ASWWU Student Senate Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2023, 5:30-7:00 PM, MS Teams Live

Members:

Present: Gabe Wong (Chair); Dacey Durbin, Devin Moreno (CBE); MJ Dizon (CFPA); Lily Duong, Matt Condon (Woodring); Lola Thompson, Meli Bernal (CENV); John Hardgrove (CSE); Miguel Acuña (CHSS); Autumn Kay Chapman, James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Mariana Flores (At-Large); Miguel Estevez (Fairhaven)

Absent: Ella Byerly (CFPA), Marv Locke (CSE), Yasmin Lamas (CHSS), Quincy Ingalls (Fairhaven)

Advisor: Leona Friedman
Secretary: Nely Vasquez-Vasquez
Guests: Keara Ryan

MOTIONS

[SEN-23-F-10] To approve the statement considering the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Passed

Call to Order: Gabe Wong, Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:57 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*

a. AS Gaza Statement

Wong presented the AS Gaza Statement. Ryan says the goal of the statement is to have students feel supported. She adds that this statement is based on what students have faced at campus. Dizon wonders what student groups were contacted to help create the document. Wong says the AS VP for Diversity and the Communications Director were used as proxies and that they didn't want to impose on students who haven't felt safe with Western employees and give them work. Thompson wondered what actions have been taken to support students. Wong says resources are going to be listed and the Communications Office is going to work on building connections to the students. Lamas shared a flier with the Senate about the Sociology department hosting a space to talk about what's going on in Gaza. Moreno wonders when and how the statement will be released. Wong says the Communications Office will most likely release a mass email to the student body.

MOTION: To approve the statement considering the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Motion Made By: Dacey Durbin
Second: Devin Moreno
SEN-23-F-10

Vote Count: Aye: 14 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Action Result: Passed

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. SENATE REPORTS

X. OTHER BUSINESS
Adjourn: Gabe Wong, Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:25p.m.
Members:

Present: Gabe Wong, Mariana Flores, James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Lily Duong, Ella Byerly, MJ Dizon, Melissa Bernal, Lola Thompson, John Hardgrove, Dacey Durbin, Devin Moreno, Miguel Acuna, Quincy Ingalls, Miguel Estevez

Absent: Autumn Kay-Chapman, Matt Condon, Yasmin Lamas

Advisor: Leona Friedman

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Guests: Keara Ryan, Liam Pratt

MOTIONS

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Call to Order: Dacey Durbin, Senate Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA
   a. Update on the photoshoot – Information Item Senate
   b. Tabling Chair’s Report

MOTION: To approve the revisions and tabling the Chair’s report

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II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)
   a. Appointment to SAC

   This item was tabled because Wong was not present.
   
   b. Approval of the October 23rd Minutes
Friedman suggested that to change the formatting of the table and correct Melynda Hukey’s name.

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

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

a. AS Divestment

Pratt explained showed the draft document to the senate about the WW foundations continued divestment from fossil fuels. Pratt explained the history of divestment at Western. He says that a request for proposal (RFP) will be going out this year and it was a good time to send out a resolution. He explained what the resolution is demanding. Ryan explained who will pass the document and hopes it will gain support from the student body. She notes there has been past support for divestment. Ingalls asks where the money that is being diverted from supporting fossil fuels will go. Pratt it will go to the environmental, social, governance (ESG) funds. Ryan says WWU is laxer in their demands compared to other universities. Pratt says this is the first year where there is no student input.

V. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

a. AS Divestment

Dinh wanted confirmation if the financial loss would be the loss in stock for fossil fuel companies. Ryan confirmed. He also wondered how they found out about the divestment. She says it is based on the RFP timeline. Ryan encouraged the senators to not actively talk about the document with the student body.

Miguel Acuna came into the meeting at 6:08 pm.

