

**Members:**

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

**Absent:** MJ Dizon (CFPA)

**Advisor:** Leona Friedman

**Secretary:** Nely Vasquez

**Guests:**

**Due to technical issues, minutes are incomplete.**

**MOTIONS**

<b>SEN-24-W-30</b>	To approve 2-21-24 minutes
<b>SEN-24-W-31</b>	To table "Update to Job Description"
<b>SEN-24-W-32</b>	To approve Consent to distribute: Ceasefire Resolution
<b>SEN-24-W-33</b>	To approve the "Ramadan Resolution" item
<b>SEN-24-W-34</b>	To confirm the appointment of Milla Miller

**Call to Order:** Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

**I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Table Confirmation of appointments for the Fairhaven position

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

- a. Approve minutes 2/21/24
- b. Update to Job Descriptions
- c. Consent to distribute: Ceasefire Resolution

Wong brought this document to the Senate because Keara Ryan wanted the committee to approve it before sending it out to the student body. This document was sent out to elected officials at first but is now being sent out to the general body after students expressed their disappointment with the initial decision.

<b>MOTION:</b> To approve 2-21-24 minutes		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> James Dinh	<b>Second:</b> John Hardgrove	SEN-24-W-30

<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result:</b> <b>Passed</b>
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<b>MOTION:</b> To table “Update to Job Description”		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Dacey Durbin	<b>Second:</b> Ellen Esteves	SEN-24-W-31
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result:</b> <b>Passed</b>

<b>MOTION:</b> To approve Consent to distribute: Ceasefire Resolution		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Dacey Durbin	<b>Second:</b> James Dinh	SEN-24-W-32
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result:</b> <b>Passed</b>

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

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

- a. Constitutional Referendum

**V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests\***

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

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate\***

- a. Outback Farm Funding Updates

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Academic Uses for AI
- b. Long term Collective Goals Discussion

**IX. ACTION ITEMS – Senate\***

- a. Ramadan Resolution

<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the “Ramadan Resolution” item		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Devin Moreno	<b>Second:</b> John Hardgrove	SEN-24-W-33
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result:</b> <b>Passed</b>

b. Graduate Senator Confirmation

<b>MOTION:</b> To confirm the appointment of Milla Miller			
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Ellen Esteves	<b>Second:</b> Lily Duong	SEN-24-W-34	
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			<b>Action Result:</b> <b>Passed</b>

**X. SENATE REPORTS**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Advisor Updates

Friedman had the Senators fill out a Spring 2024 survey regarding their office hours.

**Adjournment:** *Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

**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**

<b>SEN-24-W-35</b>	To approve the edits made to the position descriptions
<b>SEN-24-W-36</b>	To approve the Elections Code
<b>SEN-24-W-37</b>	To confirm the appointment of Emily Carsten
<b>SEN-24-W-38</b>	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.

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

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

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

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

Aye: 13 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Passed</b>
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**X. SENATE REPORTS**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

4/3/25 ASWWU Senate FY25 Budget Update Summary:

Presented by Adam Lorio, AS Gov Advisor.

ASWWU programs including ASWWU Government have been asked to revise/resubmit FY25 budget requests that are no more than 12% increase from what was approved/allocated for FY24.

The budget originally submitted AS Gov for FY25 that was shared previously was an approx. 55% increase from FY24 to budget for full weekly hours capacity for both AS Senate and AS Exec Board.

**Full budget FY25 request for Senate: (Total AS Gov FY24+55%)**

Senate President = 25 hrs/week

For each of 20 Senators = 10 hrs/week

1 SGA 15hrs/week

Includes training time, limited intersession work and planning time during summer.

Total Senate FY25 Request: \$196,100

**FY24 Allocation +12% Budget:**

Senate President = 15 hrs/week

For each of 20 Senators = 7 hrs/week

1 SGA 10 hrs/week

Includes training time, limited intersession work and planning time during summer.

Total Senate FY25 Request: \$143,322

**FY24 Allocation +21% Budget**

Senate President = 17 hrs/week

For each of 20 Senators = 8 hrs/week

1 SGA 12 hrs/week

Includes training time, limited intersession work and planning time during summer.

Total Senate Revised Request: \$155,101

Notes:

AS Government Budget Allocation was decreased from FY23-FY24 by 14%

For FY24 we are on track to underspend our FY24 Allocation.

## Year-end Goals

4/2/2024

Gabe Wong

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### Discussion Questions

1. With only 11 weeks left in your term of office, what do you hope to accomplish?
2. What work should the Senate be doing collectively this quarter?
3. What issues are at the forefront of your constituents' minds?
4. What issues has the Senate not adequately addressed this year that you hope we can address?