



## ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes September 30, 2024 | SURC Pit

### CALL TO ORDER

**President Cantu** calls the meeting to order at 2:00pm in the SURC Pit.

### ROLL CALL

President Malik Cantu  
Executive Vice President Nick Villa  
Senate Speaker Hondo  
Director of Equity & Multicultural Affairs Javi Garcia-Sanchez  
Director of Governmental Affairs Michelle Carrillo  
Director of Student Life & Facilities Gerardo Castillo  
ASCWU Advisor

### READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Speaker Hondo** motions to “Approve Both Provided Minutes from the Last Two Meetings (09/20 and 09/24)”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

### READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Speaker Hondo** motions to “Amend the Agenda to Include ‘Provost’s New Mandatory 100 & 200 Level Class Attendance Policy’”. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** motions to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

### REPORTS

**President Cantu** reports that the campus message that they have created with **VP for the Division of Student Engagement & Success Dr. Ortega**, of which was mentioned at a previous meeting, will be coming out on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Dr. Ortega** sent out a draft for them to approve. They report that, over the weekend, they discovered a new voter registration opportunity in collaboration with the Rocky Horror Picture Show production. They state that a few BOD members spoke with Representative Steve Bergquist while attending the CWU football game this past weekend. The public WSA BOD meeting is today at 6:00pm; there will be chair elections at today’s meeting. They report that the Student Leadership Panel is this Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the SURC Ballroom, during which they will be speaking. They have been collaborating with SLICE to put on this panel, which will be a great opportunity for ASCWU members to connect with first years and the general student body. Finally, they report that they were just cast in two theatre productions this quarter, therefore their schedule



will be even busier. If there are any communication gaps or if there is an immediate need to get in contact with them, please be understanding and reach out to the Executive Office Staff.

**Executive Vice President Villa** thanks everyone who participated in giving rides to students on the first day of classes. Going forward with similar events, more signage will be needed to properly inform students of who is pulling up beside them. He reports that he is working on committee and S&A committee appointments. Finally, he asks that all BOD members provide him with their and their staff's schedules for the sake of planning the overnight office retreat.

**Senate Speaker Hondo** reports that the Senate has officially wrapped up their training, completing off the session with a successful team meeting in SURC 301. The Senate has just appointed **Senator Alex Cordon** as **Vice Speaker**. He reports that he is currently working with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** to appoint an ESC Senator. The Wellington's Haunting event is coming up on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. RHA's Zombie Zone will be in the REC Center on three courts, with Wellington's Haunting on the 4<sup>th</sup> court. There will be voting registration opportunities, and several games and activities put on by different campus organizations, including SLICE. He reports that the Chalk & Talk event is on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Finally, he reports that a week and a half before fall quarter classes started, the provost released a new policy for all 100 and 200 level in-person classes to have mandatory attendance for the duration of the fall quarter. Provost is hoping that the implementation of this policy will reduce the 10% retention drop between each quarter, specifically with our freshman class going into their sophomore year. If the retention rate does not fluctuate or show massive improvement, the policy will be removed from the university. There was no communication to the student body prior to the policy being released, and it has been receiving pushback from faculty, as some believe it is an academic freedom violation. More information will be gathered after meeting with the provost this week.

**Director Garcia-Sanchez** reports that they are looking for an ESC Senator in collaboration with **Speaker Hondo**. Anyone can be appointed however it would preferably be someone with ESC related experience/knowledge.

**Director Carrillo** reminds students to sign up for the Student Engagement Hub using the link on the Governmental Affairs' Instagram. The deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>, and if you do not receive the proper training, you will not be able to attend so please sign up as soon as possible. The BOD trip to Tri-Cities is on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Finally, the Vice-Presidential Debate Watch Party will be in the SURC Pit tomorrow October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

**Director Castillo** reports that a new Wellington request form is scheduled to be sent out today at 2:30pm. Additionally, the Wellington's Wildfire event is currently in the works. He has been having consistent meetings with various organizations around campus and the city of Ellensburg regarding logistics and scale.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**President Cantu** presents “Transfer Expenses for Clifton Strengths Workshop - \$54.15 (Suggesting blanket of \$60)”. The workshop the BOD participated in during BOD training, run by Christina Denison from the Douglas Honors College, was paid for on behalf of Christina and the Honors College. The BOD will be transferring this expense to both entities. **Director Carrillo** motions to “Approve the Transfer of a Suggested Blanket of \$60 to the Douglas Honors College for Clifton Strengths Workshop Expenses”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

**President Cantu** presents “Motorpool for ASCWU Lunch Retreat”. On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm following Preview Day events, several ASCWU members will be travelling to Yakima, Washington for a team bonding dinner at Olive Garden. **President Cantu** presents a blanket expense of \$200 to rent two 12 person vans (\$34/day, \$0.51/mile) and one 10-person van (\$32/day, \$0.45/mile). ASCWU is comping the travel expenses, however no per diem will be distributed. **Speaker Hondo** motions to approve “Blanket expense of \$200 for Motorpool for the ASCWU Lunch Retreat”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

**President Cantu** presents “Motorpool for WSU Tri-Cities Travel”. A blanket expense of \$150 to rent one 10-person van (\$32/day, \$0.45/mile) for travel to WSU Tri-Cities on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00pm to help with voter registration. **Director Castillo** motions to approve “Blanket Expense of \$150 to Cover Motorpool for WSU Tri-Cities Travel”, seconded by **Director Garcia-Sanchez**. Motion passes unanimously.

**President Cantu** presents “Uniforms for Staff in President’s & VP’s Offices”. A blanket expense of \$300 needs approval for two polos and four T-shirts for the ASCWU Executive Staff.

- **Director Garcia-Sanchez** asks for the expense breakdown.
  - **President Cantu** provides the specific cost information for each item.

**Speaker Hondo** motions “to Approve a Blanket Expense of \$300 for ASCWU Executive Staff Uniforms”, seconded by **Director Castillo**. Motion passes unanimously.

**Vice President Villa** presents “Committee Appointments”. He provides the BOD with his Senator committee appointment recommendations. He instructs the BOD to review the documents provided, which include which committees' members applied for and which appointments they received. **Vice President Villa** gives a breakdown on the reasoning behind each appointment and recommendations. After reviewing the recommendations, there is some discussion.

- **Speaker Hondo** requests information clarifications, which **Vice President Villa** subsequently provides.

**Speaker Hondo** motions to “Approve the Recommendations of Committee Appointments Made by Vice President Villa”, seconded by **Director Carrillo**.



- **Director Garcia-Sanchez** asks what will occur with the committees with no appointments.
  - **Vice President Villa** states the committees are open to any appointees.

Motion passes unanimously.

**President Cantu** presents “Asking ASCWU to sponsor PISA banner”. The ESC has just added a new org and is asking for ASCWU to cover a blanket expense of \$500 for a banner for the Pacific Islander Student Association.

- **Director Castillo** asks for clarification on what PISA is.

**Vice President Villa** motions to “Approve Blanket Expense of \$500 for PISA Banner”,

**Director Carrillo** seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**Speaker Hondo** presents “Provost New Mandatory Attendance Policy”. He reports that a week and a half before Fall quarter classes started, the provost released a new policy for all 100 and 200 level in-person classes to have mandatory attendance for the duration of the fall quarter. The policy is expected to determine if having mandatory attendance for classes will affect the 10% retention drop between each quarter, specifically with our freshman class going into their sophomore year. If the retention rate does not fluctuate or show massive improvement, the policy will be removed from the university. There was no communication to the student body prior to the policy being released and has been receiving pushback.

- **Director Garcia-Sanchez** asks what the punishment students will face if they do not attend class.
  - **Speaker Hondo** states that the punishments are up to the individual professor’s discretion. He will keep the BOD updated as he learns more.
- **President Cantu** is interested to see how this practice plays out. They state that there are clear benefits to the implementation of this policy, however, recognizes drawbacks.
- **Speaker Hondo** states that he asked why this is in place for only 100 to 200 level course, and was told that the provost is walking on thin ice, as they have received pushback from staff and wants to be able to put policies in place
- **Director Garcia-Sanchez** asks if this was the only “solution” to increasing attendance in 100 and 200 level courses
  - **Speaker Hondo** states that to his knowledge this was the only policy discussed and was put in place only 2 weeks before the beginning of fall quarter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Fall General Assembly”

- October 19<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sign up through the WSA link on their Instagram page; a headcount is needed for food provision purposes

“APOYO’s Fiesta Latina”

- October 19th from 5:00 to 8:00pm

“Equal Opportunity Drawing – Two Parking Passes”



- Another parking pass was purchased for an equal opportunity drawing
  - All students who can prove they are registered to vote will be entered to win
- “Senate Meeting”
- Today in the SURC Pit from 4:00 to 5:00pm
  - Meet your new Senators!
- “Chalk & Talk”
- This Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00pm on the SURC patio
- “Fee Fair”
- This Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00pm
  - Volunteers needed to check people in!
- “Let’s Taco Bout Committees”
- October 9<sup>th</sup> in the SURC Ballroom from 11:00am to 2:00pm
  - Learn about all things committees
  - Tacos provided!
- “Preview Day”
- Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Two tables are reserved for ASCWU and for the Senate to table next to each other from 10:30 to 12:30am
- “Director Carrillo - Position Search”
- Looking for a Policy Director and Civic Engagement Coordinator to work under the Governmental Affairs Office

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02PM.