



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes December 2nd, 2024 | SURC Pit

CALL TO ORDER

President Cantu calls the meeting to order at 2:02pm 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 table approving the minutes until next meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Speaker Hondo motions to approve the agenda, seconded by **Director Garcia-Sanchez**.

REPORTS

President Cantu reports that they submitted the Quadrennium request, stating that they cause to request the 15% reduction rather than the 20% after reflecting on the potential need for the next four years.

Executive Vice President Villa reports

Speaker Hondo reports that the Senate is wrapping up Uni 101 visits, stating that they have received a great deal of feedback over the quarter. They will be doing one more visit on Wednesday December 4th. These visits have allowed them to cover more ground due to all those who participated. He discusses the open media and administrative assistant positions that he will be hiring for soon. He reports that Winter quarter training for the Senate will be on January 6th and held by himself and **President Cantu**. He discusses winter quarter senate meetings and their structure. Finally, he reports that **Joseph Pearson** presented at the most recent Senate meeting, asking for a letter of support for the new Wildcat Shop structure. They are waiting to hear what the new structure will officially look like before the letter is issued.



Director Garcia-Sanchez reports that they are still hiring for the community programmer position within their office. There will be an LSO meeting today from 5:00 to 7:00pm. They report that Noche Buena is tomorrow, December 3rd from 5:00 to 6:30pm. **Director Garcia-Sanchez** motions to “Amend the Agenda to Include, Under New Business, ‘Discussion Pertaining to the Wildcat Shop Led by Joseph Pearson’”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

Director Carrillo reports that Committee Day is December 9th. She reports that **President Cantu**, **Vice President Villa**, and herself will attending. She sent out all 54 of the proposals that are on the agenda. She states that interviews for her office will be taking place this week, during which she will also be recruiting for the PACs Committee.

Director Castillo reports that he is tending to Wellington related events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

President Cantu presents “Motorpool Expense of \$102”. After doing calculations based off of the distance between Olympia and Ellensburg, he presents an expense for approval of \$102 for a 10-passenger van (\$32/day, and \$0.45/mile).

- **Director Carrillo** questions all who are attending and if they actually need a 10-person van.
 - **President Cantu** states that, originally, they had planned for 10 people to attend, however now we do not know if the deadline has passed for people to sign up to attend.
 - **Director Carrillo** states that the deadline can be opened until the end of the day to sign up.
- **President Cantu** states that they will propose approval of a cost up to \$102 rather than proposing a blanket expense of \$102.

Speaker Hondo motions to “Approve Motorpool Expense of Up to \$102”, seconded by **Vice President Villa**. Motion passes unanimously.

Vice President Villa presents “Stir the Pot Event”. The total cost for the event is roughly \$500, that is estimating that 300 students will attend. He does not believe that they will have this high of a turnout, therefore recommends reduction options of either a 25% or 50% price reduction, personally recommending the latter option. Highlighting the cost associated with both options, he



states that up to a \$300 cost is proposed for the 50% reduction, while there is up to a \$450 cost proposed for the 25% reduction.

- **Director Castillo** agrees with his recommendation, as does **President Cantu** and **Speaker Hondo**.

Vice President Villa motions to “Approve a ‘\$300 Expense for the Stir the Pot Event in Winter Quarter’”, seconded by **Speaker Hondo**. Motion passes unanimously.

Director Castillo presents “Discussion Pertaining to the Wildcat Shop Led by Joseph Pearson”. During this past General Assembly and in the past, Joseph has presented several options to address the deficit that the Wildcat Shop has been dealing with for the past couple years.

Director Castillo highlights each option.

- The BOD members discuss each option, especially the one being pushed the most, the CAP program, which clearly favors the wildcat shop in regard to revenue.
 - o Cantu states that it would be beneficial to truly look into the barriers that each option presents.
 - ♣ Hondo states that, based on his conversations with Senator Holwedge, the GI Bill students would be impacted if the CAP program was implemented and that \$200 fee is put in place. The Senate’s mindset is, given the fact that it doesn’t seem like there is much of a solid plan, they cannot give support until that is received.
 - ♣ Castillo states that when Pearson talked about the flat fee of \$200, he is worried about the fact that it’s a flat rate. What if they decided to increase the fee each year? Seems like a slippery slope.
 - ♣ Cantu is nervous to add another student fee, especially given the fact that the fee is so high. Concerned about how many students will know about the fee and about the option to opt-out, which could lead to students paying even more money towards programs that they are not utilizing.
 - ♣ Hondo questions how this will impact financial aid, which some students have to cover the cost of materials. How will opting out impact this? And how does this fee impact students within the arts who often have very expensive materials within their courses. Will the fee only apply to textbooks? The amount that students spend on materials varies greatly between the different departments.
 - ♣ Carrillo shares her experience as a major with a higher expense on average when it comes to materials.
 - ♣ Vero states that it would be beneficial for Joseph to come back to answer all of the questions the BOD has.
 - Castillo asks if it can be a private meeting to have a greater conversation and discussion regarding this issue. He will be able to coordinate this meeting for next quarter.



- Villa states that there's a possibility that a decision needs to be made by January
- ♣ Carrillo asks if the other campuses have been notified of this fee and the discussion.
 - Vero states that she does not remember and suggests that they include other campuses and other members.
- ♣ Hondo states that there's a possibility that Joseph is presenting at faculty senate this week and can take notes and ask questions while in attendance.
- ♣ Cantu tables this discussion for next meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Apoyo Pizza Party”

- Tomorrow at 1:00pm in Farrell Hall

“Last Senate Meeting of the Quarter”

- Today from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the SURC Pit

“Happy Holidays”

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56PM.