the group where the residence halls come together?
 - Snyder: There is an RHA board, but not all those seats are filled, only two of them are filled. The RHA board is leading a discussion with the Residence Programming Board members.
 - Ryan: do you know if they are struggling to fill seats because of lack of engagement or is it because they just started trying to fill seats?

- Snyder: I didn't get specifics, the individual there now is new, and the advisor had left before she could speak to him. There is a lot of engagement with the students, but not a lot of students who want to be on the board.
- e. Advisor Report 5 minutes Ryan
 - Lorio shared an invitation to schedule sessions for the Exec Board and Senate to give groups the space and time to reflect on essential operations and how people are doing in times of crisis. He said that he is aware that the Exec Board members put themselves out there as passionate, knowledgeable, and available individuals. He is going to be working on a supporting framework to be able to continue to develop a level of care for the Board.
 - Tactical items: introducing the nearest emergency exit. This is something that is not in general training.
 - Reminder of awareness and to continue to help caring for each other. Part of his role is to be here for everyone. He recommends the Exec Board takes advantage of their support system, and to remember that some of their responsibility is to themselves.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests*

- a. University President Address 20 minutes Ryan
 - President Randhawa met with The Gates Foundation meeting regarding proposal of education and community partners for funding in relation to expanding access to schools in rural districts on the Peninsula.
 - He shared with The Gates Foundation that the work at Western has been driven by two elements.
 - The first element involves how we serve the state of Washington with a focus on communities and regions who have been underrepresented.
 - The second element is about the notion of advancing inclusive student success in terms of raising graduation rates and achievement.
 - Work at the university changes year to year. There are different priorities, issues, and possible emergencies. He has tried to keep two goals in progress alongside the changes.
 - This year, the university has been successful in recruiting large classes. The question now is how Western sustains it and how do we ensure the distribution is consistent with the population demographics within the state of Washington.
 - There hasn't been as much progress made on retention and success rates since the pandemic set everything behind. Despite this, the first-year retention rate has improved this year.
 - Last year, legislature gave Western money to start new programs within data science, sociology, industrial engineering, and social work.
 - Western is going to be reaching out to students in high school to open doors for them. The university hasn't participated in that before due to students having to pay for it, but legislature is now providing funding.
 - The university accreditation process takes seven years. The accreditation agency will be visiting the university in spring, meet with student leaders, send dates to

exec board. The accreditation guarantees quality of education and is necessary for financial aid.

- Pratt: Is Western's satellite campus going to be expanded?
- President Randhawa: We deliver programs in Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Port Angeles with Peninsula College. All the programs are 2+2 to keep cost of education down since community college is cheaper and the students are guaranteed admission. Western received some funding for developing and outreach.
- Whitt: Are there set trainings for outreach and retention when working with lower income or diverse students?
- President Randhawa: Not enough, but Western is working on it. One of the programs that has been successful is Compass 2 Campus. There are goals to expand that program to reach high schools. Western has been trying to work with admissions on bilingual mechanisms.
- Ryan: Since you discussed the foundation meaning to increase portfolio distribution, within that how big of a priority is sustainability within that?
- President Randhawa: Talking with the foundation, it was important to many individuals to move in that direction, and to make sure rate of return on investments provides the resources that are needed to support students.

PRESIDENT RANDHAWA EXITS 5:58PM

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests

None presented.

VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

None presented.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

a. WWU Club Policies

5 minutes (Doc 5) Ryan

- Ryan shared the WWU Club Policy document since the Exec Board engages in different clubs, especially in their various roles. The document covers violations of student club standards, policy procedures, and group accountability.

b. ASWWU Resolution in Favor of Divestment

20 minutes (Doc 6) Pratt

- The Resolution was passed in the senate.
- Topics: The Resolution establishes scientific climate change, then goes into the impact on Western and the International Community. The document discusses star rating, or sustainability score, and how our investments dinged us from getting a gold rating.
- There has been significant progress in decarbonizing Western's carbon portfolio. 55% of our portfolio is in ESG. The remaining percentage is unknown but is also

fairly accessible information. Students are urging the foundation to be more transparent.

