



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
ACADEMIC SENATE

General SAS
October 15, 2019 Minutes

- 1) Call to Order at 6:00PM
- 2) Roll Call
 - a. Taken on roster
- 3) Approval of the Previous Minutes Corrections of formatting made. Physics moves,
Biology seconds 10-0-1 PASS
 - a. October 1st, 2019
- 4) (Approval of the agenda) –Parliamentarian added to agenda for Governance Committee
- 5) Communications
 - a. Is everyone a part of the Outlook group?
 - b. (Parliamentarian and Governance Committee)
 - i) Volunteers for the governance committee are Biology, Physics, and ETSC.
- 6) Chair Report
 - a. VP of Academic Affairs, Nicholas Mejia
 - i) Provost has been presented with the inclement weather policy and a few edits are still needed, chiefly a stipulation about the VP of Capitol Planning and the use of Weather Advisories to dictate class cancellations.
 - (1) History asks about the ability of professors to disobey the closing of the campus and how infringements would be enforced. A- It is part of the final provision of the policy which will be sent out to the Outlook files group.
 - (2) English asks how this policy is different from the previous policy. A-This policy is formally in writing and is enforceable by the school.

- (3) ETSC asks what the definition of inclement weather is and whether or not this would add days to the regular school year. A- Inclement weather is defined by meteorologists and not simply by the presence of snow, ice, or other weather, and as for classes extending, the alternative would be for the hosting of a hybrid class session in which students could attend an online class session or something similar to keep current with the normal schedule.
- (4) Biology asks about emailing a copy of the Inclement Weather Policy in its current form to the group. A- Good idea.
- (5) Law and Justice asks about temperature based cancellations of classes. A- Classes will be cancelled based on the weather advisory but “we are not a 7/11” and considerations would be in place in the final copy of the policy.
- (6) History makes a motion to table further discussion. Biology seconds. 10-2-0 PASS
- ii) Address to the Senate speech: SAS should have the numbers to be a significantly strong voice on campus with 50 senators, however our numbers are lacking severely. Our focus right now should be to revamp the Senate through participation and representation of departments, staff, and students. Parking will be an eternal issue. Developmental course fees loom on the horizon. Together we must represent all departments.
- 7) Advisor Report
- a. Academic Advising Council
- i) Listening session scheduled for November 12 at 6:30PM where the faculty and administrators can listen to the feedback of departmental senators about how advising works well or can improve.
- (1) Biology makes a motion to add 30 minutes to November 12 meeting for the listening session. Seconded by History, 10-1-1 PASS
- 8) Senate Issues and Concerns

- a. ETSC- Career fair- Electrical engineers didn't have nearly as many representative companies, as most were Construction Management related. ETSC requests that the scope of such events be broadened by Career Services to include more potential companies with a variety of roles.
 - b. Physics- The workload and credit amounts of some majors are still not equal in weight, with additional outside hours of coursework as an expectation
 - c. History- Parking, sustainability, food served in the SURC and such topics are still part of academics. A- Initiatives should be focused on Academics first. History- The chair should not attempt to squelch speech by making recommendations to avoid topics. Instead the focus should be on student and departmental representation. English- Both can exist simultaneously, with a request that the academic side of the issue being fully presented. History- The chair shouldn't use their position of authority to advocate for single-source complaints. Philosophy and Religious Studies- Academics is a broad term, and problems should be focused on a smaller scope with more details to effect change in policy. Biology- Agree to disagree.
 - d. Philosophy and Religious Studies- Communication is needed that people have been appointed to the Senate, along with a list of meeting dates and times following their application being received. New procedure for Liaison developed where a welcome email is sent along with the calendar and outlook invitation.
 - e. EdDevTeLe- A placard needs to be made for this department
- 9) New Business
- a. Funds Council–Michael Middleton
 - i) Presentation
 - (1) Our contribution to Funds Council will be the Executive Board, representing each of the 5 colleges on campus.
 - (2) Questions:
 - (a) English- When will this be implemented? A- Currently on pause until representatives are selected and trained, upon which the funds will begin being released. SAS has the

option for the old method of providing funds should that be chosen in favor of instead.

(b) History- Will there be reimbursement for groups who have prepaid for events? A- Yes, for the rest of the academic year.

(c) ETSC- How many requests are currently in the queue to be seen? A- Over 6 as of this meeting.

(d) History- Can groups also request through S&A? A- Yes, and SAS as a separate funding source too, all for the same maximum of \$2,000 total.

(e) Political Science- What transparency measures will be in place? A-The actual information comes from a different office, but that will be a huge conversation for later and you can reach out to Michael.middleton@cwu.edu to set up an appointment to go through it further.

b. Interim Executive Board positions for Funds Council

i) Appointments

(1) These are all interim and temporary positions

(2) College of Sciences- Physics

(3) Special Programs- Biology as DHC member

(4) College of Education and Professional Studies- ETSC

(5) College of Business- No senators present, will be appointed next meeting

(6) College of Arts and Humanities- Philosophy and Religious Studies

(a) Vote of 10-0-0 PASS

ii) Question of duties raised by Philosophy and Religious Studies- What are the duties? A-

Represent your college and their departments while serving biweekly on the Funds council, in which there will be some training before the council is actually convened.

10) Announcements

a. Potential collaboration/listening session on November 12th with the Academic Advising Council

- i) ESC will be brought along, representatives of all departments as well. There are also Board of Trustees meetings going on in February, May, and July. Dates are 2/20-21, 5/14-15, and 6/23-24 in Barge Hall 412.

11) Old Business

- a. Sustainability Coordinator follow-up- We do have a sustainability coordinator.

12) Adjourn