



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2025 | SURC Pit

Call To Order

President Cantu called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Roll Call

President

EVP

Senate Speaker

Director of Equity and Multicultural Affairs

Director of Governmental Affairs

Director for Student Life and Facilities

Advisor

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Speaker Hondo motioned to amend and approve the minutes from 4/30 GA with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** seconding.

Amendment being to include everyone in the voting count even if absent

5-0-0 Motion Passes

Reading and Approval of Agenda

Speaker Hondo and **EVP Villa** motioned to amend the agenda to include CWU student trustee candidate discussion, new DHC senator discussion with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** seconding.

5-0-0 Motion Passes

Speaker Hondo motioned to approve the agenda for 5/05 with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** seconding.

5-0-0 Motion Passes

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

Student Tech Fee Agreement Discussion

The board revisited the conversation from April 28 regarding increasing collaboration between Student Tech Fee and ASCWU. A new idea was brought forward: allowing the student liaison to appoint a student employee funded through the tech fee. This role would support organizing larger events and help the committee reduce meetings to once a month.



The board also discussed giving the committee more control over their budget, specifically allowing them to independently renew essential software licenses without requiring separate approvals, since those are critical to university operations.

If the student employee position is implemented, the plan would be for the **EVP Villa** to present it to both the Board and the Senate for formal approval.

Speaker Hondo asked if Kevin would serve as the chair of the committee. **EVP Villa** reminded the group that a co-chair model was discussed previously. **Speaker Hondo** supported that direction, and Kevin clarified that the current structure already works like this informally—this change would just formalize it.

President Cantu raised concerns about too much decision-making authority being placed solely on IS (Information Services), particularly around renewals. He emphasized the need for accountability. **EVP Villa** agreed, suggesting a friendly amendment to conduct an annual review of all tech fee-funded renewals.

Speaker Hondo motioned to table the discussion with an expectation of **EVP Villa** and Kevin bringing it back with an updated agreement, with Director Carrillo seconding.

5-0-0 Motion Passes

ADI Letter

Speaker Hondo shared that the BOD agreed to craft a letter to faculty senate, this is the letter that he drafted up to present the 15th of May to Faculty Seante. Looking for feedback from the BOD—

“Members of Faculty Senate,

Under a collective agreement comprised of all six members of the Board of Directors, The Academic Senate and the Equity Services Council, ASCWU has collectively agreed to put this letter together to demonstrate to Faculty Senate that the removal of the ADI requirement is necessary for the betterment of CWU. Upon the recent political climate created by the Federal Government and the Department of Education, while the concept of creating a graduation requirement comprised of various teachings for ADI can be beneficial to the student body, this current administration has revealed it's true colors to put an end to teachings, practices and requirements involving DEI and ADI. This has not gone unnoticed by ASCWU, and we have taken measures to address it. While this will not affect individual programs, creating a requirement that puts a target on our back brings dangers far exceeding what we believe could happen, due to the unpredictability of the Trump Administration.

ASCWU has been in numerous conversations with state legislators and representatives and members of higher education and come to an understanding that any risk to the federal funding of Central Washington University which affects 49% of our student population is something ASCWU does not want to put at risk. We firmly believe that by removing the graduation requirement, we as a university will be taking measures to protect the students' rights and accessibility to college. Our students that spoke to us individually also agreed that putting the financial accessibility of the university at risk goes against what ASCWU stands for. Our role as the elected representatives by the student body is to advocate and protect the student voices of Central Washington University, and our constituents have made it clear: protect their ability to attend Central, seeing how the state level funding is still very much at risk. Any further reasons to lose the funding that affects nearly half the population of CWU should not be considered, including that of the ADI requirement.



We strongly advise members of Faculty Senate to heed the words of ASCWU and strongly advise you to vote in favor of the removal of the ADI requirement. Consider this when voting, voting to remove it isn't because we want to silence these programs, it's to protect your students who are here striving for a better future. Creating something that no one will be here to take will be pointless if there is no students to be here, in addition to the possibility of the school's closure with the sudden drop in revenue. We encourage you to think about the student's voices.”

President Cantu thanked Hondo for the well-crafted letter, take a moment to look at the letter to see if there are any recs to be made.

Director Garcia-Sanchez said the letter was well-crafted overall but suggested the ending might be a bit much, noting that everyone understands the importance of DEI. She recommended adding language about continuing to find ways to support DEI efforts in a way that doesn't conflict with current administrative guidelines—and emphasized advocating for these efforts to return in future years. **President Cantu** agreed and added that it's important to make sure different campus programs continue to support DEI in any way they can.

