

Members:

Present: Gabe Wong (Chair); James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Mariana Flores (At-Large); Lola Thompson, Melissa Bernal (CENV); John Hardgrove, Zoe Absalonson (CSE); Devin Moreno, Dacey Durbin (CBE); Yasmin Lamas Flores, Miguel Acuna (CHSS); Miguel Esteves (Fairhaven) Lily Duong (Woodring)

Absent: Ellen Esteves (Graduate), MJ Dizon (CFPA)

Advisor: Leona Friedman

Secretary: Nely Vasquez

Guests: Mallory Schaeffbauer (AS OCE Director)

MOTIONS

SEN-24-W-35	To approve the edits made to the position descriptions
SEN-24-W-36	To approve the Elections Code
SEN-24-W-37	To confirm the appointment of Emily Carsten
SEN-24-W-38	To approve the proposed Constitution

Call to Order: Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*

a. Food Security Referendum

Thompson presented a rough draft of the referendum to institute a student fee. A rough estimate for now is \$1-2. More updated information will be added later on. All students in the Bellingham campus will be charged. All recognized food pantries on campus will receive donations.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

a. Position Descriptions

At the bottom of document 1 there is a disclaimer that the wage might change based off next year’s budget. For the Student Senate President Job Description, the language was made clearer based on what committees they must sit on. For the Senator Job Description, there is more lenient language regarding meeting up with the Dean.

b. Elections Code

Schaeftbauer presented the Elections Code document. She explained some of the language changes made in the Filing and Mandatory Candidate Meeting section. She also confirmed that the filing period is the same for initiatives, referendums, and candidates.

c. Fairhaven Senators Confirmation – Emily Carsten

Wong explained the qualitative process of moving forward with recommending Emily Carsten for appointment.

d. Constitutional Referendum

Wong made some grammar edits, and explained more on the referendum process.

MOTION: To approve the edits made to the position descriptions		
Motion Made By: Miguel Estevez	Second: Devin Moreno	SEN-24-W-35
Vote Count: Aye: 14 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

MOTION: To approve the Elections Code		
Motion Made By: James Dihn	Second: Devin Moreno	SEN-24-W-36
Vote Count: Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Action Result: Passed

MOTION: To confirm the appointment of Emily Carsten		
Motion Made By: Devin Moreno	Second: John Hardgrove	SEN-24-W-37
Vote Count: Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1		Action Result: Passed

MOTION: To approve the proposed Constitution		
Motion Made By: Devin Moreno	Second: John Hardgrove	SEN-24-W-38
Vote Count:		Action Result:

Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		Passed
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X. SENATE REPORTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment: *Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.*

The Student Senate approved these minutes on 4/3/24