- The foundation is looking for requests for proposals. The resolution advocates for including ESG as a big focus and working with investment firm which will decarbonize our portfolio, result in us being fossil fuel free.
- PRATT: we would like this to be immediately moved to an action item and voted on today.
- RYAN: Once the resolution passes here, it will hopefully go to the faculty senate, then the Board of Trustees meeting. Since this is an issue a lot of students care about, they're going to reach out to the LAC and clubs on campus to broaden the audience.

MOTION: To move ASWWU Resolution in Favor of Divestment to an Action Item			
Motion Made By: GODWIN	Second: WONG	SB-23-F-23	
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

IX. Action Items- Board*

MOTION: To approve ASWWU Resolution in Favor of Divestment			
Motion Made By: WONG	Second: GODWIN	SB-23-F-24	
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

X. Other Business

None.

Adjourn: *The Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

5:30 p.m.

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Present: *Keara Ryan, Erin Godwin, Sophie Snyder, Gabe Wong*

Absent: *Morgan Whitt, Liam Pratt*

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Rachel Kleffman

Guests:

MOTIONS

ASB-23-F-25	To table SEJF Appointment and Pratt Vice President Report. Passed
ASB-23-F-26	To approve October 26 th , 2023 Exec Board Meeting Minutes with provided changes. Passed
ASB-23-F-27	To appoint candidate 1 as Vice President of Activities. Passed

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

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION: To table SEJF Fund Committee and Pratt Vice President Report			
Motion Made By: WONG	Second: GODWIN	SB-23-F-25	
Vote Count: Aye: 4. Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

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

a. Meeting Minutes from October 26^h, 2023 **3 minutes (Doc 1) Ryan**

- Edit section 5 info items: outreach council, changed to task force-
- Membership only says who was there not who is not there
- **section 4 officer report, only feburary 19th**

MOTION: To approve October 26 th , 2023 Exec Board Meeting Minutes with provided changes			
Motion Made By: GODWIN	Second: WONG	SB-23-F-26	
Vote Count: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

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b. Appointment to sustainability equity and justice fund

- Tabled.

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

None.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. Chair Report

5 minutes Ryan

- Ryan: shared that she was working on getting the committee task force up and running with the first goal being to create a three-year cycle that reviews charge and charters that go before the Exec Board.
- Ryan was working on the appointment for Vice President of Activities, hoping to appoint someone at the November 16th Exec Board meeting.
- Suggested for the Executive Board to attend an Access, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) webinar taking place at 10:30 on November 17th.
- A task force was editing the new Charter for the Student Government. They were hoping to present edits and thoughts on the charter at last meeting of the quarter.
- Wong: who do we reach out to with individual editing questions or requests?
- Ryan: people are welcome to reach out to Melynda Huskey, the task force, or to Ryan individually.

b. Vice President Report

5 minutes Pratt

TABLED

c. Vice President Report

5 minutes Whitt

- Whitt was unable to be present at the meeting and sent a written report on current events.
- Report: Over the past couple of weeks, Whitt made contact with the Social Justice and Equity Committee, with the Civil Rights and Title IX office about how bias reports work, and with the Provost's office about ADEI training for compass to campus students and staff.

d. Advisor Report

5 minutes Ryan

- Lorio reminded everyone to make sure everyone paid attention to activities on campus. There was a rally planned for November 17th in Red Square from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM that may have impacted the traffic. He thanked everyone for getting timesheets in and announced that he had to leave at 6:30 PM during the November 16th Executive Board meeting.

