



Western Washington University Associated Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2023 5:30 p.m. VU 567/Teams Town Hall

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

Absent: Sophie Snyder

Advisor: Adam Lorio

Secretary: Rachel Kleffman

Guests: Michael Sledge

MOTIONS

ASB-24-W-44	To table VP Synder report
ASB-24-W-45	To Approve Consent Items with Stated Amendments
ASB-24-W-46	To Add 10 Minutes to the Conversation About the WILD Agenda
ASB-24-W-47	To Move WILD Agenda to an Action Item
ASB-24-W-48	To Approve AS Parliamentary Pro and Rules of Operation
ASB-24-W-49	To Approve Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda with the stipulation that there will be changes to titles and amendments

Call to Order: Keara Ryan, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION: To Table Vice President of Student Services Report		
Motion Made By: Ryan	Second: Pratt	ASB-24-W-44
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

- Adjust language to reflect "Latine Affinity Housing" on minutes from 2/1/24.

MOTION: To Approve Consent Items with Stated Amendments		
Motion Made By: Wong	Second: Mayotte	ASB-24-W-45
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

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

None presented.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Chair Report 5 minutes Ryan
- Ryan requests that everyone remains up to date with the ASWWU Constitution.
 - Ryan is working with students to discuss funding for the outback farm. Currently the Outback has been unresponsive to inquiries to meet.
 - Snyder, Whitt, and Ryan will be working to create a survey for students on Narcan and availability of Narcan on campus.
- b. Vice President Report 5 minutes Wong
- Wong sent everyone an email about the response that was received regarding the resolution that the Executive Board passed about the support of operational student employees.
 - The bill for operational student employees (OSEs) is dead in the Senate. There are other avenues the OSEs are looking at.
 - Wong will be bringing applicants through the Executive Board for the Student Tech Fee Committee on February 15th.
- c. Vice President Report 5 minutes Godwin
- Godwin is finishing up working on the Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda. They are happy to have extensive contributions from Executive board members and are hoping to get it passed by the Board today.
 - Lobby day is approaching in 10 days. They are working on confirming legislative meetings, forming groups of students and where they will go, being in communication with the participants, and collecting training materials.
 - o The focus is fully preparing and training participants. Training is taking place on February 18th. Since it's a 36-hour event, they want to make sure it's worth everyone's time and that they meet any necessary accommodations.
- d. Vice President Report 5 minutes Mayotte
- Mayotte expressed that travel budgets are extremely tight this quarter.
 - Grant money is doing well and there is still over \$13,000 left. They have been encouraging clubs to do local things.
 - EDM club had a very successful club event, there were at least 80 people there.
- e. Advisor Report 5 minutes Ryan

- Constitution updates in progress after AS Gov Charter updated.
 - o Everyone should be aware and engaged in the update process.
- The timeline will be short if AS Gov wants to have a referendum on this year's AS Election Ballot to update the constitution.
- Lorio is advising the AS Elections Advisory Committee this year.
 - o They are updating the Elections Code including an elections timeline.
 - o A timeline is drafted to accommodate referendum and other needs for elections this year, may result in candidate filing opening dates being a little later than previous years.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests*

a. Basic Needs at WWU

20 minutes

Ryan

- Michael sledge Executive Director of Student Life
 - o Last year's legislation provided funding for a part-time resource navigator. They had temporary money to have that position filled, now it's permanently filled.
 - It also allows us to rent rooms. They always make sure we have space. If a student calls, they can provide them with a safe space quickly during business hours.
 - o The legislature requires that Western has a basic needs hub.
 - o This requirement includes the resource navigator and western success scholars.
 - o Three years ago, Western established a basic needs team, which includes some key staff from financial aid. This team reduces the number of places students need to visit for assistance.
 - o They are doing what they can to focus on the state and getting additional resources. They don't believe Washington can cover all needs within the state.
 - o Ryan: You touched on food insecurity. I was made aware of the Western resource where students get a gift card to go to the co-op.
 - o Sledge: Yes, we were successful at requesting \$240,000 for this year and \$240,000 for next year. We are looking into things like if we give a control group of students, how can we prove that we retain them better than other students? We have a target group and a control group. We want to see if we keep them at a different rate.
 - o Ryan: how many students are partaking?
 - o Sledge: There are currently 66 students. Not all students we reached out to are part of the program. Some of the students left western and some haven't responded.
 - o Pratt: We have talked a lot about the foundation and how they support students. Has there been any communication between you and them?
 - o Sledge: We did have a meeting with them. The more I can get their attention, the more I can remind them "Hey, we could use this." I think we will see

what they're going to do with their campaign. The truth of the Western Hub of Living Essentials (WHOLE) is that we could spend 3x as much there and people would use it. We aren't going to fix food insecurity on the back of a food pantry, but it's great to support students.

- Wong: I am wondering about our new contractor Chartwells and their food insecurity work.
- Sledge: I wish we were further along in our conversation with them about food insecurity, but we aren't. I think they recognize that and that there's work to be done.
- Ryan: How can Student Government benefit students or the university in relation to basic needs?
- Sledge: I'd encourage anyone to go to our website to explore our basic resources.

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests

None presented.

