ASWWU Student Senate Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2024, 5:00-6:00 PM, Teams Town Hall and VU 567

Members:

Present: Gabe Wong (Chair); James Dinh (At-Large); John Hardgrove, Zoe Absalonson (CSE); Devin Moreno, Dacey Durbin (CBE); Milla Miller, Ellen Esteves (Graduate); Emily Carsten (Fairhaven), Melissa Bernal, Lola Thompson (CENV); Miguel Acuna (CHSS); MJ Dizon (CFPA);

Absent: Miguel Esteves (Fairhaven); Lily Duong (Woodring); Mariana Flores, Lauren Johnson (At-Large); Yasmin Flores (CHSS)

Advisor: Leona Friedman
Secretary: Nely Vasquez
Guests: Sophie Snyder (AS VP for Student Services)

MOTIONS:

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Call to Order: Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

a. Wong gave the opportunity for the senate to table the ESE resolution because of the conflict of interest concerns that were raised, no motion was made, that item stayed on the agenda.

b. Move the College of Fine and Performing Arts report to Other Business

   MOTION: To move the College of Fine and Performing Arts report to Other Business

   Motion Made By: Dacey Durbin  Second: Melissa Bernal

   Vote Count: Aye: 11  Nay: 0  Abstain: 0

   Action Result: Passed

c. Add 5 minutes to Other Business for a visit from AS VP for Student Services, Sophie Snyder

II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

a. Minutes of April 24th, 2024

   MOTION: To approve the Consent Item

   Motion Made By: John Hardgrove  Second: Zoe Absalonson

   Vote Count: Aye: 11  Nay: 0  Abstain: 0

   Action Result: Passed
III. PUBLIC FORUM *(comments from students and the community)*

IV. SENATE REPORTS

a. Reports from:
   - College of Business and Economics
     Moreno and Durbin gave a report on their current projects and committee work.
   - College of Humanities and Social Sciences
     Acuna gave a report on what projects and committees he and Yasmin are working on.
   - At-Large
     There were no At-Large Senators present.
   - SGA Report
     Vasquez asked the Senators to turn in their agenda items by the deadline.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

a. WWU Student’s BDS (Boycott Divestment and Sanctions) Campaign

   Wong says that students are planning on launching a campaign calling on the University to boycott, divest, and sanction the state of Israel. Moreno wanted some more clarification on who the University would divest from. Wong says there is a list of companies the BDS has made for boycott and some for divestment.

b. Supporting ESE Bargaining Resolution

   Wong says the main concern Adam Lorio raised was that, if the Student Government decided to adopt the resolution presented at the meeting there could be a conflict of interest because the Student Government is represented by the bargaining committee. She said that she doesn’t believe there really is a conflict of interest because often times student interests are also Senator’s interests. Friedman recommends for the Senators to hear back from the Assistant Attorney General first before deciding anything. Miller suggested that Wong respond to the students who raised the issue, she agreed to.

   *Dizon joined the meeting at 5:50.*

c. Get out the vote tabling

   Friedman tells the Senate that OCE would like for some of the Senators to table for this year’s elections. It will be from May 13th–May 17th.

VI. ACTION ITEMS – Guests*

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate*
IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Senator Appointment Process

Durbin would like to table this item because she would like the full 15 minutes to discuss this. Friedman gave a quick explanation and told the Senators to come with feedback for next week’s meeting.

X. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

a. College of Fine and Performing Arts Report

Dizon worked on an event where BIPOC students and students with disabilities talked with the Dean of the college. She encouraged the Senate to do the same. Dizon is working towards making a black and brown theatre collective in CFPA to increase retention and create a safe community.

b. A visit from Sophie Snyder, AS VP for Student Services

Snyder asked the Senate if they wanted to participate in a project she is leading. This entails participating in a video similar to the format from Vogue’s “73 questions with….” She says anyone interested should message her.

Adjournment: Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The ASWWU Student Senate passed these minutes on 5-15-24.