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*

- a. AS Gaza statement updates 5 minutes (Doc 5) Ryan
- The AS Gaza statement was passed through Senate and Executive Board weeks prior with hope to send out the document with related resources for students. Ryan spoke with Olive Salas, who is the AS communications director, and shared apprehensions about the relevance of the statement. Ryan and Salas both decided the current statement might not be what the student government wanted to share with students. Ryan opened the conversation to thoughts on how the Exec Board should move forward with the statement, especially since the statement had already been passed.
 - Godwin thought that the statement got positive feedback from people that it was shared with. The feedback said that it was well-rounded, and that it felt like the student government was opening themselves up and providing space for people to be in contact if needed.
 - Wong shared one concern, which was standing behind free speech when some of said free speech may be seen as negative.
 - Ryan mentioned that there was going to be a meeting on Monday November 20th to discuss the statement further.
 - Godwin inquired about what specific changes people had in mind if the Exec Board was going to initiate a change to the statement. If there wasn't going to be a drastic change, Godwin would be in favor of releasing it immediately without edits.
 - Wong thought if the Exec Board were to try to make something that's perfectly appropriate, they would have to take it structurally. The statement has been approved, and even though the words came from two or three weeks ago, Wong thinks it's relevant enough for current release.
 - Ryan analyzed the statement saying that it may be more impactful to use stronger language. Since it was a very violent escalation, changing specific soft wording could be beneficial for the Western community.
 - Adam said that a classic governance challenge was dealing with quickly evolving events. If there were to be a scenario where there was a necessary approval of the edited statement, it could push the release another two weeks out. He doesn't see the statement ever catching up. If the Exec board released the Gaza Statement in two weeks that discussed increased violence, the statement could lose relevance if certain aspects changed, such as movement toward ceasefire.
 - Ryan mentioned that the Exec Board could discuss the statement further on Monday too. She asked if the Exec Board did want to make changes, what are the next appropriate steps? Worried about the language of "humanitarian crisis." That language felt tone deaf.

- Godwin understood the apprehension but felt that it was still a humanitarian crisis. The term doesn't encompass everything, but it was still a relevant description.
- Wong said it was an option to date the statement from its approval. If people were to know the date, it's less likely they'll see it as tone deaf.
- Ryan inquired about the desire to move forward with the meeting on Monday.
- Godwin and Wong were in favor of having the statement sent out before then.

b. LAC Agenda Outline

5 minutes

Godwin

- The Legislative Affairs council had been crafting a legislative agenda for Western's Intersectional Lobby Day, which is taking place on February 19th. The council was starting broad with topic matter, then narrowing down to specifics they aim to focus on. Some of the topics they suggested were LGBTQ gender affirming care, abortion pills being available on campus, the encouragement of police training on mental health crisis and disabilities, City of Bellingham alternative response teams, providing undocumented students with potential employers they can go to so they're not threatened by seeking employment, carbon tax, DAC/DOC funding, parking on campus, including accessible parking. They also discussed WAWU and the current bargaining position, and Rent control is illegal in the state of Washington initiative II renters protections was just passed, we can take that to the state to ask for similar across the state.
- Ryan noted that a lot of the list is Western Washington University (WWU) or county specific, but the drafted items are going to the state. The LAC doesn't address anything related to WWU since it's state legislature. If it's WWU related, Godwin, or the LAC, can work with Ryan or Snyder since that's student service related. With the LAC being very diverse with students from all over campus, they had a lot of concerns while really understanding the university. Ryan suggested sharing the list with her and Snyder so they could address those on campus.
- Ryan noted that the LAC should add a higher education section to the agenda. She highlighted that they are going to be part of a handful of people these legislators meet with about higher education needs. Administrators will talk about it but may not cover what the LAC has in mind.
- Godwin said that they will pull in information from admin and WSA to be more specific to higher education, specific to Western, and appropriately addressed to legislature.
- Ryan addressed LAC topics, noting that they didn't have to have a bill they were discussing. It's just as powerful to say there's not a bill for this, but we want to see a bill for it. Bills are still being drafted. She suggested it could be helpful to state things such as "Oregon passed this bill. Why can't we?"

c. LAC student survey and policy priorities

5 minutes

Godwin

- The LAC student survey was sent out on November 15th. As of November 16th, there had already been 90 responses. Godwin suggested discussing the survey at the Exec Board Meeting on November 30th.
- d. WSA 2024 Legislative Agenda 5 minutes Ryan
- Ryan discussed the WSA 2024 Legislative agenda, noting that they included Expanding the WA College Grant. Western pays \$15,000 to be part of the organization.