VII. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

None presented.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

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| a. Athletics Survey | 5 minutes | Mayotte |
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- This survey was sent to the ASWWU Executive Board by athletics.
 - The survey will be sent out in April or May. They requested feedback on it.
 - Ryan: I think that athletics have found email isn't the best way to reach students, so they're trying to find a unique approach. It is worth it to note that sports events became free at the beginning of the year and people started showing up.
 - Wong: Do people know that sports games are free now?
 - Ryan: I think that they publicize it often, there's signage, and at the beginning of the year everyone got an email.
 - Pratt: Which email account is it getting sent from?
 - Ryan: I'm not sure who will be sending it out, it's likely to come from one of their marketing emails.
 - Lorio: What's your feedback to student response of QR codes on campus?
 - Pratt: I've found mixed results. If you just put them around on campus, few people are likely to scan them. If you're tabling, they're more likely to.
 - Wong: I walk past the gym every day and never look at the billboards. I saw something in Red Square and thought I could go to that.
 - Mayotte: Getting interference in their day, like a table in Red Square, may be more beneficial than sending a visual around.
 - Pratt: With this QR code and outreach, is this pertaining to the survey or as a whole?
 - Ryan: Just the survey, but this is information to have for future communications, like our Narcan survey.

- Lorio: Is there a deadline for this feedback? How would you like to receive feedback?
 - Ryan: You can email me or Sebastian. The deadline would probably be April or May.
- b. Ramadan Accommodations Resolution 10 minutes Wong
- The Student Government has been passed for the past four years.
 - o Much of the language is from last year.
 - This Resolution asks faculty, staff, and admin to accommodate students during Ramadan.
 - I added lines 48-50 to have a position from the AS that contextualizes things.
 - There is now a clause about providing individualized accommodations instead of broad accommodations.
 - Last year we sent it out to everyone to get that information to everyone, so they know the importance
 - Wong reached out to the Muslim Students' Association for feedback.
 - Ryan: Thank you for your hard work on this. The one thing is that we talk a bit about the struggle with dietary needs due to the times that the dining hall operates. We don't have an ask in there. We have asks of the faculty and administration, so we may want to name the dining hall.
 - Whitt: For the food access, could we look at implementing a food pantry in dorms? If we had food at the front desk during that time, that could be a resource for students.
 - Wong: That is a broader question about food access on campus.
 - Ryan: We could also publicize how late each food pantry is open on campus.
- c. 2024 WILD Legislative Agenda 10 minutes Godwin
- In some sections, companion bills were paired together.
 - o Some bills that died were moved into the legislative ask section, such as SB5999.
 - Wong: From what I'm seeing, we are at four pages. The conclusion is only one sentence. Do we want to expand that? I also think we should return the dead bills to their original section.
 - Ryan: I think we need to make sure Godwin has the capacity to train students on how to discuss dead bills.
 - Godwin: I don't think we should add more to the conclusion. We have a lot; we are almost to the end of page 5. As for moving the legislative acts, my position is to keep them where they're at.
 - Godwin: With the section about funding other services, Wong gave the suggestion of a title of "Funding Education."
 - Ryan: We need to decide if we want to discuss bringing some of the bills back to their sections, then we must decide on the section title.

- Wong: This is education, the whole package, everything the university does. Education across Washington state impacts almost every person in Washington. It is the one institute in the country that supports everyone, which is why I gave it that title.
- Whitt: I feel like “Funding Higher Education Needs” may encompass both.
- Ryan: What do you think about that?
- Godwin & Wong: Yes, that sounds good.
- Ryan: Would we like to open the conversation about the bills being moved to individual sections?

MOTION: To Add 10 Minutes to the Conversation About the WILD Agenda		
Motion Made By: Ryan	Second: Godwin	ASB-24-W-46
Vote Count: Aye: 5 Nay: 1 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

- On SB599 being moved to financial aid section:
 - o Ryan: I think SB5999 would be great in the financial aid section. Out of all of them, this is the bill I feel the most strongly about moving back to its section.
 - o Pratt: Are we going to clarify that we know the bill is dead?
 - o Ryan: what we have done previously is label the section as “a bill similar to.”
 - o Whitt: I think keeping it separate makes sense because we want students to be talking about what is happening right now. I was wondering if we could make it into a 2025 legislative ask section.
 - o Godwin: I agree with Morgan that having it in a separate area provides clarity.

MOTION: To Move WILD Agenda to an Action Item		
Motion Made By: Wong	Second: Godwin	ASB-24-W-47
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

IX. Action Items- Board*

- a. Parliamentary Procedure and Rules of Op 10 minutes Wong
 - There are only minor changes to the documents since the previous Executive Board meeting.

- These adjustments are to make things conform with our current operations and to get a very clear Parliamentary Pro.
- Pratt: In quorum, was it just the addition to voting body in a few spots?
- Wong: Yes, and then we changed the title back to Rules of Operation.
- Ryan: This document can be used by committees. They don't have to use it, but some form of it can be used as guidelines.

MOTION: To Approve AS Parliamentary Pro and Rules of Operation			
Motion Made By: Pratt	Second: Mayotte	ASB-24-W-48	
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

b. 2024 WILD Legislative Agenda

Godwin

MOTION: To Approve Western Intersectional Lobby Day Agenda with the stipulation that there will be changes to titles and amendments			
Motion Made By: Wong	Second: Mayotte	ASB-24-W-49	
Vote Count: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			Action Result: Passed

X. Other Business

- The ASWWU Executive Board meeting on February 22nd has been cancelled.

Adjourn: *The Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*