



# ASCWU Student Government

## Public Meeting Minutes for

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2016

SURC Pit - 5:00PM

400 East University Way Ellensburg, WA 98926

### PRESENT

President	Ryan Anderson
Executive VP	John DeHan
VP Clubs & Organizations	Brittany Kinsella
VP Equity & Community Affairs	Olivia Durham
VP Student Life & Facilities	Rene Mahnke
VP Legislative Affairs	Nina Caldwell

### STAFF

Director of Public Relations	Forrest McNealley
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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:01 by Ryan Anderson on Monday, February 22, 2016.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT a vote of no confidence be added to the agenda under new business.

MOVED by Olivia Durham

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

**APPROVED 5-0-0**

Agenda for the public meeting – January 22, 2016

MOVED by Brittany Kinsella

SECONDED by John DeHan

THAT the Agenda for the public meeting held on February 22 be adopted.

**APPROVED 5-0-0**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the public meeting – February 16, 2015

MOVED by Olivia Durham

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

THAT the minutes for the public meeting held on February 16 be adopted.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

THAT the partnership and collaboration with Iron Horse Brewery and clubs be tabled until next week.

MOVED by Brittany Kinsella

SECONDED by Nina Caldwell

**TABLED 5-0-0**

### SATELLITE CAMPUS REPORT

**Dan Smelser** – We have some new people working on building up participation, I'm really stoked about it. I've got three people here other than myself now, thank you!

### OFFICER REPORTS

- **John DeHan** – I've been planning an event in conjunction with the student Alumni office. Been working with Rene, Karen Shaw, and Scott Wade to move forward with the VMTF. S&A fund requests have been piling up this week, we're less than halfway with our budget, and that's all I've got.
- **Brittany Kinsella** – I have been working on Club Giveback day, which is happening from now until the 29<sup>th</sup> you can donate canned food, pet food, art supplies, and toiletries and they all go back to the community. I've also even updating the website with Civic Engagement Hours and club good or bad standing. We had club senate this week so the next one will be the second, next Wednesday in the SURC theatre.
- **Hauke Harfst** – N/A
- **Olivia Durham** – This week in my office I have been working really hard planning the summit that is now just Saturday instead of Saturday and Sunday so we're really excited about the Summit, which is now a team effort. That's will be Saturday starting at nine o'clock until six thirty, and then following that we're encouraging all students to attend Showtime at Central. Also on Saturday I went with Nina to the WSA board meeting at the Capital, which was probably my favorite board meeting we've had so far.



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- **Rene Mahnke** – As John mentioned we continue to work on the VMTF, incase you haven't heard yet we the students of Ellensburg are working to get a Memorial Statue on campus and the task force is in charge of this project. We're meeting on Wednesday at six pm in SURC 236 to have our next task force meeting. Recreation advisory board meets at four-thirty on Friday in the Rec center. Our student Union Advisory board meets on Friday at noon. These are all public meeting so come join us, thank you!
- **Nina Caldwell** – Well hello, since there is so many people here I'm going to talk about our WSA chapter on campus, we meet Mondays at seven meaning seven, one hour after the Public Meeting in SURC 236, and we talk about affordability, accessibility, and quality of your education dealing with high education so that's why I went to do Lobby day that's why we're apart of WSA to make those connections and to make school and your experience in school better. So if you want to make a difference come to WSA chapter meeting tonight at seven! What I did this week was go to a board meeting on Saturday, we talked about doing a Student of Color conference within the WSA and how we would go about that because Oregon student association already does that, how do we engage our students of color on campus, how do we get them to want to be at those WSA chapter meetings and board meetings and general assembly. Speaking of General assembly which is May 14<sup>th</sup> at central free lunch, FREE LUNCH in SURC 137 A&B I would love to see all your faces there for free lunch, just let me know if you'll be there. As well as I worked with CLCE on Civics Week which is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> we're going to have Donkey vs. Elephant rematch at the SURC Pit on Monday so come see who is going win this symbolic brawl. We're going to have some speakers and currently working on a panel of legislators to talk about higher education, voter education, and civic education within universities! This week I have the mass incarceration meeting; also please go to the Mass Incarceration different events going on, they're great and educational.
- **Ryan Anderson** – I had e-mail communications about passport day, which is happening in spring quarter on April 18<sup>th</sup>, I worked on handing over Summit planning to VP Olivia Durham. Hopefully that will be a huge success this weekend. Been working over in my head how I want to proceed with the next couple of month's left of school. I was also gone in Denver for the Kennedy Center American college Theatre festival, which happens every year and the Theatre department, sends probably 75% of their students to go. So that's my report.



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### BUSINESS

#### *CLUB RECOGNITION*

THAT the ASCWU Student Government recognizes the following clubs

- French Club
- Bass Club
- Women in Aviation

MOVED by Nina Caldwell

SECONDED by John Dehan

**APPROVED 5-0-0**

#### *APPOINTMENT OF SAS SENATORS*

MOTION to table to Appointment of SAS senators 'til next week.

MOVED by John DeHan

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

**TABLED 5-0-0**

#### *COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*

THAT students be appointed to the various following committees.