IX. Action Items- Board*

- a. Vice President for Activities Appointment
 - Executive Session for Candidate Discussion
 - o 6:44 PM exiting executive session:

MOTION: To appoint candidate 1 as Vice President of Activities			
Motion Made	Second:	SB-23-F-27	
By: RYAN	WONG		
Vote Count: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

X. Other Business

None.

Adjourn: *The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.*

ASWWU Report to WWU Board of Trustees

December 8th, 2023

Presented by Keara Ryan, AS President

Dear Trustees,

I trust this update finds you well. I appreciate the opportunity to report on the progress and initiatives of the Associated Students of Western Washington University (ASWWU) Student Government over the past two months. Below, I have outlined several key areas of focus:

Amending the Student Government Charter

Currently, four student government representatives are collaborating with the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Melynda Huskey, to amend the ASWWU Student Government Charter. The anticipated timeline suggests a completed and passed Charter to be presented at the February Board of Trustees meeting. The direction of the Charter is promising, providing clarity on the roles and duties of the student government.

Engagement

I am delighted to announce that the Vice President for Activities position has been successfully appointed. Sebastian Mayotte, chosen from a competitive pool of candidates, will serve in this role until the end of the academic year. The Student Senate has filled the vacancy for the College of Business and Economics and is working on filling the vacancies in the Graduate School and the College of Science and Engineering.

The Vice President for Activities had nine applicants for the position, the highest volume of candidates for any position in student government for appointment or election since 2019. Hopefully, this level of engagement continues throughout the year and in the upcoming Spring Election. We are actively pursuing strategies to sustain and enhance this level of engagement, both in the current academic year and leading up to the Spring Election.

Communication

Our communication strategy involves active in-person engagement, class visits, and participation in on-campus groups, clubs, and events. Since the last Board of Trustees meeting, the ASWWU student government has sent several targeted emails to the student body, addressing crucial issues and disseminating important information.

- *2023 ASWWU Resolution in favor of continued Fossil Fuel Divestment*
- *Supporting Students in Light of the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza*
- *File to apply for the ASWWU Vice President for Activities!*

- *What do you want state legislators to know?*
 - A survey to collect student's opinions on issues to help create the 2024 Student Legislative Agenda
- *Calling for Your Tech Initiative Abstracts*
 - The Tech Initiatives portion of the STF pays for technology projects—proposed by students and employees—that support the STF mission*. Some projects supported by Tech Initiatives in previous years include the Engineering and Art Annex makerspaces, camera and video recording equipment, digital textbooks, and geological survey drones.

While the student government has lots to communicate to the student body, this level of emails sent to the student body in a few weeks can be burdensome for students. Moving forward, we plan to utilize the ASWWU bi-weekly newsletter to streamline information and engagement opportunities, reserving individual emails for official communication, such as statements or resolutions passed by the Student Government.

Student Issues

The student government hears dozens of concerns from students, but I would like to highlight several areas of student concerns that student government has been working on.

Violence in Gaza

The campus climate has been deeply impacted by the violence happening in Gaza. Students continue to feel unsupported, even while Western administration has taken strides to support the safety and academic environment for students. As a student government, we have grappled with how we can best support students and ensure their concerns are heard. At the beginning of this month, we sent out an email to all students with the intention of supporting students and creating an open space for dialogue. It is unclear currently what the next steps we will take, but we will continue to listen to the concerns of students on campus and ensure the actions we take are done with the intention of addressing student needs.