President Cantu expressed concern about the first line of the letter, which mentioned speaking with representatives and legislators. She didn't recall those conversations happening on this specific topic. **Director Carrillo** agreed. **Speaker Hondo** responded that he'd update that section and include notes he initially left out. **President Cantu** also mentioned that since they're still waiting on decisions from the Governor, it might be helpful to separate that piece from the 49% funding reference in the letter. Hondo said he would work with DOGA to fix that part.

Director Garcia-Sanchez for grammar should I tell you that separately? **Speaker Hondo** said yes, I was intending to write this over the weekend but due to mishaps I wrote it 30 mins ago.

Speaker Hondo thanked the Board for the recommendations and will bring back an updated version.

Speaker Hondo motioned to table the conversation with **Director Garcia-Sanchez**.

5-0-0

Reports

REPORTS

President

President Cantu shared updates on several ongoing initiatives and events. She is currently working with Ruben Cardenas to convene the Council of Probity. She gave a shoutout to the teams behind Pilipino Night, Rodeo de la Raza, and the Parade of Nations for putting on successful cultural events. The president also noted her participation in lunch meet and greets with Assistant Director candidates, with one final session remaining. She attended the recent ASCWU General Assembly, where the Campus Change discussion took place, and reminded everyone about the upcoming WSA General Assembly this weekend. Additionally, the WSA Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled soon, with more details to come. President Cantu



asked board members to send their feedback on the Student Trustee applicants to Dania by the end of the day and encouraged them to meet with her briefly before submitting their input. Lastly, she mentioned that she is taking some extra time this week to focus on academics and has adjusted her office hours accordingly.

EVP

BOD Wages were not increased when minimum wages increased at the beginning of the year, and I am working with Lola to fix that. Shout out to the ESC and everyone who organized the events this weekend.

ESC

The ESC Gala Awards have officially arrived! Another upcoming event to look forward to is Polyfest, happening on May 10 at 6:00 PM, with doors opening at 5:30 PM. A big “congratulations” goes out to all the events from the past week—they were a success! Please note that I will be out of the office on the 22nd and 28th of this month, so please don’t plan on needing me those days. :3

NEW BUSINESS

Student Trustee Recommendation Discussion

The board held a final discussion regarding the CWU Student Trustee candidates. **President Cantu** noted he wasn’t able to attend all the candidate meetings but expressed interest in recommending Angela Kyle, describing her as highly involved and well-informed. **Speaker Hondo** agreed, voicing strong support for Angela while also noting that Vi would be a great fit due to their calm and steady demeanor. The **EVP Villa** echoed previous comments, highlighting Angela’s wide range of experiences. **Director Carrillo** also supported the shared sentiments and reminded the group that the university is still open to receiving a third nomination if desired. **Speaker Hondo** emphasized the need for a vocal advocate for student voices, noting that Angela could help reestablish connections and address university-wide challenges. **President Cantu** suggested that while a motion might not be strictly necessary, it would be wise to do so just to cover all bases.

Speaker Hondo motioned to approve the recommendations of Angela and Vi with **Director Garcia-Sanchez**.

5-0-0 Motion Passes

ASCWU Election Ballot DHC Senator Discussion

Speaker Hondo shared at the beginning of the quarter, the Senate approved a change to transition one of the at-large positions into a DHC (Douglas Honors College) seat. However, due



to a communication lapse with the Board of Trustees, the position did not make it onto the current ballot. The board discussed potential next steps, with the consensus being that they either need to try to get it added to the current ballot or hold a special election.

President Cantu suggested possibly closing the current ballot and explaining the situation to students, followed by reopening with a new ballot or holding a separate special election.

Speaker Hondo supported the idea of a special election, noting it should happen before the end of spring quarter so that the Board of Trustees can approve the position in time. **President Cantu** recommended using events like Sweezy Day and Student Appreciation Day to promote awareness. **Speaker Hondo** added that he could collaborate with campus partners to advertise the open Senate seat via the campus patios.

President Cantu raised a question about whether a new election packet would be required for a special election, concluding that it likely wouldn't be necessary since no candidates were initially filed for that position. With these ideas in mind, the group considered the most effective path forward. **EVP Villa** shared that a special election would likely be the simplest solution, and Hondo confirmed he would reach out to Grace to begin the process.

Speaker Hondo motioned to initiate a special election during Sweezy day and student appreciation week for the DHC senator position 19th – 23rd with **Director Carrillo** seconding. 5-0-0 Motion Passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALA is coming up in 2 weeks ish
Observer has their walk out protest at noon May 7th.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm.