



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2025 | SURC 236

Call To Order

President Cantu called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

Roll Call

President

EVP

Director of Equity and Multicultural Affairs

Director of Governmental Affairs

Director for Student Life and Facilities

Reading and Approval of Agenda

EVP Villa motioned to approve the agenda with **Director Carrillo** seconding.

4-0-1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADI Letter

Director Castillo suggested changing the phrase “this current administration” to “this current federal administration” for clarity. **Director Carrillo** pointed out there were spelling inconsistencies with “CWU” and recommended using “Central Washington University” consistently throughout. **President Cantu** brought up spelling out all abbreviations and being more clear when referencing the federal government. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** noted that the phrase “this current admin” and the list that follows sounded too casual—suggested using more formal wording. He also flagged the sentence “seeing how state level funding is very much at risk” as being too informal.

President Cantu commented that the last paragraph’s first sentence repeats “strongly advise” too much and suggested revising. They also recommended new language like “to engage in the spirit of these practices or the mission of our belonging.” There were a few different ideas shared for how to phrase the institution’s support for ADI/DEI efforts, including: “ASCWU stands on the firm belief that we as an institution ensure the practice of ADI to foster belonging,” “we as an institution will continue the practices of fostering belonging,” and “we as an institution will ensure the continued practices of fostering belonging especially during these trying times.” **Director Garcia-Sanchez** felt “trying times” was too dramatic.

There was agreement on cutting the last sentence of the letter (from “creating” to “revenue”).

President Cantu pointed out that saying “there is no future for our students if the university shuts down” felt too extreme. Instead, he suggested focusing on how students care and recognize



what’s at stake. **Director Castillo** proposed changing that section to something like “students strive for a better future,” and **President Cantu** offered replacing the sentence with “We, the students, recognize this removal as a way to preserve the opportunities for our future.”

EVP Villa brought up the line “went off its true colors to put an end to DEI” and said it should be more professional. **President Cantu** suggested rephrasing to something like, “While the concept of a graduation requirement focused on grace teaching through ADI can benefit students, it’s clear this federal administration intends to end these teachings and practices.” **Speaker Hondo** explained that the original language was meant to be direct, but **President Cantu** responded that the administration’s stance has always been clear—it’s not a recent reveal.

The following changes were made:

Change 1: this current administration is actively putting an end to teachings practices and requirements involving DEI

Change 2: Removing all abbreviations.

Change 3: Specifying this current federal administration so people don't think that don't get it mixed up and then

Change 4: Instead of revealing its true colors we have is actively putting an end to.

Change 5: On the firm belief that we as an institution will ensure the continued practice of fostering belonging. All throughout the university.

Change 6: You remove the second. Strongly advise you in that first sentence. In that first sentence of the last paragraph.

Change 7: We got rid of the very last sentence. And are replacing it with. We, the students, recognize this removal as a way to preserve the opportunities for our future.

Director Castillo motioned to approve the letter as edited by **Director Castillo** and seconded by **Director Carrillo**.
4-0-1 Motion Passes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46.