Fairhaven and Outback Farm

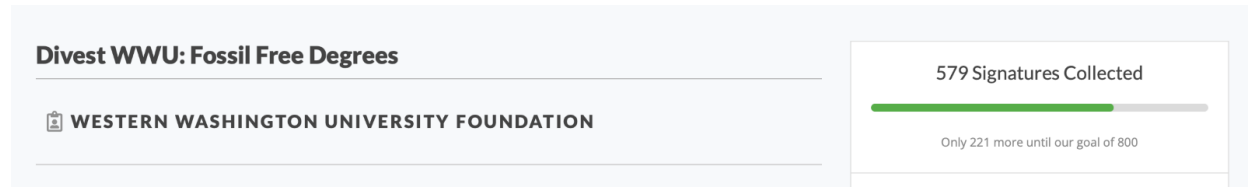
The Outback Farm is a central aspect of our campus and plays a pivotal role in bringing together our campus community through educational and social events, including work parties and harvest festivals. Student Senators have been working diligently to ensure that the Outback Farm has funding to guarantee that the next generation of students can enjoy this beautiful part of campus.

Fossil Fuel Investment

For over the last 10 years, students and faculty at Western Washington University have worked with the Foundation to divest 55% of the endowment from fossil fuels. ASWWU has passed two previous resolutions on this topic, one in 2015 and an additional resolution in 2017 that was endorsed by the Faculty Senate. Additionally, in a 2013 student election, 86% of students approved a resolution asking the Foundation to divest.

Several student groups approached their student representatives earlier this quarter expressing the need for student and faculty representation in the Request for Proposal process that the Foundation & Alumni Association will soon be undertaking, along with the long-standing request for transparency

regarding investments. In response to these student requests and a letter of support with over 570 student and alumni signatures, the ASWWU passed the "2023 ASWWU Resolution in favor of continued Fossil Fuel Divestment" which has been endorsed by the Faculty Senate with edits. While we understand that the Foundation may be unable to fully divest the portfolio, ensuring student representation and transparency in this process is essential. ASWWU looks forward to working with the Foundation & Alumni Association to ensure that the requests outlined in the Resolution which has been attached to this report.



Quotes collected from the letter of support:

"I'm an alumni who believes WWU should commit to more transparency and students representation. The student body and student government has shockingly little power. That should change. Adding both a faculty representative and student representative is a step in the right direction to remedy this issue."

"As a WWU Alumni, I would love to see Western invest financially in so many of the ideas that it teaches and encourages with the goal of sustainability. Small student projects mean less when the school is putting money towards organizations and companies that make money in the production and use of fossil fuels, that run counter to the priorities of sustainability."

"Divest, if I am to have a future I don't want it to be destroyed by climate change. Divesting from fossil fuels is imperative to saving our communities from so many disasters to come."



Associated Students of Western Washington University Election Advisory Committee Charge & Charter

~~Expires on October 1st, 2023~~ Last passed on [The date of passage], 2023

I. CHARGE

The purpose of the Election Advisory Committee is to review and make recommendations to the AS Executive Board regarding the AS Election Code and to advise the AS Elections Coordinator on all Elections processes ~~in an effort~~ 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.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Voting:

AS Elections Coordinator (Chair)

~~AS Voter Engagement and Recruitment Coordinator~~ AS Office of Civic Engagement Director or designated staff representative

AS Executive Board Member selected by the Executive Board

AS Student Senate Member selected by the AS

Student Senate and confirmed by the Executive Board

3-5 students at large

Non-voting:

Secretary

Student Representation & Governance Advisor (Advisor)

*No person can serve on this committee if they are running or intend to run in the AS Elections**

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III. CHAIR

The Chairperson shall be the AS Elections Coordinator. The Chairperson shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside ~~at~~ over all meetings.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The committee shall meet as necessary, with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice. The committee shall hold at least three meetings before presenting the Code to the AS Executive Board. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

V. VOTING

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.

VI. QUORUM

A majority of the seated voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEES

In order to provide for coordination and direction, the council may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the council with respect to procedure.

