



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2024 | SURC Pit

CALL TO ORDER

President Cantu calls the meeting to order at 4:32pm 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

Director Carrillo motions to “Amend the Minutes to Correct the Misspelling of Her Last Name in Her Report”. **Speaker Hondo** motions to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by **Director Carrillo**. Motion passes unanimously.

READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Speaker Hondo motions to “Add ‘General Assembly Structural Proposal’ to New Business”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. **Director Castillo** motions to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by **Director Carrillo**. Motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

President Cantu yields their report for the sake of time.

Executive Vice President Villa reports that the Let’s Taco Bout Committees event was a success. He provides a paper on the Green Fund, which the BOD discusses. He reports that the S&A meeting is this Friday, and the overnight retreat is Friday, November 8th. Finally, he reports that we are renovating the office setup and are purchasing an OWL

Senate Speaker Hondo reports that he finalized logistics for Wellington’s Haunting. He is meeting with everyone who will be a part of the event on Friday in Samuelson 104 from 4:00 to 5:00pm. He reports that he is working with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** on filling the ESC Senator position. He is converting office hours on Fridays to team bonding for the senators. He reports



that he connected with University 101 classes to go in and talk about the Senate. He has heard back from the College of the Sciences and the College of Business and has been given 15 minutes of time allotted. He received feedback from the Faculty Senate Committee regarding the survey of online classes/in person. He is working to create team bonding activities for himself, the Senate, and his staff. He has had senators state that they don't feel connected to ASCWU, which is an issue that he wants to address.

Speaker Hondo gives a report on behalf of **Director Garcia-Sanchez**, stating that the Senate timeline for the open filing form closes on October 18th. At the end of the ESC meeting on October 25th, the Senator will be appointed. Finally, at the ESC meeting on October 11th, training was finished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Advisor Gomez Vilchis presents "Insurance Purchasing Approval". In the past, ASCWU has been working with another insurance agency for their special events insurance, and their cost has gone up to about \$1080 per year. She reports that they have received a quote from another company that has the same coverage with less cost. She presents two options, a one-year option for \$701 and a three-year option for \$1999. She states that, if the three-year option is chosen, ASCWU will save roughly \$500.

- **President Cantu** states that there were some funds allocated in the yearly ASCWU budget for insurance and asks how that amount will compare to the proposed costs.
 - **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** states that the amount would cover travel, potential accidents at ASCWU event, in general, anything that's not part of the main insurance. She states that the special events insurance amount was budgeted for \$1500 this year. If the three-year plan coverage plan is chosen, the amount would be \$400 more than what was budgeted. Additionally, if this plan was chosen, the BOD would not adjust the budget for next year to include special events insurance because the insurance will completely cover the 2025-2026 school year, however it will need to be in the following year's budget; this is a new policy for ASCWU.
- **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** reports that our current coverage expires October 23rd.
- **Speaker Hondo** states that, if we have the budget now, we should cover it for the benefit of the future BODs.
- **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** states that the additional \$400 amount beyond what is budgeted would only be applicable to this academic year. She states that the current yearly policy would lead to ASCWU having to increase budget allocation by 15% each year due to rising costs.



Director Castillo motions to “Approve the Expense to Cover the Proposed Three-Year Plan for Special Events Insurance”, seconded by **Speaker Hondo**. Motion passes unanimously.

Vice President Villa presents “Overnight Retreat Food Costs”. He asks for the approval of a blanket cost for food and supplies to be provided at the Overnight Office Retreat on November 8th.

- **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** states that, because it is a week behind the month deadline for the approval process, and because consistency and pre-planning is something we want to implement within ASCWU, this cost will not be approved at her level.
 - **President Cantu** states that the BOD can approve it, however, **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** will not approve it.

Vice President Villa, given that it is past the 30 days, motions to “Not Move Forward with the Approval of the Costs Proposed”, seconded by **Speaker Hondo**. Motion passes unanimously.

President Cantu presents “General Assembly Structural Proposal”. He provides several potential proposals to be implemented at GA in order to address concerns expressed by ASCWU members and students attending the meetings in the past.

- **Speaker Hondo** states that he does not agree with proposal number three and some elements of proposal number one, and provides reasoning why. He proposes that the General Assemblies are run by the ASCWU Advisor rather than the BOD in order to decrease a sense of hierarchy within the meeting.
 - **President Cantu** states that it should still be facilitated by the President in order to continue the concept of GA being student run and student led, that having an advisor run the meeting would potentially lead to a different power imbalance.
 - **Director Carrillo** agrees, stating that it would also be another thing added to **Advisor Gomez Vilchis**’ plate.
- **President Cantu** states that even the layout of the meeting physically could impact the structure of the meeting.
- **Speaker Hondo** states that he received a great deal of feedback regarding members of ASCWU outside of the BOD not wanting to attend GA because the meetings felt as if they were just another BOD meeting, that others didn’t have as much involvement as the BOD members.
- **Vice President Villa** states that he likes proposal two, that each ESC org should have a representative to reflect the vote given.
- **President Cantu** states that the first two proposals reflect policies implemented at WSA.
- There is discussion regarding how each policy would impact the running of GA.
- **President Cantu** states that at the very first GA meeting, they would like to give a presentation in collaboration with other ASCWU members setting clear rules and boundaries regarding how GA will be run and structured.
- **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** brings up creating an online survey of sorts each quarter to receive feedback from ASCWU members regarding their perspectives and thoughts on GA.



- **Director Castillo** asks why it is exclusive to ASCWU and student government members, and wonders if club presidents, student leads in Dining, and/or students in general that have leadership roles on campus can attend and have voting power at GA.
 - **President Cantu** states that it might be difficult to determine who all those people are and who they'd be representing since they wouldn't be voting amongst their group before voting at GA.
 - **Speaker Hondo** states that there is the ability to allow the public to be granted the ability to speak and participate in GA.
 - **Advisor Gomez Vilchis** confirms that this is possible, however would need to be regulated in order to keep focus.
- They discuss implementing guidelines.
- **President Cantu** requests greater feedback to be shared at the next BOD meeting. They don't think anything needs to be put up to vote to then be voted at at GA at this moment, however it will need to be approved before the upcoming GA. **President Cantu** tables this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Senator Emails”

- All emails should be live!

“Student Demographics ”

- Advisor Gomez Vilchis gives a data update regarding student demographics
 - Wants to form Student Advisory Committee
 - If anyone can think of student leaders that are not a part of student government, ALAS would like to continue this process

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lola Gallager reports that the Hype deadline for winter quarter is November 22nd. This is the priority deadline, however, events can probably be squeezed in before that. She also states that the Fall Career Fair is next week amongst all the other Homecoming week events.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.