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 will be listed and the Communications Office will 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
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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.

Minutes approved on 1-10-24