MOTION: To table the SAC appointment

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MOTION: To approve the AS Divestment document
VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*

a. AS Charter

The new deadline is going to be in February. Durbin reports that Wong hopes something will be approved in January which will then be presented at the February meeting. Ryan oversees the taskforce for updating the as charter, and it needs a student senator. She explains how the meeting will go and that they will meet with Melynda Huskey.

b. Photoshoot for Senate

Dizon reports the photoshoot will be delayed until next Wednesday and Thursday. Dizon also says they would like to get pics taken during the meetings so it can be shown to the public.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. SENATE REPORTS

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a. Committee Assignments – Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) Power, Equity, Justice (PEJ) Taskforce & Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) General Commission

Durbin reports it is a faculty Senate committee. She explained Says there are two open seats in the general commission of the ACC. She explained what the work includes. Would like either Senate or Executive Board members because they will get paid rather than an At-Large student. Durnin explained that members will have to look at the documents before the meeting to understand what is going on. Regarding the PEJ GUR, Durbin explained it would replace the ACGM GUR and every student would be required to take. There is a taskforce concerning this and the faculty would like two students to join. These students’ terms would begin middle to end of winter quarter and end April of 2025. Durbin thinks it is better to have those students be paid and would rather them be elected members rather than an At-Large students who might not be paid.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Durbin introduced Moreno to the Senate and announced there are two applications for the Graduate Senator positions.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

* All agenda items are subject to immediate action.
Note: Proposed motions show what is being requested. The actual motion may differ.
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Call to Order: Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA
   a. Change Academic Commission Committee to Academic Coordinating Commission.
   b. Change Graduate School Senator Appointment from a Personnel Item to Action - Senate

II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)
   a. Appointment of Andrew Kudrna to the Academic Coordinating Commission

   Kudrna is an At-Large student currently sitting on another counsel. He expressed interest in joining more committees. Durbin explained why the Senate should appoint him.

   MOTION: To appoint Andrew Kudrna to the Academic Coordinating Commission

   Motion Made By: Devin Moreno  Second: John Hardgrove  SEN-23-F-16

   Vote Count: Aye: 12  Nay: 0  Abstain: 0

   Action Result: Passed

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. Outback Farm Funding

Bernal wanted to have a formal discussion about what is happening with the Outback farm. Thompson explained that last year a budget was set to be given to the Outback farm from the Associated Students, but it never happened. Thompson continued that the AS admin would be moving away from student coordinator funding but promised it would not pull funding from the Outback farm. Right now, the Outback is being funded by the emergency reserves, which Thompsons said is not a long-term solution. Esteves is going through the AS Finance Council minutes to see when it was decided that funding for the Outback farm would be cut. Ingalls explained that it was surprising funding would get cut on the Outback farm. The Outback Coordinator employee and Ingalls will be working on a proposal to present to the AS Finance Council to extend funding to June instead of December. He stated that if this doesn’t happen, the Outback farm could close. He hopes it will be enough time to get funding from the Departmental Related Activities Committee (DRAC). Wong explained that the AS Finance Council never directly took action to defund the Outback farm and AS Environmental Sustainability programs. Wong explained that the budget proposed AS Finance Council said the Outback farm would be funded until December with DRAC then taking over. Thompson clarified that DRAC would take over the Outback farm if they had their own funding. They listed what would be lost with the Outback farm. Durbin said the approved budget never stated that the Outback farm would go to DRAC.

**MOTION:** To suspend the rules and consider the Grad Senator Appointment

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**Vote Count:**

Aye: 12   Nay: 0   Abstain: 0

**Action Result:** Passed

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

a. Grad Senator Appointment

Wong proposed appointing Ellen Esteves. She explained why she would be a good fit for the position.

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**Action Result:** Passed
MJ Dizon left the meeting at 6:14 pm.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – Senate*

a. Bylaws Update

Johnson said that the group in charge of updating the Bylaws decided to write new Bylaws instead of editing the old ones. Durbin said they are still in the rough phases of drafting these bylaws. The group is trying to get the new bylaws to reflect what is currently practiced in the Student Senate.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

b. AS Parliamentary Procedure

Wong said there have been edits to the document since the last time it was presented. It is more readable and flexible. This document will apply to both the Student Senate, Executive Board, and other committees in the Associated Students. Wong said that changes made were rearranging and generalizing that the chair can call on anyone (instead of members) to speak.

