



Associated Students of
Central Washington University
Student Senate

16th, October 2023 | Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Johnson calls the meeting to order at 4:01PM at SURC 215 A.

ROLL CALL

ASCWU

Charles Johnson, Senate Speaker

Matthew Worrall, Senator at Large

Hondo, Senator for the College of Education &
Professional Studies

Spencer Winters, Senator for Sustainability

~~Angela Kyle, Senator for Graduate Studies~~

Sean Gordon, Senator of Athletics

Malcolm Jasmin, Senator for Disability Services

Charis Jones, Senator at Large

Emily Blundred, Senator for Undergraduate Transfer Students

Alex Cordon, Senator for the Veterans Center

Camden Delano, Senator for the College of Arts &
Humanities

Angela Rose Eustaquio, Senator for the Equity & Services
Council

Public Attn.

Joey Bryant, Lola Gallagher, Malik Cantu, Gabe Genzel, Cesca
Gossing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Hondo motions to approve the minutes, seconded by **Senator Cordon**. Minutes approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Hondo motions to add “Grievance Filed by Individual for Dining Services”, seconded by **Senator Worrall**. **Senator Cordon** motions to approve the agenda, seconded by **Senator Worrall**. Agenda approved with 9 votes in the affirmative and two abstentions due to absence (**Senator Kyle** and **Senator Eustaquio**, who arrived after the vote took place).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Speaker Johnson reports that the Wildcat Coalition meeting occurred last week. He reports that Homecoming week is coming up, with Wellington’s Wildfire taking place on Friday, October 20th – volunteers are still needed for this event. Fall General Assembly for WSA is this weekend, on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00am to 4:30pm and on Sunday, October 22nd from 9:00am to 1:30pm. This event is not paid. At the event, those in attendance will do workshops and discuss WSA’s agenda this year and what they are planning on lobbying for later on this year. Finally, **Speaker Johnson** reports that he is beginning the interview process for open Senate positions this week.

REPORTS OF SENATORS

Senator Worrall reports that last Wednesday he went with the Wildcat Essentials Coalition to tour Fish Food Bank’s facilities and learned about their resources and services provided.

Senator Hondo reports that he tabled on Friday, October 13th, and interacted with an individual who expressed interest in the Senator at Large position. Additionally, he tabled at Preview Day over the weekend and met and interacted with several students. He reports that he spoke with someone from RHA, who stated that they currently need more volunteers to participate in their Halloween events; he states that he can provide a QR code to anyone interested in volunteering. Finally, he reports that he spoke with **President Cantu** to discuss ways to increase attendance at the upcoming ASCWU Halloween party taking place on Friday, October 27th. **Speaker Johnson** reports that they decided that an Equal Opportunity Drawing could be held within the office and the winner(s) could potentially be announced on social media. This issue will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Senator Gordon reports that, during tabling hours, he spoke to a student that claimed that the amount of parking around and near the halls business majors have a majority of their classes in is not equal compared to the parking near other buildings. He reports that Homecoming is this week and on Saturday, October 21st there is the last guaranteed football home game. Additionally, the volleyball team is currently ranked 18th in the country. Finally, he reports that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Friday, October 20th along with other events held that day.

Senator Eustaquio reports that the ESC meetings, during which each org has representatives come together to discuss events and current issues, occur every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the DEC. At the last meeting, CCI architects attended, gathered information and had discussions with students in relation to the Multicultural Center, as they are currently reaching out to the different ESC orgs and attending their meetings to gain student perspective and feedback.

PRESENTATIONS

Senator Blundred presents “National Transfer Student Week”. She states that 40% of students currently attending CWU are transfer students. She details the schedule for the week; on Monday, October 16th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm there will be an event held during which students can learn about studying abroad; on Tuesday, October 17th at 2:00pm there is an event for prospective students as well as an event within the library and the Wildcat Pantry within it; on Wednesday, October 18th there will be various workshops discussing financial wellness and scholarships, wildcat career network, how to create healthy habits, and so on; on Thursday, October 19th, a technology workshop will be held; and finally, on Friday, October 20th, a casual get together will occur within the Transfer Center, during which popcorn and other snacks will be provided and games will be played. She states that she has sent out the advertisement plan for the event, an infographic detailing information on transfer students at CWU, and a PowerPoint slide to the Senators for them to further review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Speaker Johnson presents “Approval of Committee Recommendations Cont.”. He states that there are currently no recommendations to approve. This is a long-standing agenda item that will be revisited as more committee recommendations are given to the Senate to approve.

- **Senator Eustaquio** requests information from **Vice President Villa** regarding current numbers and information on committee placements and openings.

Speaker Johnson presents “Problems with University 101 Course Cont.”. There is continued discussion regarding students’ issues with the required University 101 course.