VIII. RULES OF OPERATIONS

The council may adopt and amend rules of operations governing its operation by a majority vote of the council, subject to review and approval by the AS Executive Board. The Elections Advisory Committee shall use AS Parliamentary Procedures and the AS Governance Rules of Operations as the default rules of operations governing the committee, except where specified differently within this charter or as specified via any adoptions and/or amendments to the committee's rules of operations as specified in this section.

IX. AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Executive Board.

X. REPORTAGE

This committee shall report to the AS Executive Board through the AS Elections Coordinator.



Associated Students of
Western Washington University

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

E.B. Res. 2023/24-01

“Standing with our students and calling for a ceasefire in Palestine and Israel.”

WHEREAS, on October 13, a small group of Western students and community members gathered in Red Square in support of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, they did the same; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, around 100 Western students walked out to participate in a national action in support of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, around 300 Western students and community members rallied on campus as part of the international “Shut it Down for Palestine” campaign; and

WHEREAS, at these demonstrations hundreds of students called for a ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, Western students have been significantly impacted by the continued violence in Gaza and the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Arab, Muslim, Palestinian, Israeli and Jewish students have been particularly impacted by increases in anti-Arab, Islamophobic, anti-Palestinian, anti-Israeli, and antisemitic harassment, rhetoric, hate, and threats; and

WHEREAS, the ASWWU is charged with promoting the general welfare of students [1]; and

WHEREAS, the ASWWU is charged with representing student interests and opinions to appropriate governmental agencies [1]; and

WHEREAS, Western students are represented at the federal level by U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray who represent the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, those students living in Bellingham are further represented by U.S. House Representative Rick Larsen who represents Washington’s 2nd Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Western students are represented by U.S. President Joe Biden; and

WHEREAS, On October 7 the military wing of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), the Al-Qassam Brigades, broke through the Gaza wall near the Erez Crossing, took around 250 Israeli hostages, and engaged with the Israeli Defense Force, Israeli Police, Israeli Settlers, and Israeli **Civilians**; and

WHEREAS, the attacks on October 7 killed around 1200 Israelis; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department considers Hamas’ actions on Oct. 7th terrorism [2]; and

WHEREAS, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) has responded with disproportionate violence against Palestinians which has led to the devastating loss of thousands of civilian lives and has deeply impacted the students of Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, U.S.-funded weapons are actively being used by Israel to kill Palestinians that were not involved in the Oct. 7th attacks. [3, 4]; and

WHEREAS, those weapons are further being used to ethnically cleanse the Gaza Strip and expel Palestinians [5]; and

WHEREAS, those weapons are further being used against Palestinians in the West **Bank** and East Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, Israel has launched an invasion of the Gaza strip and raids in the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Israel has limited the flow of water, power, food, fuel, medical aid, and communications in and out of **Gaza**; and

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WHEREAS, Hospitals, refugee camps, schools, media offices, civilian homes, mosques, churches, and bakeries have been bombed by Israel

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD:

THAT, the ASWWU Executive Board stands against the ongoing war crimes and ethnic cleansing in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem;

THAT, the ASWWU Executive Board condemns all violence against civilians and non-combatants;

THAT, the U.S. Congress and the U.S. President have the ability and legal responsibility to stop the senseless killing in Gaza, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank;

THAT, the ASWWU Executive Board requests that U.S. House Representative Rick Larsen co-sponsor H.Res 786 "Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine;"

THAT, the ASWWU Executive Board requests that U.S. Senator Patty Murray and U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell call for a ceasefire by sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Senate Resolution similar to H.Res 786;

THAT, the ASWWU Executive Board requests that U.S. President Joe Biden instructs the US Ambassador to the UN to support ceasefire actions and enforcement in the UN Security Council.

cc: Rep. Rick Larsen WA-02
Sen. Patty Murray
Sen. Maria Cantwell
Pres. Joe Biden

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