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c. AS Rules of Operation

Wong said the purpose of editing this document was to make it more flexible. They added that the voting body will keep docs and minutes in a specific space.

d. Winter Meeting Time

Wong said they would like to keep the meeting time the same as fall quarter’s meeting time and asked the Senate’s opinion about it. Thompson advocates possibly changing it and asked that the Student Senate be presented with a couple of potential meeting times instead of just one. The Senate talked about whether to have the December 4th meeting, and decided if there is no one to confirm for the vacant College of Science and Engineering Senators position and if there are no other pressing issues, then the meeting will be canceled.

IX. SENATE REPORTS
Duong and Durbin will both be having a bagel luncheon at their respective colleges. Thompson said they are working on food security project on campus. They are also working on getting the College of Environmental Studies building more accessible as it is going under renovation.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment: Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.
**MEMO: Long-Range Calendar of Events**

**TO:** Student Senate  
**DATE:** 1/8/2024

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• Finance Council Charter |
| JAN. 31st | AS Office Budget Request Deadline |  |
| FEB. 7 | • Ramadan Resolution  
• Bylaws Updates  
• Constitution Update | • Program Board Charter |
| FEB. 8-9th | Board of Trustees Meeting (AS Charter) |  |
| FEB. 18-19th | Western Intersectional Lobby Day |  |
| FEB. 21 |  | • Ramadan Resolution  
• Bylaws Approval |
<p>| MAR. 6 | • Constitution Update |  |
| MAR. 20 |  |  |
| MAR. 23rd – APR. 1st | Spring Recess |  |
| SP #1 |  | • Constitution Referendum (Exec Could instead) |
| APR. 11-12th | Board of Trustees Meeting |  |
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**ASWWU Elections**

- JUN. 13-14th Board of Trustees Meeting
- JUN. 14th Term of Position Ends
- JUN. 15th End of Final Pay Period
A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Sen. J.Res. 2023/24-02

“Recognize and Negotiate with WAWU Operational Student Employees”

WHEREAS, operational student employees – custodians, clerks, program support staff, resident advisors, photographers, laborers, and others who do similar work – do critical work across Western Washington University from keeping students safe to keeping facilities running to maintaining programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a majority of operational student employees (OSEs) working for Western Washington University have authorized Western Academic Workers United / United Auto Workers (WAWU-UAW) to represent them in collective bargaining [1]; and

WHEREAS, WAWU-UAW has filed a representation petition with the Public Employment Relations Commission [2]; and

WHEREAS, WAWU-UAW has requested that Western Washington University voluntarily recognize the OSE bargaining unit [1]; and

WHEREAS, every on-campus union – WFSE Local 1381, PSE of WWU / SEIU Local 1948, UFWW / WEA/AFT Local 2084, and WAWU / UAW Local 4121 – has demanded that Western Washington University recognizes the OSE bargaining unit [3]; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University is capable of voluntarily recognizing the OSE bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University is capable of negotiating over OSE working conditions; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University already has a relationship with WAWU-UAW; and

WHEREAS, the Western Washington University Board of Trustees approved the Western Washington University Strategic Plan for 2018 through 2025 [4]; and

WHEREAS, within this strategic plan, the Board of Trustees asserts its plan to advance Western by “Improving climate and working conditions for student employees, staff, and faculty at all
locations” and “Providing competitive compensation and professional development for student employees, staff, and faculty” [4]; and

WHEREAS, historical improvements to the compensation and working conditions for employees have been spearheaded by collective bargaining [5, 6]; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining would bring clarity to the rights and responsibilities of OSEs and Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, despite this, Western Washington University has declined to recognize the OSE bargaining unit [7].

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

THAT, the voluntary recognition of the OSE bargaining unit is in the best interest of Western Washington University, OSEs, the membership of the ASWWU, and the public; and

THAT, the ASWWU requests that Western Washington University

1. respects the wishes of its faculty and staff,
2. acts in accordance with its strategic plan,
3. immediately recognizes the OSE bargaining unit,
4. begins negotiating with WAWU-UAW OSEs, and
5. formally responds to the ASWWU’s above requests.

Introduced Jan. 10, 2023, in the Student Senate.

cc: Marcy Hammer, Director of Employee and Labor Relations
Sabah Randhawa, President
Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General
WWU Students, Staff, and Faculty