*Veterans Memorial Task force*

- Ed Berry

MOVED by Nina Caldwell

SECONDED by John DeHan

**APPROVED 5-0-0**

#### *VOTE OF NO COFIDENCE – DISCUSSION*

Olivia - "As most of you are probably here because an article was released bringing up the resignation or recall vote for the president Ryan Anderson. With that the board has prompted him with two options, to either resign from his position as president or to proceed with a recall election following a vote of no confidence on behalf of the board. Which has resulted in him choosing not to resign which leads us to a vote of no confidence. This whole process started in November of last year, as a board we went through mediation and followed different steps which has lead us to where we are now."

Letters – (Attached)



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Ryan – “November 13<sup>th</sup> we had our first meeting when I received the first letter, then after that we went into mediation, on February 9<sup>th</sup> I received a letter dated February 1<sup>st</sup>, that mediation did not work and that the board still did not have confidence in my ability to lead the group, in January 11<sup>th</sup> I asked the board for more time, now we’re back on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.”

Dan Smelser – “This is all totally brand new news and we have no idea what’s going on.”

John DeHan- “We will send you the documents.”

Dan Smelser – “Can we postpone the vote as we had no information that this was happening.”

Ryan Anderson – “For clarification the Liaison doesn’t receive a vote.”

Dan Smelser – “As we are trying to branch out with communication we should really have time to know about this.”

Olivia Durham – “Nothing is to say that we wouldn’t gladly accept and be responsive to anything you do have to say or any of your concerns but this is a process the board has been going through since November.”

Rene Mahnke – “This is the first time it is brought to public, so the satellite centers aren’t in the dark.”

THAT the board take a vote of no confidence for President Ryan Anderson.

MOVED by Olivia Durham

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

Nina Caldwell – “The letter is out and everyone knows where we’re coming from, all of us here, specifically the sixth, we care, not to say Ryan doesn’t, but this is happening so we can best serve our students.”

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### ISSUES/CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A



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### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelsey McHugh – “I am an employee in the SURC and I have been through many of these public meetings because of that, I know Ryan on a personal basis and working in the SURC I have seen him multiple times running from event to event. Always in complete support of the students, I’ve never seen him have a down moment, I think it would be an ‘unprovable’ idea to remove him from the board at this time.”

Yazmin Aguilar- “I am a student representative on the board of trustees at this university, can someone give me the number of students that voted last year?”

John DeHan – “Around 15,000.”

Yazmin – “So my question is not for them it’s for all of you, saying that 15,000 student voices, isn’t it unfair that all of us are here making this decision when there’s another 1000 students that think differently. It is really unfair for us to represent those students and it is a waste of time.”

John DeHan – “This is not the absolute removal, just the next step of the process.”

Evan Catlin – “I don’t have an opinion either way. What steps are being taken to not ‘tarnish his reputation’ I remember that was said.”

John DeHan – “We did not release any of these letters for the public aside from the ones Mr. Anderson released to the Observer, all the posts on Yik Yak were speculation.”

Olivia – “At the address earlier, with the two options, if the resignation was taken the process wouldn’t have been as messy.”

Jessica Murlow – “I know so far all we’ve heard is how great Ryan is as a person, but the thing is I don’t know him, So we had Ryan post a status saying he’ll do anything in his right to make this event well, which is great. So I comment saying, “Ryan how will you make sure that CWU welcomes all individuals without the need for people to come to you as their last resort. He responds, “I don’t know the answer, can we meet and talk about it.” Which sounds great but every time I try to meet him he isn’t available.”

Kayla Shaffroth – “Hi, it was stated that it would be a better rest of the year without Ryan, but if this goes on it will probably take weeks or months, it seems all your energy would be going to this instead of events to better Central. That’s why I’m curious why put so much effort and resource into this so late in the year?”

Rene Mahnke – “The election committee isn’t funded and the committee members aren’t paid, there would be time going into it which holds value, but no time.”

Kayla – “Is this the best use of their time?”

John – “None of this would conflict with events happening we would all be working double.”



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Kelsi Johnson – “The Letters are too vague and I have difficulty making a decision, was curious on where he was not fulfilling his duties.”

Olivia- “Every board member has drafted a factual letter deeming Ryan incompetent to lead the board, that information is available just not read out here.”

Kelsi – “This seems more like a venting session so it’s hard to form an opinion.”

John – “Yes after the meeting all this information will be available so feel free to head up to SURC 236 to ask for those resources.”

Grace Melunke – “One particular thought to echo what Kelsi said, I heard a lot of reasons why Ryan shouldn’t be president but didn’t hear many facts, I would encourage the public to ask for those facts to form a better decision.”

Nina Caldwell – “I enjoyed her comment and we can do that, if you need more factual evidence we can do that, just come to SURC 236.”

Olivia Durham – “We already have the facts drafted. They’re just not part of these letters.”

Daniel Pitchler – “The lack of communication is frustrating, I’m not trying to blame anyone, but being left in the dark and have this news brought to us like that is frustrating, we’re trying to engage and it feels polarizing to have the bridge knocked down through this. I look forward to receiving the documents.”