- **Senator Gordon** asks if information was received regarding how many hours are required of students when taking this course; **Speaker Johnson** estimates that this course requires, at most, 5 hours a week

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Hondo presents “Grievance Filed by Individual for Dining Services”. He states that a student recently voiced frustrations with Dining Services as a whole, as they have not received any help from management. As a last resort, they have reached out to the Senate for help. Said student stated that there is significant mental and physical harm that student workers face; there have been countless reports/incidents made regarding these issues. Students are getting hurt on the job and management is dismissing them, are being treated significantly harsher by management than full-time adult staff, students without training are put on stations without trainers, and students are forced to come in on their days off.

- **Senator Cordon** asks if **Senator Hondo** has any possible solutions that the Senate can help implement; **Senator Hondo** lists several solutions, including having conversations with the Housing and Dining Board to discuss these issues, which will unfortunately lead to forced discussion as upper management has been refusing to address these issues
- **Senator Blundred** asks if **Senator Hondo** has tried to get in contact with the Head of Dining; he states that upper management passes issues off onto the General Managers, who are dealing with the brunt of these issues and can’t necessarily do anything
- **Senator Jasmin** asks if the Senate can implement something similar to the GA/forum where the Senate can meet with all of the upper management

department heads for student employers throughout the school to discuss issues students have raised; **Speaker Johnson** states that this is something that can occur; he recommends starting with Dining and having them come speak to the Senate at a meeting regarding their processes in relation to these issues

- **Senator Jasmin** wonders if a Senator role that represents student employment could be created; **Speaker Johnson** states that it is possible, however it is a long process, as the role must be written into the ASCWU Senate Constitution and can only be implemented next year – however Senators at Large could potentially fill/represent these roles
- **Senator Hondo** states that student coordinators, student managers, and/or other student employees are the ones training new hires; recently there have been significant problems with training and new hires
- **Senator Worrall** suggests writing a letter of support for student employees of Dining Services, however, he also considers having more students come and talk at a Senate meeting or at least share information over email to gain more experience, as well as discussion with higher ups within Dining; **Speaker Johnson** recommends furthered discussion with students, as well as having Dean come in to speak on training, the hiring process, complaints, and other processes within Dining Services
- **Senator Eustaquio** states that we should also open this discussion with other students working with Dining Services
- **Senator Worrall** motions to table this discussion until the next meeting and include it in Unfinished Business, seconded by **Senator Jasmin**
- **Senator Gordon** motions to amend **Senator Worrall’s** motion that we table this issue with the guarantee that a variety of information is gathered and disseminated, including current numbers of staff, the current amount of employees Dining is looking to hire, and the current amount of student employees in training; amendment is considered friendly, seconded by **Senator Worrall**
- **Eustaquio** wonders if information regarding the complaint process can also be provided

Roll Call

“Table ‘Grievance Filed by Individual for Dining Services’ to the Next Meeting, provided that Further Information is Received”

	Yes: 10 No: 0		Abstain: 0		Absent: 1	
Board Member <i>Alphabetical Order</i>	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
Blundred, Emily	✓					
Cordon, Alex	✓					
Delano, Camden	✓					
Estaquio, Angela Rose	✓					
Gordon, Sean	✓					

Hondo	✓
Jasmin, Malcolm	✓
Jones, Charis	✓
Kyle, Angela	✓
Winters, Spencer	✓
Worrall, Matthew	✓

The motion “*Table ‘Grievance Filed by Individual for Dining Services’ to the Next Meeting, provided that Further Information is Received*” passes with 10 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention due to absence by roll call vote.

REPORT OF ADVISORS

Advisor Bryant reports that when concerns are brought to the Senate, those reporting the issues should either come to you because they want to raise awareness regarding a specific issue or because they want to formally file a complaint. He states that the Senate needs to come to a consensus regarding who they go to when addressing certain issues and what the students want to come from said discussion. In all, we need to ensure that change is actually implemented. At a future meeting, he and others can speak regarding the Senate’s options. He reports that, quarterly, students have the ability to request/file appeals related to fees/charges; he states that he can additionally speak more regarding this information. Finally, he reports that all Senators and Senate staff have to complete their mandatory FERPA training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“ASCWU Halloween Party”

- Friday, October 27th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- In ASCWU Office

“Wellington’s Wildfire”

- Friday, October 20th

“Fiesta Latina”

- November 4th from 6:00pm to 11:00pm
- Fundraiser run by APOYO

“National Transfer Week”

- From Monday, October 16th to Friday, October 20th
- Several events occurring throughout the week

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lola Gallagher states that she wanted to encourage Senators to advertise the free comedy show in SURC Theatre at 9:00pm after Wellington's Wildfire, as well as just general advertisement regarding events around campus.

President Cantu states that they tried to start the conversation last year regarding Dining Services and met with several people, gaining a good deal of information. They suggest forming a sub-committee to gather information and perspectives as well as schedule and attend meetings with students and Dining Services

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.