Alex Mathison – “I don’t have anything prepared and I say umm a lot. I thought the letters were very interested, I like that one student said students should be heard. I agree they should be heard and the best way to do that is a recall election. As you have the right to vote yes or no. This would be a good use of time.”

Ryan Anderson – “Resigning felt like six people telling me what to do, a recall election felt better.”

Emily Danko – “I can speak for a lot of us when saying there is a lack of information in regards to this issue. We should acquire more education to be further educated, the board did not properly advertise this information. This seems very subversive and deceiving to the students as a whole.”

Nina Caldwell – “We asked for the answer originally on the 16<sup>th</sup> and then we would’ve been able to share this information, but Ryan didn’t think it was an adequate enough time so we didn’t receive the answer until today.”

Rene Mahnke – “There isn’t a decision being made today, there’s a vote of no confidence being made today, the recall election will have a time frame of about a month or so, this will not be something happening right away, but we had to start at some point, and today is the first day it is being brought to attention.”

Ryan- “They had seven business days to draft their letter, so I asked for seven business days as well.”



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Kylie Kadey – “I am his roommate and I know him very well personally, I would like to speak briefly to his character, every night Ryan comes in really late from the office, he gets in past midnight. He has dedicated his time to putting fourth programs to help students of recognition; he is one of the most honest kind peoples I know. I feel like he is so excited everyday for things he is doing for the students. I feel that hasn’t been recognized, thank you.”

Patience Colliet – “I don’t know Ryan personally, how often do any of us show up to this meeting besides when stuff like this is going on, even if they would’ve began advertising sooner how many of us would know, be honest. On the other hand they’re his coworkers, they have to work with him in an office, I think they get a say on that. There has been history where a VP has been repeatedly pointed out of sexual harassment. There are a lot of wonderful people here that I wouldn’t want in charge of student government.”

Evelyn Briscoe – “I want to take the personal out of it and recognize the work ethic, I want people to realize you may know Ryan well, but you don’t know what they are doing for the school. Some of them could be working on doing things outside of the office and showing their faces, I believe that the president is the face and should be showing his face at the events. So there are things that they all work on but that’s where I’m coming from.”

Katie Devore – “The first time I met all of you was at ELP, it’s great you guys are able to function through a group still and get things done for students”

Patrick Croghan – “We as the student need to decide what’s important, did anyone run unopposed, everyone that didn’t run unopposed, a vote for them was a vote against him, and a vote for him was a vote for him, if we did that instead of wasting time we could decide this much quicker.”

Rachel Mahnke – “If the board could explain more of how in the second letter Ryan was acting more as an individual instead of a team member that would really be helpful for students.”

Brittany Kinsella – “One instant was Ryan coming up to me to tell me he had planned a meeting for an idea he was starting with my employees. He also continued to use my employees for other take without me knowing that didn’t fall into their jobs. “

Ryan Anderson – “I have no comment, I still am taking this time to grow and have acknowledged these mistakes.”

Olivia Durham – “If you are a student that’s genuinely concerned about specific instances I urge you to come meet with us to get the facts.”





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Luke Aguilar – “I’d like to speak in support of the board, these are all elected officials, these people represent the students, everyone is asking for the students voice to be heard, and that’s what the elected board officers do. It speaks volumes that they bring this to us.”

James Tyler – “I have a quick question for the board, you had stated that Ryan was disrespectful to advisors, I’d like examples or if you could get the advisors to come to these meetings to speak on that, then I have trouble believing that. I don’t doubt it might have happened.”

Olivia Durham – “That is another issue to come talk to us about and it seems a little out of line to ask advisors to come speak at this meeting.”

Hannah Barclay – “My names Hannah Barclay, I’m a staff member and I’ve seen this process the board has tried immensely to make this work, before you make a decision I’d encourage all of you to talk to the board, and get involved to make an informed decision.”

Bailey Wix – “Taking the personal out of it, I’ve seen his work, he is always professional, respectful and always turns everything in on time, It is hard to see this without more examples, and Ryan deserves better representation through this.”

Dan Smelser – “My name is Dan Smelser, back in September, I approached the ASCWU to form satellite campus communications, out of all the emails I only got one response within a week I was invited to an ASCWU meeting by Ryan. We started looking at option to open up, we are now in the process of looking at more options for communications.”

Isaac Pauls – “I wanted to address a comment made earlier commenting on facial expressions, from where I was sitting I saw a man being attacked who was hurt. I saw a man who was vulnerable and felt the world was against him.”

Jacob Walker – “I’m Jacob I’m a freshmen and I work for Hype, basically I wanted to say that I came to ELP as well as Katie, and all of you guys are incredible and I was really impressed and excited to meet you guys, as the year has gone by the only one to keep this relationship with me and the students is Ryan Anderson. It is the Associated Students of CWU and you should be focusing on the students and I think Ryan does that.”



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### **NEXT MEETING"**

The next ASCWU Student Government Public Meeting to be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 in the Holmes dining at 5:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the meeting by adjourned at 6:14 pm.

MOVED by Nina Caldwell

SECONDED by Brittany Kinsella

**ADJOURNED 5-0-0**